

INDICT ARMOUR MAN

T. J. CONNORS CHARGED WITH COACHING JOHN E. SHIELDS.

Indictment Alleges That He Also Attempted to Influence Testimony of Other Witnesses in Beef Trust Investigation at Chicago.

Chicago, March 29.—The federal grand jury returned an indictment against Thomas J. Connors, general superintendent of Armour & Co., on a charge of interfering with a witness summoned to appear before the jury now investigating the so-called beef trust. Mr. Connors, who is J. Ogden Armour's most confidential employee, and the active head of one of the largest packing companies in the world, was arrested on a bench warrant by a United States deputy marshal and brought to the grand jury room, where he was released on \$5,000 bond. After his release Mr. Connors refused to discuss the matter. The indictment charges that John Edward Shields of Brooklyn, a former employe of Armour & Co., who testified before the grand jury, was approached, favored and entertained by Mr. Connors and specifically states that on March 25 the offense upon which Mr. Connors was indicted occurred. Another allegation is that Connors suggested to the proposed witness that he should testify favorably to Armour & Co. and not tell all that he knew concerning the matter under investigation. The second count of the indictment charges that Mr. Connors did not limit his attempt at influencing witnesses to Mr. Shields, but that other witnesses who have not as yet appeared in Chicago have been approached by him and attempts made to influence them as to the nature of the testimony they would give before the jurors.

When the special grand jury convened last week Shields was one of the first witnesses to appear. He came to Chicago from New York. He had testified before a grand jury sitting in New York and is said to have divulged facts which led the federal officials to believe him in possession of many other details concerning the question under consideration. He was requested to come to Chicago and the federal officials were instructed to watch the man closely. Two men were detailed to watch Shields. One of these secret service men obtained Shields' confidence and thus learned facts which doubled the precautions of the government to prevent any of the witnesses being coached. Shields was followed by these detectives and it was learned that he frequented the offices of Armour & Co., having a private wire at his disposal and answering all his private correspondence there. Every move of Shields was closely watched. The matter reached a climax when one of the secret service men submitted a report to his superiors. The section of the statutes under which the indictment was drawn provides that any person who interferes with a witness shall be subjected to a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for three months, or both.

F. Budatz, department manager for Armour & Co. at Omaha, and Edward Welch of Armour & Co. at Kansas City were the only other witnesses besides Shields that were heard.

MAINE SUNK BY HIS BOMB.

Gessler Rosseau Says Machine Was Intended for a Spanish Warship.

New York, March 29.—That the battleship Maine, through an error, was destroyed by a bomb of his manufacture was the statement made by Gessler Rosseau in the Tombs prison. Rosseau was convicted of having sent explosives to the Cunard line pier, this city, in May, 1903.

The man who had been intrusted with the task of destroying a Spanish vessel attempted to fasten a box during the night to one of Alfonso's warships and blundered into blowing up the Maine. The man immediately after learning of the error he had made, committed suicide.

Rosseau said he had attempted to blow up the statue of Frederick the Great in Washington because he did not wish to see the statue of a king in America. He added that he was not an anarchist or a nihilist and that he had made no effort to supply exploding machines to the Russians.

Action on Rockefeller Gift.

Boston, March 29.—Positive action was taken on the question of accepting John D. Rockefeller's gift of \$100,000 to the American board of commissioners for foreign missions at a meeting of the prudential committee of the organization, but the nature of the action was not disclosed, the committee, however, announced officially that a statement citing the decision of the committee would be given out after the report adopted, which is in the form of resolutions, had been officially communicated to a committee appointed at a meeting of congregational clergymen of Boston and vicinity to protest against the acceptance of the Rockefeller gift.

CARNEGIE IN COLLEGE BUSINESS

Demand for Libraries is Down to One a Day.

New York, March 28.—Andrew Carnegie was the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the alumni of Stevens institute at the Hotel Astor. Dr. A. C. Humphreys, president of Stevens, announced that Mr. Carnegie in addition to the \$250,000 which he has already given to the institute would give \$50,000 more to which he himself would add \$50,000 when the alumni raised another \$100,000.

Mr. Carnegie said in part: "I want to tell you gentlemen that your career is much longer than a speculative one. Stock gambling is not a business, it is a mere parasite on business. If I had a son I should prefer to have him enter upon a professional career such as you choose, rather than any other. I have been looking largely into small colleges of late and I have entered into the college business as I not long ago entered into the library business. I did a rip-roaring business at the library stand, but I could look ahead and see the demand for libraries slacken. My secretary says that the demand is down to one library a day. I think a young man who goes to a small college receives a better education than at a larger one. I like to see men not excelling in football or things pertaining to the foot, but excelling in head expansion. Sport is too generally taking the place of valuable education at the big colleges. Since I have gone into the new business there has been a great boom. Within the last few days I have received more than 100 applications for the material I am sending to some colleges and business gentlemen is promising."

CASTRO REFUSES TO ARBITRATE

President of Venezuela Declines to Accept Offer of United States.

Washington, March 25.—Minister Bowen cables the state department from Caracas that President Castro had flatly refused to arbitrate the pending questions between Venezuela and the United States. The administration will take no action in regard to the reply. The matter was fully discussed at the cabinet meeting and it was determined to allow the matter to await developments. The situation is considered as not to necessarily interfere with the departure of the president on the southwestern trip.

New York, March 25.—In answer to a request for a statement on the present Venezuelan situation the Tribune received the following cable dispatch from President Castro: "Received your cable. I do not believe there is any trouble, and if there should be any, Venezuela would win, because she never drifts away from right, reason and justice, which are the strength of weak nations."

The World prints the following dispatch from President Castro: "I have received your telegram. There is in reality between Venezuela and Washington no question sufficient to occupy public attention and worthy of attention by serious persons. Your minister holds himself aloof from the good understanding which exists, but Venezuela will defend with ardor the common interests and honor of both countries."

FRANK ROGERS RETURNS HOME

Says His Aunt, Miss Florence Ely, is Not Guilty of Kidnaping Him.

Chicago, March 27.—Frank Rogers, who disappeared from his home in Evanston four years ago with his aunt, Miss Florence Ely, has just returned. Young Rogers stated that since leaving Chicago he has been working in Buffalo and New York city. The police and others for a long time worked on the case as a kidnaping mystery. The boy now denies that he has been with his aunt. When he disappeared from his home in July, 1901, his aunt, Miss Ely, who had lived at the house of young Rogers' parents, also disappeared, since when no trace of either had been found until he suddenly appeared in Evanston.

The boy had been the pet of his aunt ever since he was a baby. So close was this friendship that Miss Ely could scarcely allow the boy to be out of her sight. Her affection was returned by young Rogers and in order to break up the attachment between the two, Mrs. Rogers decided to send her son away to school, and notified Miss Ely of the plan. On July 13, 1901, the boy and his aunt left the Rogers home, presumably for a walk. They did not return and what has become of Miss Ely is still a mystery.

All Immigration Figures Broken.

New York, March 27.—With a total for the last week of 26,000 aliens and with the prospects of at least 23,000 more to come in on the steamships arriving this week, it is probable that all immigration figures will be broken before the spring is ended. From all parts of Europe aliens are booked to arrive and the resources of the station at Ellis Island will be taxed to the utmost.

Violent Storm in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Okla., March 27.—Violent storms throughout the territory have resulted in four deaths and numer-

ous injuries to others.

The dead: Dean E. Richmond, John Thomas, killed by lightning near Watonga; Charles R. Schoonover, killed by lightning at New Feathers' Ford; Orville Pemberton drowned near Kaw City.

Colonel Cody Loses His Divorce Case.

Sheridan, Wyo., March 24.—The district court here refused the petition of Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) for a divorce.

Queen Alexandra at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, March 29.—The British royal yacht Victoria and Albert, with Queen Alexandra and party on board entered the bay here amid the thunder of salutes from the Atlantic fleet, all the vessels of which were dressed with flags and manned with cheering bluejackets. This is the first time a queen of England has visited Gibraltar in the history of the famous rock and she was accorded a great reception.

PEACE IS IN SIGHT

OUTLINES TERMS UNDER WHICH SHE WILL NEGOTIATE.

Absence of Official and Private Dispatches From Points Below Harbin Causes Apprehension at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—Russia outlined the conditions under which she is prepared to negotiate peace. It was stated, with every semblance of authority, that thanks to the good offices of the United States and France the question of peace had assumed practical shape.

London, March 29.—"When peace negotiations commence it will be between Russia and Japan direct and not through any intermediary," was Minister Hayashi's comment when shown the dispatch from a northern European capital stating that M. Delcasse, the French foreign minister, had been asked to act as an intermediary to open peace negotiations. Minister Hayashi said he attached no importance to the statement, but believed that France was trying to influence Russia to open negotiations for peace.

"So far as I know," he added, "no negotiations have been begun, but when Russia is ready to make terms, Japan will be happy to consider them."

Minister Hayashi repeated his previous statement that Japan is not noticing peace rumors, but steadily preparing to prosecute the war to the bitter end.

Russia in a Ferment.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—The funeral of a student named Yakovlev, who, on his liberation from eight months' solitary imprisonment for circulating propagandist literature hanged himself, his mind being unhinged, was the occasion of a striking revolutionary demonstration. Disregarding police warnings, crowds of students followed the funeral cortege, singing revolutionary songs and scattering pamphlets. The coffin was covered with wreaths from socialists, revolutionists and workmen. Disturbances in the Caucasus continue. A gendarme was killed at Potie, ten persons were wounded at Giri, whilst at Schum the police are powerless to keep order. In the Shorapan district the peasants refuse to pay taxes or rent and have elected a secret committee to manage local affairs.

Jap Cruisers Stop Tramp Steamer.

Seattle, Wash., March 29.—Japanese cruisers twice stopped and boarded the British tramp steamer Ocean Monarch, which arrived here, while she was in the Japan sea on her voyage to this port from Kobe. On both occasions the cruiser's desires by a shot fired across her bow. The Monarch had no cargo, being in ballast, and after examining her papers the boarding officers allowed her to proceed. The officers of the vessels say the coast of northern Japan and Siberia is so thoroughly guarded that it would be impossible for a successful attempt at blockade running.

Many Arrests at Warsaw.

Warsaw, March 29.—The police are prosecuting a strict search of factories and work shops here for socialist workmen, with the purpose of discovering the conspirators concerned with the recent bomb throwing. A number of students suspected of complicity in last Sunday's affairs were arrested. Baron von Nolken, chief of police, who was wounded by the explosion of a bomb, is improving. He received 120 separate wounds, cuts and scratches.

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