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ACCUSED SENATOR MUCH DISTURBED AT TESTIMONY.

Harry Robertson Tells of Expediting of Kribs Claim—Attorneys for Defense Unable to Shake His Testimony—Government Closes Its Case.

Portland, Ore., June 27.—Harry Robertson, United States Senator John H. Mitchell's former private secretary, was the principal witness for the prosecution in the trial of Senator Mitchell. Robertson told fully, without reservation, of his connection with Mitchell at Washington, of the latter's fear of prosecution for his work before the departments and of Mitchell's rage when Robertson expressed to his employer the belief that denial was useless, as several knew of the connection of the firm of Mitchell & Tanner with the work of getting the Kribs claims expedited and the likelihood that the whole story would come out.

Upon being subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury, the witness said he went to Senator Mitchell and showed him the summons, asking the senator what he could be wanted in Portland for. The senator said it was to testify about the accounts of the law firm of Mitchell & Tanner, and told him that Tanner and his son were threatened with indictment. Mitchell told Robertson that when he reached Portland he should go to Tanner and look at the partnership agreement and Tanner would tell him how to testify. The senator had cursed the prosecution and had said anything was justifiable in defying the government. On Robertson's return to Washington, after appearing before the grand jury, Senator Mitchell, the witness said, shook his fist in Robertson's face and swore at him for his actions in Portland, and Robertson thereupon resigned his position. In continuing, the witness said Mitchell finally acknowledged that he had known Kribs and remembered the partnership agreement with its damaging clause. He cried and swore and said that he ought not to be prosecuted for the matter, as he had only received a few small checks for what he had done.

The evidence given by Robertson was direct. He identified letters given by Mitchell at Washington to be delivered to Tanner, but which were given to Prosecuting Attorney Heney and the grand jury, keeping nothing back, but telling to the best of his recollection the plans made by Mitchell and Tanner to evade prosecution and how these schemes came to naught. The former bookkeeper of the firm of Mitchell & Tanner and later secretary of the senator supported strongly with his testimony the allegations of the indictment upon which Mitchell is being tried.

During the recital of Robertson's testimony, Senator Mitchell showed every evidence of mental agony. He writhed in his chair and protested with his attorneys for allowing the introduction of the evidence.

Robertson underwent a severe cross-examination, but the defense could not shake his testimony. The government then closed its case.

The defense then opened its case, calling six witnesses, all of whom testified to having received assistance from the defendant before the various departments, in each case of which the senator had refused compensation. It is the opinion that Senator Mitchell will take the stand in his own behalf.

DANISH NAVAL CADETS DROWN.

Steamer Strikes Training Ship and Twenty-two Boys Go Down.

Copenhagen, Denmark, June 27.—A serious disaster occurred near here when the Danish cadet training schooner Georg-Stage was rammed and sunk by the British steamer Ancona. The Georg-Stage sank in one and one-half minutes. Twenty-two cadets were drowned and fifty-seven rescued. The boys were all in their bunks at the time of the disaster. The night was overcast, but it was not so dark that objects could not be seen at some distance.

The Ancona was considerably damaged along its water line. Thus far only a single body has been recovered by the divers who have gone down to

the wreck. First Officer Myhre of the Georg-Stage attributes the accident to the Ancona changing its course. He said the Ancona's bow crashed seven feet into the training schooner's side, bringing down the latter's masts and rigging and preventing many of the cadets from gaining the deck. Those not entangled in the wreckage sprang on board the Ancona and assisted in launching lifeboats. Myhre himself jumped into the water and rescued many boys who were entangled in the rigging.

Founders Off Cape Horn.

San Francisco, June 27.—The ship Arion arrived from Baltimore with the captain and ten men of the crew of the German ship Agnes and bringing news that the Agnes foundered in a snowstorm off Cape Horn. The boat's crew picked up by the Arion was but one of three which abandoned the Agnes before she sank. A search over a wide territory of the sea for the missing seamen was unavailing.

Teamsters Vote to Remain on Strike.

Chicago, June 27.—By a practically unanimous vote the teamsters refused to accept the terms recently offered by the employers and the prospect of a settlement of the strike has vanished.

PROMPT ACTION ON EXCLUSION.

President Changes Methods of Administering the Law.

Washington, June 26.—By direction of President Roosevelt action has been taken by the administration which not only will facilitate the landing in this country of Chinese of the exempt classes, but will eliminate from the immigration bureau such administrative features as have been the subject of criticism by Chinese. It is the declared intention of the president to see that Chinese merchants, travelers, students and others of the exempt classes shall have the same courtesy shown them by officers of the immigration bureau as is accorded to citizens of the most favored nations. Representations have been made to the president that in view of alleged harsh treatment accorded to many Chinese seeking a landing in the United States, the commercial guilds of China have determined to institute a boycott on American manufactures. The representations, backed by the authority of the American Asiatic society and commercial bodies throughout the country, induced the president to make an investigation of the situation, with a view to remedying the evils complained of, if they were found to exist. The subject was discussed thoroughly by the cabinet and the president took it up personally with Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor, who has supervision of the immigration bureau. As a result of the inquiry, orders have been issued to the diplomatic and consular representatives of the United States in China by the president himself that they must look closely to the performance of their duties under the exclusion law and see to it that members of the exempt classes coming to this country are provided with proper certificates. These certificates will be accepted at any port of the United States and will guarantee the bearer against any harsh or discourteous treatment. Such treatment, indeed, will be the cause of the instant dismissal of the offending official whoever he may be. In addition to the president's orders, Secretary Metcalf has issued instructions to the immigration officers which it is believed will remedy the difficulty heretofore complained of by the Chinese government and individuals. It is anticipated that the prompt action taken by this government to meet the objections made by the Chinese will eliminate the possibility of serious trade troubles between China and the manufacturers of this country.

PRESIDENT GOES TO HARVARD

Chief Executive Will Attend Commencement Exercises. Washington, June 27.—President Roosevelt left Washington by special train over the Pennsylvania railroad for Cambridge, Mass., to attend the commencement exercises at Harvard university. The president will not return to Washington, but will go to Oyster Bay, where he will spend the heated season at his summer home at Sagamore Hill. He was accompanied by Secretary Loeb, the white house secret service men and representatives of the press associations. Just before the departure of the special train, Count Cassini, Russian ambassador, was driven to the station, having been unable to reach the white house to bid the president farewell. He was met on the platform by Mr. Roosevelt and they held a hurried conversation, during which they clasped hands warmly. When the ambassador left the train, the signal was given for the start.

Fatal Storm in New York.

New York, June 27.—A storm of cyclonic proportions, accompanied by a terrific deluge of rain, passed over Harlem and the Bronx, causing widespread havoc. A building in course of

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erection in One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street was demolished, John Lawler, foreman of the bricklayers, being crushed to death and two Italian laborers severely injured. The wind reached a velocity of forty-three miles an hour. Plate glass windows were shattered and trees and chimneys blown down. The storm passed within fifteen minutes.

Alarming Increase in Tuberculosis.

Topeka, June 27.—An alarming increase of tuberculosis in Kansas is announced in the annual report of the state board of health. The report expresses the opinion that the greatest menace to the people of the disease comes from the imperfect and unsanitary conditions of the railway and Pullman sleeping cars, which carry victims of tuberculosis from eastern states through Kansas to western health resorts.

Rebels Defeat the Germans.

Cape Town, Cape Colony, June 27.—The rebel leader Merengo has attacked and defeated a German force commanded by Captain Siebert W. Amos in the Karas mountains, German Southwest Africa. All the German ammunition and supplies were carried off by the rebels. The losses are reported to have been heavy.

Morton Begins Work.

New York, June 27.—As chairman of the Equitable Life Assurance society's board of directors, Paul Morton has begun legal proceedings to recover money alleged to have been wrongfully taken from the society and he also has cut off certain perquisites in the society.

Farmer Killed in Runaway.

Tekamah, Neb., June 27.—F. E. Lauge, a farmer living ten miles north of this place, died from injuries received in a runaway last night.

Better Than His Own.

They were discussing the factors which make for success in the world when the knowing young man said: "There's nothing like force of character. Now, there's Jones! Sure to make his way in the world. He's a will of his own, you know." "But Brown has something better in his favor." "What's that?" "A will of his uncle's."

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