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INDICT UNION PACIFIC

GRAND JURY AT SALT LAKE MAKES PARTIAL REPORT.

Bills Returned Against Two Fuel Companies—Harriman and Gould Interests Are Charged With Irregular Methods.

Salt Lake, Dec. 8.—The federal grand jury investigating coal land frauds in Utah and charges that railroads have discriminated against certain shippers made a partial report. Indictments were returned against the Union Pacific Railroad company, the Oregon Short Line Railroad company, the Union Pacific Coal company, the Utah Fuel company and several of the highest officials representing the Harriman and Gould interests in Utah.

The indictment against the Harriman railroads and the Union Pacific Coal company and the two officials of these companies is based on alleged unlawful discrimination against the D. J. Sharp Coal company.

The indictment against the Utah Fuel company and the six agents of that company is based on the methods used in acquiring about 1,400 acres of coal lands in Sevier County, Utah. The lands were filed on in March, 1905.

The two men indicted for perjury proved to be Theodore Schulte, the employee of an insurance firm, and Thomas A. Moore, abstractor in the county recorder's office. Both were arrested and released on \$2,500 bail. The charge of perjury, it is believed, grows out of the belief of the grand jury that the men acted as land locators for the Utah Fuel company and refused to admit the fact when examined as witnesses.

The other defendants have not been formally arrested, but have, it is given out, arranged through the company attorney to appear before United States Commissioner Baldwin and give bond for their appearance at any time designated.

Assistant Attorney General Maynard stated that when the grand jury reconvened after the holidays the inquisition will be resumed. The indictments, he said, mark only the beginning of the government's probing operations in Utah and Wyoming, and the violations of laws alleged in these indictments are only incidents of a gigantic system of fraud that has been in operation in the west for many years.

TO TEST SCHOOL STATUTES.

San Francisco Officials Submit Ultimatum to District Attorney.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—The board of education, through City Attorney William G. Burke, submitted to United States District Attorney Robert Devlin a statement of the facts bearing on the segregation of Japanese children in separate schools, which is planned to make the basis of the legal action that the federal government is to take to test the legality of the state statute under which the board of education made its ruling.

The statement of facts presented to Mr. Devlin sets forth all the facts and conditions leading up to the segregation of the Japanese and is in the nature of an ultimatum from the local authorities, who declare their intention of enforcing it. Mr. Devlin stated that it would be necessary for him to personally verify the facts as set forth and said that on next Monday he would be ready to state whether he could accept the statement as a basis for legal action.

The statement was immediately telegraphed to Washington, where it is expected that it will be considered by Attorney General Moody.

The complainant in the case is a Japanese of the age of ten years, who has been barred from the Redding primary school.

The United States district attorney stated his intention to submit the matter to the state supreme court. He would assign no reason for choosing this court instead of a federal court, other than an intimation that he preferred to have the matter decided by the judiciary of the state where it is in dispute.

POPE'S PHYSICIAN IS DEAD.

Dr. Lapponi Succumbs to Pneumonia Following Cancer of Stomach.

Rome, Dec. 8.—Dr. Lapponi, physician to the pope, is dead. He had been ill for some time of cancer of the stomach, and pneumonia setting in, he could not, in his weakened condition, withstand its ravages. When Dr.

Lapponi was sinking the pope sent him the apostolic benediction, and when the news of the death of the doctor reached the pontiff he was exceedingly grieved. It is reported that before losing consciousness Dr. Lapponi, referring to the pope, said: "He has a strong constitution and, having studied him carefully, I think he will live longer than Leo XIII."

Good Roads Officers.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 8.—The National Good Roads' association in annual convention here elected the following officers: W. H. Moore, Chicago, president; A. C. Jackson, Maine, vice president; Curt M. Treat, Chicago, secretary; E. C. Conway, Chicago, treasurer.

Canal Bids Postponed.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Isthmian canal commission announced that the date of opening bids for the compilation of the construction of the Panama canal has been postponed from Dec. 12 to Jan. 12 next.

JAMES "I" K"

Former Treasurer of Kansas Refunds Money Found Due State.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 12.—E. A. Grimes, ex-state treasurer, voluntarily paid to the state of Kansas the sum of \$9,381, for which amount an investigating committee some time ago held his administration responsible. The alleged shortage was never considered in the light of a defalcation in any sense of the word and resulted from a practice that had been the rule in the state treasurer's office for many years before and after Mr. Grimes assumed the office. The investigation showed conclusively that Mr. Grimes was not benefited in any way through this practice. Therefore in making a payment to the state now of the amount involved he has assumed a responsibility at a personal loss to himself. Mr. Grimes' action closes a case that had become famous.

RISKS LIFE TO RESCUE GIRL

Iowa Man Fatally Hurt in Attempt to Save Young Woman from Train.

Moravia, Ia., Dec. 12.—Miss Ethel Hocklin was killed and Miss Mabel Horn and Fred Workman seriously injured when a freight train rushed down upon a party of twelve young persons on a bridge near Rathbun.

Workman, who probably will die, was injured when he went back on to the bridge in an attempt to rescue Miss Horn. He had grasped the girl and was carrying her to safety when the locomotive struck them, hurling them to the frozen ground twenty feet below. With his arm and leg broken and injured internally, he managed to pull the wounded girl to a place of shelter and do what he could to relieve her sufferings.

TICKET SCALPING IS DOOMED

Brokers Forced Out of Business by the Railroads.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The railroad ticket scalper will soon be a thing of the past, according to Adolph Ottlinger of San Francisco. Mr. Ottlinger arrived in Chicago for the purpose of closing out his ticket brokerage interests in this city and said that he had decided to get out of the business.

"The railroads," said Mr. Ottlinger, "have got me where I have to quit and the business which they have been expending fully \$300,000 annually for the last fifteen years to stamp out will soon be eradicated. The railroads won't let scalpers have tickets any more, so there is nothing for us to do but get out of the business."

NO STRIKE AT LEAD.

Homestake Miners Granted Eight Hour Day.

Lead, S. D., Dec. 12.—There will be no strike of Homestake miners. Superintendent T. G. Grier received a telegram announcing that the eight-hour day demanded by the miners had been granted. This concession is regarded by the men as satisfactory, and a special meeting is to be held to modify or withdraw the other demands made.

Fatal Wreck in Ohio.

Lima, O., Dec. 12.—A passenger train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad crashed into an open switch in the north yards. Fireman Nichols of Dayton was killed and Brakeman Thieman and Engineer Charles Long were fatally injured. No passengers were hurt.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The local wheat market was weakened today by liberal selling of the December option by elevator interests and it closed easy, with the May delivery down 3c. Corn was off 1/4@3c. Oats were 1/4c lower. Provisions were 12 1/2@30c lower. Closing prices:

Wheat—Dec., 74 1/2c; May, 79@79 1/2c; July, 78 1/2c.

Corn—Dec., 42 1/2@42 1/2c; May, 43 1/2c; July, 44 1/2c.

Oats—Dec., 34c; May, 36c; July, 33 1/2@33 1/2c.

Pork—Jan., \$15.80; May, \$16.05.

Lard—Jan., \$8.60; May, \$8.67 1/2.

Ribs—Jan., \$8.42 1/2; May, \$8.47 1/2.

Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, 74 1/2@77c; No. 3 white corn, new, 41 1/2@41 1/2c; No. 2 oats, 34 1/2@34 1/2c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,500; steady, but slow; common to prime steers, \$2.85; bulls, \$1.75@2.15; common to prime calves, \$2.00@2.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.25@2.45.

Hogs—Receipts, 28,000; 5c@10c lower; choice heavy, \$6.25@6.35; light butchers, \$6.25@6.32 1/2; choice light, \$6.25@6.30; light mixed, \$6.15@6.25; packing, \$6.00@6.25; pigs, \$5.50@6.20.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; best firm, others weak; sheep common to prime, \$3.00@6.15; yearlings, \$5.25@6.60; lambs, \$5.00@8.00.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,000; steady to lower; native steers, \$3.75@6.50; cows and heifers, \$2.75@4.75; western steers, \$3.25@5.25; Texas steers, \$3.00@4.50; canners, \$1.75@2.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.80@4.60; calves, \$3.00@6.00; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.00@4.00. Hogs—Receipts, 9,000; 5c lower; heavy, \$6.05@6.20; mixed, \$6.10@6.15; light, \$6.15@6.25; pigs, \$5.25@6.00; bulk of sales, \$6.10@6.20. Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; steady to weaker; yearlings, \$5.50@6.25; wethers, \$5.25@5.75; ewes, \$4.50@5.30; lambs, \$6.75@7.50.

RELIGIOUS CRISIS IN FRANCE

Pope Issues Orders to Clergy to Hold Out Even Against Violence.

Paris, Dec. 10.—France seems to face an alarming religious crisis. Reports of the pope's eleventh-hour rejection of the government's final professor, under which Catholic worship could be continued under the common law, turns out to be only too true, and the deadlock now is apparently complete. According to the holy fathers' orders, declarations under the law of 1881 are prohibited, but the parish priests must remain in their churches until driven out by violence.

The official confirmation of this communication has created a sensation. Cardinal Lecot, archbishop of Bordeaux; Archbishop Germain and others who already had advised compliance with the law, have hastily instructed the parish priests of their dioceses that their former advice is null and void, and in all the churches of Paris bishops and priests, after mass, read the letter from Cardinal Richaud, archbishop of Paris, communicating the decision of the holy see to "continue services in the churches, but abstain from any declaration," and Cardinal Richaud's own instructions, in view of the order issued by the prefect of the Seine, not to permit for the present the employment of ceremonial draperies at marriages or funerals.

The government regards the action of the pontiff as little less than a summons of the French Catholics to open rebellion.

GIRL SHOOTS LOVER DEAD.

John Leonard Killed by Miss Merle Clark Near North Platte.

North Platte, Neb., Dec. 12.—Miss Merle Clark, twenty-one years old, was arrested, charged with killing John Leonard, a rancher, twenty-six miles from here. The tragedy occurred Sunday night. Miss Clark is from the east and has been making her home on the ranch of an uncle, near that of Leonard's. The young woman does not deny the killing, but refuses to discuss the affair. She was placed in the county jail. Her friends say Leonard was in love with her, and bothered her with his attentions. It is claimed he threatened to kill her if she did not marry him.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Death of Hugh Ruthford.

Humboldt, Dec. 12.—Hugh Ruthford, a pioneer, is dead, aged 58 years.

Killed at the Elevator.

St. Edwards, Neb., Dec. 11.—Jack Blacketer, employed at Fonda's elevator, was killed while soaping a belt. His head was jerked against an iron pulley and his skull crushed.

Mangled in a Corn Sheller.

St. Edwards, Neb., Dec. 11.—Will Koop was caught in the cogs of a corn sheller. His hand was crushed and ribs were broken. It was necessary to break the sheller with a sledge hammer to release him.

Peter Dierks Dies at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Dec. 11.—Peter Dierks died after an illness of several days at his home, 2144 Washington street, of typhoid fever. He was thirty-nine years of age and was the secretary and treasurer of the Dierks Lumber and Coal company.

Alleged Counterfeitors Caught.

McCook, Neb., Dec. 11.—Sheriff Peterson arrested at Oxford two men giving the names of George Monroe and Thomas Rogers, accused of circulating a counterfeit \$10 note of the

Farmers' and Planters' bank of Savanah. It is alleged that they passed this counterfeit in several towns between Hastings and Denver. They have been identified by merchants here, who were recently victimized by them. They are in jail here.

Judge Graves Adjourns Court.

Ponca, Neb., Dec. 10.—Sickness caused Judge Guy T. Graves to adjourn the December term of court for Dixon county after a brief term of three days. Judge Graves was unable to be present the first day of the term on account of his health. The case of the state against Samuel Douglas, charged with assault with intent to kill, resulted in a conviction and a five years' sentence. This crime was committed in April, 1905, when Douglas slashed the neck of John Rush from ear to chin.

BURLINGTON ASKS INJUNCTION

Would Enjoin Nebraska Treasurers From Collecting Delinquent Taxes.

Omaha, Dec. 8.—Lest other county treasurers emulate the example of C. J. Bowly of Saline county, who caused the arrest of the Burlington agent at Wilber for refusing to turn over money to apply on the taxes of the road, the Burlington has now prepared an application for an injunction to enjoin sixty-one county treasurers to keep them from attempting to collect taxes that fell delinquent Dec. 1.

DESERTER GIVES HIMSELF UP

Became Converted at Torrey Mission and Surrenders to Authorities.

Omaha, Dec. 11.—Alfred Bennerman of Dubuque, Ia., attended the Torrey meetings Sunday evening, and after declaring himself a Christian, confessed that he was a deserter from the United States navy. Bennerman enlisted in Dubuque last August and was sent to San Francisco to report for duty. When the train reached Cheyenne he deserted and never made any explanation to the authorities. He visited the navy recruiting station and gave himself up. The authorities will probably send him at once to San Francisco to serve his time.

LAY LASH ON WIFE DESERTER

Lyons Man Whipped, Stripped and Soaked in Ice Cold River.

Lyons, Neb., Dec. 10.—Sewell Sampson, formerly a citizen of this place, who ran off with another man's wife some months ago, returned last night and was met by a reception committee with a gunny sack, which was spread over Sampson's head. The sack was then securely tied under his chin, he was loaded into a wagon and carted to the banks of the Logan river. The committee stripped him to the skin and proceeded to lay on the lash. Sampson was then soaked into the cold waters of the river and when he clambered, shivering, to the shore he was told that he had but ten minutes to leave the place and that he would not be allowed to return.

SOME CORN CROP FIGURES

Decrease of Little Over Two Million Bushels from 1905.

Lincoln, Dec. 7.—According to statistics issued by the state labor bureau, the total production of corn in Nebraska the present year is 241,333,537 bushels, as compared with 243,713,244 bushels in 1905, or a decrease this year of 2,329,797 bushels. There was an increase in the acreage of corn this year of 368,418 acres over 1905, but in spite of this the total production of the crop was lessened by hail in various sections, together with a period of dry weather at a critical time in the crop's growth. The average yield last year of 37.65 bushels per acre was extremely high and the yield of 35.28 bushels is nearer normal, but a high yield also. This decrease in the production decreases the total value \$8,173,388.92 from the value of the 1905 crop, which was \$79,485,297. The 1906 crop is valued at \$89,311,908.

Lancaster county ranks first in acreage, with 243,475 acres, and an average yield of 32.2 bushels per acre. Custer county ranks first in production, with 8,251,158 bushels, and Lancaster county takes second place, with a production of 7,829,895 bushels. Saunders county takes third place, with 7,434,063 bushels produced.

Sixteen Years at Anamosa.

Clinton, Ia., Dec. 12.—Richard Zimmer and William Phillips pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree for the killing of Sigfred Larson, a painter, Oct. 14, and were sentenced to sixteen years each in Anamosa prison.

Jury Could Not Agree.

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 12.—The jury in the case of the state against Barney Pearson for the murder of Walter McCulla in this city on the night of July 29 disagreed. The jury was discharged.

Alfred Flower Dies From Wound.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 12.—Alfred Flower, who was wounded