

'Real Facts' About Ford Shoals Offer Told by Kearns

Alleges "Insidious Propaganda" and Charges Report Magnate Will Cut Fertilizer Cost Is "Hollow Promise."

Washington, June 20.—Henry Ford's offer to purchase and lease the government's power and nitrate projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was attacked today in a report to the house prepared by Representative Kearns, republican, Ohio, and signed by Representatives Morin, Pennsylvania; Parker, New Jersey; Crowther, New York; Frothingham, Massachusetts; and Ransley, Pennsylvania, all republican members of the house military committee. The report declared dissatisfaction with opinions already presented to the house by other members of the committee and announced that the signers were determined to tell "the people" the "real facts about Muscle Shoals and the so-called Ford offer."

Representative Kearns said Representative Parker and Frothingham signed the report, although they previously had endorsed another minority opinion. He expected two other committee members would sign later, he said, making a total of eight republican signatures on the report. Declaring the belief that "the country little understands what it is that Mr. Ford is offering to do, or what, if anything, he is offering for this great plant," the signatories first denounce what they describe as "one of the most insidious propagandas that the nation has witnessed for many a day."

"Misled as to Facts." Many of the Ford advocates, the report says, are honest and conscientious, but have been misled as to facts of the offer made. In this connection it points to the provision by which fertilizers would be manufactured and says that persistent reports that he will compel the fertilizer manufacturers of the country to sell their product at one-half of what they are now selling it, Mr. Ford "does not agree to make fertilizers at all unless he can make them with profit to himself."

The committee declare "this is a hollow promise made to enlist the support of the farmer and not founded on any fact either contained in the contract or existing outside the contract," and charges that propagandists fail to tell the people that "the principal business of Mr. Ford, should he get this gigantic plant, would be the manufacturing of other articles, which he would be allowed to sell at any price that he might see fit."

"Work of Propagandists." "The only thing that is kept before the public," the report continues, "is that he will make fertilizer and sell it cheaply to the farmer, only charging for himself a profit of 8 per cent on the production. No one has ever suggested how he could make fertilizers and sell them cheaply or what means he would employ. The bold claim is made, and congress and the country must take the statement as absolute truth or be forever condemned by this crowd of wicked propagandists."

Propagandists also have attracted the unemployed, the report says, adding that they "do not only try to thus bribe the sympathy of the farmer, but try thus to elicit the attention of the unemployed by painting a rosy picture of the great activity that is to be started overnight at Muscle Shoals, where they promise a million men will be given employment."

The properties for which Mr. Ford offers the government \$5,000,000, the report says, already have cost the government \$85,487,900. It declares the amount offered "seems wholly inadequate when it is remembered that Mr. Ford could immediately dispose of the Gorgas plant to the Alabama Power company for \$2,500,000 and thereby obtain "the Waco quarry, nitrate plants No. 1 and No. 2, with all their innumerable railroad engines and steam freight cars, steam shovels, concrete mixers and other surplus property that could be readily sold for several additional millions."

Eddie Stinson Flies Away. Eddie Stinson flew off for Detroit at 9:30 a. m. yesterday in the repaired Junker plane, in which he and Eddie Rickenbacker had hoped to fly to San Francisco but which fell while taking off from the local landing field.

Modern Ark Brings Bride for N. Y. Lion. Complete Noah Outfit

Honolulu, June 13.—(Correspondence of A. P.)—A modern ark, freighted with representatives of most of the species of birds and beasts that accompanied Noah, was in port here for a week's stop en route from Newcastle, Australia, to the United States. The floating menagerie—the freighter West Henshaw—was under charter to E. S. Joseph, animal dealer, who said that he had caught most of the specimens wild, in the expectation of selling them to circuses and municipal zoos.

Some of the animals ended their journey here, including a bride for the lion at the municipal zoo; a huge grizzly bear that had been born in the Bronx zoo, New York, and that had been obtained in a trade and had traveled nearly around the world by way of the Suez canal; several leopards and kangaroos, and a black panther. Other varieties aboard the vessel included lynx, 30 kangaroos, bears, wogabats and wallabies. The thousand of birds included Australian eagles, parrots, crows, cockatoos, parakeets and other species, many of which are rare in the United States.

Irish Elect Pro-Treaty Parliament Members

(Continued from Page One.) America and later became the leader of the uncompromising republicans in the Dail Eireann, was defeated in a provincial district. Mellows has been the moving spirit with Rory O'Connell in the dissentient section of the Irish republican army. His failure to secure re-election may leave him in a more powerful position outside the new parliament than he held in the Dail Eireann.

In Dublin county, Darrell Figgis heads the poll by a big majority and Tom Johnson, the laborite, is also a certain winner. In Wexford Alderman Richard Corish, pro-treaty labor, was elected. In north, mid and south Tipperary the following were elected: James Burke, pro-treaty; Daniel Morrissey, labor; Joseph MacDonagh, anti-treaty; Patrick Moloney, anti-treaty. In Cork Michael Hennessy, independent pro-treaty, was elected to the third seat in the east and north-east Cork district.

Sinn Fein Prison Ship. Belfast, June 20.—(By A. P.)—The former United States Shipping board vessel Argenta has been refitted as a prison ship in which to confine the Sinn Feiners captured by the Ulster government in its recent roundup. Six hundred cells have been built, wire netting being used extensively, and the vessel, which will be stationed in Belfast lough, will be ready soon.

The greatest secrecy has surrounded the transformation of the ship into a prison, as the Ulster officers feared attempts would be made to burn her if the news leaked out. Griffith Leads. Belfast, June 20.—The election result in Cavan showed Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, a leader in the polling. He received 13,101 votes, W. L. Cole, panel anti-treaty, 6,490; Sean Milroy, pro-treaty, 6,030, and P. Baxter, farmers party, 6,015. Griffith, Cole and Milroy were elected.

In the Leix and Offaly division of Old Kings and Queens counties, William Gavin, labor, pro-treaty, headed the poll. Kevin O'Higgins, panel pro-treaty, a member of the delegation which recently accompanied Arthur Griffith to London and F. Bullfin, panel pro-treaty, also were elected on the first count. Fourth place lies between Dr. Patrick McCartan, former republican envoy to the United States, and J. P. Lynch, with Dr. McCartan chances the better.

Jury in Chicago Mayor's Libel Suit Dismissed. Chicago, June 20.—The jury in the \$500,000 libel suit brought by Mayor William Hale Thompson against the Tribune in connection with articles printed concerning his war attitude was dismissed today by Judge Francis Wilson when the defense refused to proceed with only 10 jurors in the box. One juror became sick a few days ago and both sides agreed to proceed with 11. Another was stricken, however, and the defense refused to proceed. Learning that it would be four weeks before the juror could return, Judge Wilson dismissed the jury and the case probably will be called again in the fall.

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Brown's Own Story of 20 Day's Outlawry

(Continued from Page One.) I heard the officers at the front, so I hit for the weeds. From then on I had innumerable close calls but always managed to get away until I was finally captured Saturday. My first close shave after getting away from my home was when I was hidden in the weeds near the old Peoples Home and two boys came along. I knew they had seen me although they showed their wisdom by walking straight ahead and not peeping. However, just as soon as they had passed I got up and walked in the opposite direction and then the chase was on. I had a couple other close calls at Omaha, but the closest was when I was hidden in the weeds and the "bulls" were close to me.

Policeman has Discretion. A motorcycle cop, armed with a riot gun, walked within two feet of me with his gun pointed down. He saw me and also saw that I had a .25 pointed directly at his heart. I put my fingers on my lips as a sign for him to keep still and motioned for him to go ahead. There's one smart cop in Omaha and that is this man who kept moving and evidently kept his mouth tight shut, as I remained where I was for some little time and was not discovered although a woman whose feet were not six inches from where I was laying exclaimed "I'm so nervous, I'm afraid that crazy man is near me."

When it got dark I slipped out of the weeds and stole a Ford in which I went to Lincoln, where I had lived before and where I knew the city thoroughly. Recognized by Woman. When living in Lincoln before there was a woman named Violet Dingman rooming in the same house as I did. I was going under the same name in Lincoln then as I did at Omaha. I thought I was safe in Lincoln but when walking down the street I heard a woman yell to five or six men to grab me.

as I was wanted. This woman was Violet Dingman. Knowing the streets were no place to argue with five or six men I made a break, but the crowd continually increased and there must have been two or three thousand in it within a few minutes. I dodged into a house and stuck up a man named Ryan. I told him to keep absolutely still as it was a case of either him or me passing out and if it was me he would be first. This man Ryan was a pretty sensible guy and didn't give me a lot of trouble. He was another big stiff, too. I had him dead to rights, though, so he had to be good.

Mob Gathered 'Round. The mob was all around the house, but they weren't sure that I was in it. I figured how I could best get out when it got dark, and decided that the best way would be to open the front door and go the way they wouldn't expect me to. After staying in the house with Ryan about four hours I left the front door just at dusk and slipped across the street. I only passed one person, and that was a woman who didn't recognize me at all.

I am not even admitting that I was surprised. In fact I was never surprised once from the time I started my escape from Omaha until the posse slipped up behind me when I was stuck in the irrigation ditch north of Medicine Bow. Tells Escape Methods. I'll say here that if a man wants to escape from anywhere he better use a Ford, as I went from Omaha to Lincoln in a Ford right along the main highway, passed all kinds of officers, and was never suspected. Just take a Ford and change licenses like I did, and the "bulls" won't give you credit for knowing enough to steal a car and then change its license.

I didn't stop at garages or filling stations, but secured a lot of gas by draining cars and I also broke into a farmer's garage and found a can of "gas" there. After being recognized in Lin-

coln I figured that the best place to go would be to the Medicine Bow country, where I could hide out until the excitement blew over, so I stole another Ford, changed licenses, and struck across country, keeping off the main highways as much as possible and secured oil and gas in my usual manner. I reached North Platte all right and decided that I deserved a better car, and as Dodges are quite common and not noticeable, I stole one there. The car was a dandy, but the two front tires were rather badly worn. I followed the Lincoln highway from North Platte to Sidney, where I camped in the hills.

When asked if he considered his experience at Sidney as one of his close calls, the wounded man smiled and said: "The Sidney experience was one of great pleasure to me and I gave those boobs who came out after me a good time. There were only four of them, so I didn't have much trouble. Simply stuck them up and tied the two men with their own suspenders and tore up an old blouse in the car and tied the boys with that. The sheriff never touched the gun in the car, although he grabbed for it just after I did. I let them tied up after going through their pockets, taking the keys of the Sidney jail from the sheriff and keeping them. Thought that I could take better care of those keys than he could."

Broke Into Garage. From Sidney I went to Cheyenne, and as the two front tires were getting worse, I broke into a garage, intending to take some 32x3 1/2 for the Dodge. What do you know about it? There wasn't a tire of that size excepting two on wire wheels. I didn't intend to take another car there, but simply had to do so. There was a good Paige and a good Nash there. Finally I decided on the Nash, as they are more common. I took plenty of gas and tires for this car.

Pushed Cop Away. At Cheyenne I didn't have to keep hidden, but passed policemen several times. When I went into a store to buy some shells I had to push a policeman out of the way. Sure wish I could have bought some rifle shells at that store, as I wouldn't be here if I had.

I left Cheyenne on the Lincoln highway and knew that I would have the officers fooled, as they would expect me to keep on going west, and they didn't know that I was acquainted anywhere in Wyoming. I knew that the bridges across the Platte would be guarded, so I intended to hide out in the Medicine Bow country. I left the Lincoln highway at Rock River and started north to the country I knew and had no idea that anyone at all would suspect me of being where I was, so when I got stuck in an irrigation ditch I climbed into the back of the car and went to sleep.

Officers Were Sleazebags. Didn't wake up until I heard the officers yelling and from the distance they were away I knew that they were afraid to come closer. Had I not been asleep and had I had my wits about me I would have escaped right then. I could have out-generaled the officers by slipping out of the car and floating down the irrigation ditch on my back. I could have been clear out of reach before the officers had finished shoving up the car and dared to approach. The ditch was deep enough to keep me out of sight, especially with so much sagebrush on the banks. I would have been all over mud but I would not have been here today.

Here I am and this is my story, but if you ask me any questions and I feel like it I will answer them. Brown was then asked: "Why didn't you throw up your hands when you knew that you didn't have a chance against rifles in the hands of a dozen officers?" Had Code of Bravado. He replied: "I never threw up my hands to anybody and never will, but when a man is shot down the argument stops and there is no disgrace in being caught."

"You are charged with murdering two men in Omaha; how about it?" "I didn't murder Nielsen or anybody else and that kind of talk is all poppy-cock and doesn't worry me any."

"Why did you take the shot out of a couple of hundred shotgun shells and reload them with .22-caliber bullets?" "I knew that if I was cornered and got in range with these shells there would be a grand rush for other parts by the officers."

"Why wouldn't you admit any of your crimes to the officers?" "They are going to try and put a murder charge on me and while I may be a maniac I am not a damned fool and these bulls are trying to kid me."

"Whose guns did you have? Yours? Or did you steal them?" "They were mine, I guess; at least no one was able to take them away from me."

"How much do you weigh and

didn't you get rather nervous when facing some of the big men you tackled?" "No. I wasn't nervous as I generally had something handy to even things up even if I weigh only 120 pounds."

Wife Charges Saleman Cruel; Sues for Divorce. Arthur J. Freed, salesman for the Masters-Sales company, was sued for divorce by Clair Freed.

Mrs. Freed says her husband earns \$300 a month. They live at 4855 Burr street. In her petition she charges her husband is cruel to her in the presence of her friends. She obtained an order restraining her husband from drawing any money out of a bank.

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