

Virginians Take Stand Against Colonial Concern

Four Testify for Government in Fraud Case—Claim Made Concern's Land Taxed to Others.

Ira S. Mottenshead, clerk of the United States court at Charleston, W. Va., testified Friday afternoon in the Colonial mail fraud case in federal court here.

A decision was handed down in that court recently, holding that Walter L. Stichel, one of 16 defendants in the case here, has no title to 12,000 acres of West Virginia land, part of 700,000 acres claimed by the Colonial Timber & Coal corporation.

C. W. Campbell of Huntington, W. Va., attorney for the plaintiff in that case, is here to testify for the government.

Lincoln Couple Testify.

John Zimmerman and Mrs. Carrie Crosey of Lincoln told of their investments in Guaranty Securities company stock.

"I reckon you won't meet up with anyone in a totable walk over the land," said S. E. Bradley, office holder in Boone county, West Virginia, for several years.

The soft, meandering southern accent is becoming familiar to western ears as one after another of 48 men from West Virginia is testifying for the government in the big case.

Unruffled Witnesses.

Spectators remark the calm, unruffled manner of each of these witnesses. Not one has shown the least excitement or temper, even under sternest cross-examination by the 15 defense attorneys.

Mr. Bradley said James B. Ellison called on him in June, 1919, in regard to having certain large tracts put on the tax books in the name of Walter L. Stichel. Stichel paid one year's taxes, believing this gave him title to the 700,000 acres which the Colonial concern now claims.

Both Stichel and Ellison were indicted in the present case, but Ellison has never been found.

"When you put these lands on the tax rolls and Stichel paid the taxes in 1919, they were already assessed to various other persons who had been paying the taxes, were they not?" asked W. C. Dorsey, government attorney.

"Yes, sir," replied Bradley.

C. H. Nelson, clerk of the county court of Boone county, testified that Stichel paid taxes on 64,000 acres in that county in 1919.

Lincoln Women Buyers.

Mrs. M. E. Reid of Lincoln testified that she was induced to buy \$2,600 worth of Guaranty Securities company stock and Mrs. Louise Fawcett of Lincoln told of her purchase of \$500 worth of Guaranty Securities paper.

First District Club Women Will Meet at Tecumseh

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Tecumseh, Neb., March 30.—The 20th annual convention of the First district Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs will be held in Tecumseh, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The district embraces seven counties, Otter, Cass, Nemaha, Taylor, Richardson, Lancaster and Johnson, and from 100 to 150 delegates are expected. In addition, clubs of nearby towns have signified their intentions of driving to this city in bodies to attend some of the sessions. The convention theme will be "Education."

Receivers Appointed for Constantine Refining Firm

Muskogee, Okl., March 30.—Receivers for the Constantine Refining company of Tulsa, one of the largest independent operators in the mid-continent oil field, were appointed by Judge Robert L. Williams, in United States district court here yesterday on petition of the Spitzer-Roelick Trust and Savings bank of Toledo, O., it became known today. The petition charged the company had defaulted in payments on a \$5,000,000 bond issue.

Norfolk News Service Man Will Join Omaha Bee Staff

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Norfolk, Neb., March 30.—Roma Benedict, service manager for the Norfolk Daily News, has resigned to accept a position with The Omaha Bee.

Crop Promise Good.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Sidney, Neb., March 30.—Ground conditions in Cheyenne county promise a splendid crop this season. A foot of snow which fell last week has all soaked into the ground evenly and without washing any. Moisture is down 10 to 12 inches and a great deal of spring seeding will be started just as soon as there is enough dryness to permit it.

Wymore Plans Paving.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Wymore, Neb., March 30.—The J. B. Watts Construction company of Concordia, Kan., was awarded a \$70,000 paving contract in Wymore. The district covers 21,000 square yards of paving. Brick will be used.

Baby Accidentally Poisoned.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Grand Island, Neb., March 30.—Gwendolyn, 11-2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larsen, died from the effects of rat poison which she accidentally found and ate.

Friday Coldest March 30 on Record Here, Weather Man Says

All weather bureau records here for low temperature on March 30 were smashed Friday when the thermometer here dipped to 17 at 10 this morning, fanned by a gale from the north which will bring much colder weather, according to Meteorologist Robins.

Oil Inspection Tax Is Unconstitutional

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, March 30.—The law that provides for a tax of 6 cents a barrel to pay the cost of gasoline inspection was declared unconstitutional in a decision handed down by the Nebraska supreme court in the case of the Century Oil company against the state department of agriculture. The case involved oil inspection fees amounting to \$43,000. The suit is reversed and remanded.

The state won the case in the district court of Douglas county, but the oil company appealed. Inspection fees were paid under protest and have been held as a separate fund by the state.

In its decision, the high court says that 6 cents is more than the actual cost of the inspection and, therefore, illegal. It is suggested that if the same charge had been made as an excess tax or revenue producer, it would be a different question.

Inspection of oil and gasoline is the main source of revenue for the bureau of food, drugs and oil. The fees in 1922 amounted to \$150,000.

Osterman Railway Bill Is Advanced by House

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, March 30.—The Osterman bill, which makes it impossible for the railway commission or any rate-fixing commission in Nebraska to fix any rate, excepting the maximum, was advanced to third reading in the lower house by a vote of 57 to 21.

The contention of those favoring the bill was that under present conditions competition was stifled because the maximum rate fixed by the railway commission is also the minimum rate, and as a result, competing companies cannot compete in anything but service.

Senate Committee Favors Sunday Theater Closing

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, March 30.—Senate file No. 159, which calls for Sunday closing of all picture shows and theaters in the state, was given a favorable recommendation today by the senate committee on public welfare.

Senator J. L. Larkin of Omaha cast the only dissenting vote.

Heretofore matters of Sunday closing have been settled by city councils. This bill, if passed, will make it a state law. The bill must now be considered by the entire membership of the senate.

Rail Freight Shipments Show 27 Per Cent Increase

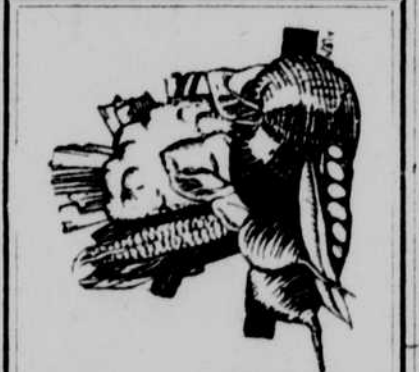
Washington, March 30.—During the last quarter of 1922 railroads carried 27 per cent more freight than they did during the same period of 1921. The Interstate Commerce commission reported today, basing its summary on reports from all Class 1 roads, which control more than 90 per cent of the country's total rail mileage. The total number of tons of freight originating on the lines during the three months ending December 31, the commission found, was 313,023,563, against 245,488,989 tons during the corresponding period of the previous year.

Increases were particularly noted in the shipments of manufacturers and miscellaneous commodities, which were 60,238,281 tons of the 1922 quarter's total, an increase of 26 per cent over the 1921 period and in products of mines, which amounted to 171,365,000 tons, or 30.5 per cent more than in the 1921 quarter.

Unions Oppose Price Cut by Sioux City Barbers

Sioux City, Ia., March 30.—Injunctions to restrain proprietors of two barber shops from lengthening their hours of work and cutting prices are asked by the barbers' union, local No. 52, in two petitions filed in district court.

The petitions assert that the two named reduced the price of shaves to 20 cents and all 50-cent items to 35 cents in violation of an agreement they are said to have made with the union. It is also charged that they are opening their shops one hour earlier than the time fixed by the union.



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Both Sides Rest Case in Michigan Communist Trial

Foster Admits He Wished to See Government of U. S. Replaced by Workers' Dictatorship.

By Associated Press. St. Joseph, Mich., March 30.—Both sides in the trial of William Z. Foster, under the Michigan criminal syndicalism law, rested their case late this afternoon, and court was adjourned until next Tuesday morning, when arguments to the jury will begin.

The state prosecutors felt satisfied as to the outcome when they obtained the frank admission from Foster on the witness stand that he wished to see the government of the United States supplanted by a workers' dictatorship in accordance with the communist philosophy which he is advocating. The transaction, he said, probably would result in a soviet form of government similar to that at present in Russia, although he would not regard this as necessary or altogether advisable.

At the close of the case, Judge Charles E. White stated that he would permit in evidence the book called "A B C of Communism," which was offered by the state and which had previously been rejected. In this book there are statements of communist philosophy which are interpreted by the state to advocate force and violence in overthrowing the government.

Foster was examined at length this afternoon from a red-covered book entitled "Syndicalism," of which he and E. C. Ford were the joint authors. This book was published 17 years ago in Chicago and was withdrawn from circulation after a few months. Foster declared that he had since publicly repudiated it and in his speeches and writings he had never since that time advocated any of the incendiary methods which he preached while he was a syndicalist. The book figured extensively in the United States senate investigation of the steel strike.

Politician Quits Klan.

Chicago, March 30.—A letter from Lawrence Lyons, chairman of the republican state central committee of Indiana, to the American Union league, an organization opposed to the Ku Klux Klan, announcing his resignation from the Klan, will be published tomorrow in "Tolerance," the official organ of the league.

Edmund D. Sewall Dies.

Chicago, March 30.—Edmund D. Sewall, vice president of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, died today at his home here of acute pneumonia. He was born at Wilmington, Del., in 1855, and since September, 1882, had been in the service of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul company, which he entered as agent at Stillwater, Minn.

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Grand Island Woman Attempts to Kill Self

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Grand Island, Neb., March 30.—During an alleged hooch party, Mrs. Leon Hardenbrook swallowed a quantity of poison with announced suicidal intent. In the party was her sister, Mrs. Campbell; B. J. Hoffner and a second man whose identity police were unable to learn.

Conflicting stories were told by Mrs. Campbell and Hoffner. The sister states that they visited the cemetery, where, upon leaving the graves of their parents, Mrs. Hardenbrook in despondency took the poison. The man declares that she attempted to take her own life when he spurned her love for him.

She was taken to a hospital, where physicians were unable to tell whether or she will recover. The quantity of poison taken was sufficient to kill several persons, they say.

Body of Man Missing Eight Months Found in Hotel Room

San Francisco, March 30.—The body of Ernest Schade, 65, an inventor, was found in his room in a hotel today, and the police expressed the belief that it had been there since he disappeared eight months ago. A revolver was clutched in his hand and there was evidence of a wound in the head.

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