

Mail Fraud Case Now in Last Stage

Long Deliberation Expected as Jury Has to Vote on 10 Counts Against 13 Defendants.

Trial Enters Ninth Week

At 9:30 last night the jury in the Colonial Timber and Coal corporation case in federal court was still out, after nearly eight hours of deliberation.

The fate of Willard V. Mathews, Thomas H. Matters and 11 other men was in the hands of the 12 jurors.

Each of the 13 defendants is charged with using the mails to defraud in the count and conspiracy to use the mails to defraud in promotion of the Colonial concern, Guaranty Securities company and other institutions. The trial has been on more than eight weeks.

Inasmuch as the jury had to vote on 10 charges against each of 13 defendants—130 verdicts in all—no early return was expected. Guesses ranged from late Tuesday night to Thursday afternoon as the time when the jury might be expected to return.

Jury Under Guard

The 12 men retired under guard of Anthony Ruddy, deputy United States marshal, at 1:45, after Judge J. W. Woodrough had finished four hours of instructions and the attorneys for the 13 defendants had made their formal objections.

Judge Woodrough stated that he would impose sentences on any and all who may be found guilty as soon as the verdict is brought in.

He placed the defendants technically in custody of United States Marshal Cronin. They spent the afternoon and evening in the courtroom, corridors and the judge's chambers, passing the hours as best they could.

Harris Fuller slumbered on a sofa in the judge's office. LeRobert Eykelboom, George Roach, Homer Molyneux and Harold Cozier sat about a table playing "mah jong," a Chinese game. Willard V. Mathews and other defendants looked on at times.

Wife by Minister

In the courtroom, Rev. Charles H. Rogers, aged Congregational minister, reclined in a swivel chair, his feet resting on another chair. His wife sat by his side.

The ministering hands of the womanfolk were present through the suspenseful hours. Mrs. Willard V. Mathews, Mrs. Walter Stickle and others of the defendants' wives were there.

Thomas H. Mathews was enduring his third experience of the kind. He has waited on two other juries in the same court. Both the others found him guilty. One of his daughters sat by his side in the afternoon. He walked about the corridor and courtroom a good deal.

Most of the attorneys in the big case were there all through the long wait also.

Jury Goes to Hotel

At 6 the jury filed solemnly down the stairs—the elevators being stopped—and went to the Loyal hotel in charge of Deputy Ruddy and Sheriff Anton Gross, for dinner.

Judge Woodrough announced that the defendants could go out to dinner, but must return by 7:30.

Yesterday was the second day of the ninth week of the trial.

Originally 25 men were indicted. Two of these are fugitives: Thomas M. Finney, who fled from Omaha right after the indictment; and James Ellison, lawyer, who disappeared from Charleston, West Va.

Eight Dismissed

Four others the government dismissed before the trial started. One entered a plea of "nolo contendere." Three more were discharged after the trial started.

This leaves the following 15: Willard V. Mathews, of Omaha, head of a number of banking institutions now defunct; Lucien Fuller, Kansas City lawyer; Rev. Charles Rogers, Lincoln, minister; Harris Fuller, former head of the Midland Savings bank; LeRobert Eykelboom, George Roach and Homer Molyneux, DeSmet, bankers; Walter Stickle, Kearney lumberman; Ralph Sunderland, Omaha; Harold Cozier, Omaha banker; Thomas H. Matters, Omaha lawyer; Vogel Gattner, Charlestown, Va.; John Hecox, Omaha banker; Howard Sharkey, Lincoln, stock salesman; and James Cloud, Omaha stock salesman.

Judge Woodrough has directed a verdict of acquittal for Sharkey and Cloud, leaving 13 on whom the jury is deliberating.

Body of Shotgun Trap Victim Identified as Lincoln Youth

Lincoln, Neb., May 15.—The body of the youth killed at Joplin, Mo., Friday morning by a shotgun trap set by a restaurant keeper there, was identified as that of Aubrey G. Winsor, 17, of Lincoln, by the young man's father, John G. Winsor. Marks on the body and the story of the young man's companion, who now is in Lincoln, furnished sufficient proof of identity to convince the father that the dead youth was his son.

Time Limit of Ultimatum May Be Extended by England

London, May 15.—It was announced in the house of commons that the British government would reasonably extend the time limit set in the ultimatum to Russia so as to permit of further negotiations.

Steamer Goes on Rocks

Norfolk, Va., May 15.—The Pacific Mail steamship Santa Matia, is aground one mile south of Cape Henry. The coast guard tug Mascoutin and other tugs have been sent to its assistance. The vessel went ashore during a heavy fog early today.

Americans Who Were Captured by Chinese



T.H. Dear (Center) and Lloyd LeRhbas were.

Miss Minnie McFadden of Providence, Rhode Island, long-time friend of Miss Lucy Aldrich, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was with Miss Aldrich when they were captured by Chinese bandits on the railroad train between Shanghai and Peking. Both were later released. Lloyd LeRhbas, formerly assistant city editor of the Chicago American, and now with the China Press, was captured, but escaped, with a graphic story of the raid. Thomas H. Day of Ridgewood, N. J., was captured, but was released and sent to Shanghai with a demand for ransom for the captured prisoners.

Former Premier of France Dies

De Freycinet Succumbs at Age of 94—Was Strong Friend of Clemenceau.

Paris, May 15.—Former Premier De Freycinet died.

The former premier, who was 94 years old, had been in poor health for some time. He and former Premier Clemenceau were old time friends and it was recalled today that one of the first visits the "Tiger" had on his return from the United States in January was to De Freycinet, with whom he discussed his American trip and the reparations question. The aged De Freycinet became somewhat excited and after the visit of Clemenceau, De Freycinet's physician forbade other visitors. In February, however, M. De Freycinet was so far improved that he was able to attend the meeting of the French Academy and visit Premier Poincare.

Couple Under Probe in Six Deaths of Kin

Newark, N. J., May 15.—The investigation into the deaths of relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Creighton, for the sudden end of one of whom the couple were arraigned yesterday on charges of murder, may be widened to include six instead of three crimes.

Developments late last night indicated that the county prosecutor would seek permission today to exhume bodies of three other relatives in addition to the two for which an indictment was drawn up yesterday.

Since the prosecutor began preparations to investigate the deaths of Mr. Creighton's parents, following the finding of poison in the stomach of Charles R. Avery, 18-year-old brother of Mrs. Creighton, he has learned that the grandmother had alleged murders and two of her aunts died under suspicious circumstances within the last seven years.

Romance, Yes!

What hidden things of the romantic past are lying around under our very noses unseen, unsusung.

In some Omaha attic there is a dusty old "sideboard," gray with age and steeped in the traditions of the past. What Kentucky colonel must have mixed mint juleps from his store of fine liquors kept in the old sideboard? How milady of today would have snatched such a wonderful old antique.

This story is not a myth. There are dozens of such things offered for sale through The Omaha Bee "Want" Ad columns from time to time. Whether you want to buy or sell, read The Omaha Bee "Want" Ads—they are seething with human interest from beginning to end.

Brigands Moved Into Mountains

Captives of Chinese Bandits Taken Farther Into Hills on Eve of Negotiations for Their Release.

Ministers in Conference

Shanghai, May 16.—The Szechow bandits have moved their foreign captives 10 miles farther back into the mountains behind Lincheng, according to advices received here early this morning.

This action in carrying their prisoners still farther into the hills is taken as a strategic move on the part of the brigands to impress the Peking government on the eve of negotiations for the release of the foreigners.

Dr. Mertens, who has been attending the captives, has been refused permission to make any more trips into the mountain stronghold.

High on Mountain

Reaching a village high on a mountain, Saturday, Father Lenters, ill from exhaustion, was told that he could interview the chieftain at 8 o'clock the next morning.

"I slept well in the bandit village," he wrote, "and the next morning was ready to confer with the bandit leader. It was 9 when a messenger came, telling me that the second in command was coming then. He arrived with an armed platoon with three rifles and about 20 drawn Mauser pistols. He ordered me to march with him. Climbing, we went over the mountain top and arrived at another small village, where he told me he was the head-quarters. I saw bandits everywhere, but all were respectful.

"I was taken into a house. In a clean room, having a table and four benches, I was given the place of honor at the head.

"Sun Mei," the second in command, seated himself opposite others who entered. Then a young man—"Jen," well dressed, wearing eye-glasses, appeared. The others showed him every mark of respect, and I then learned that he was called Wang, the commander-in-chief. Throughout our interview, he was quiet-tempered, cordial, friendly, grim.

"Taking a seat at my left, he explained that his men were not bandits but had been deprived of their livelihood when they were dismissed as soldiers, unpaid. They determined on the wholesale kidnaping of foreigners to force Peking to re-enroll them all in the military service. He emphasized that they did not want money in return for the captives.

"I listened to everything," he said, "and promised everything that I felt I could promise.

"Wang quietly told that he had prepared for the slaughter of his captives unless his demands were accepted within first he said, three days, then two days. The demands were that troops be withdrawn, with the assurance given that there would be no reprisals in any form, and guarantees from the foreign diplomats, since the bandits were unwilling to stop at the military forces.

"I talked with him for more than an hour, but was unable to soften or modify the demands, which included guarantees from the foreign diplomats, since the bandits were unwilling to stop at the military forces.

French Take Over Teuton Dye Plant

Intend to Take Away Such Dyestuffs as Are Due France.

Berlin, May 15.—The French have occupied the Baden Aniline and Soda works at Ludwigshafen, according to reports received here today.

The employees have not attempted to enter the works which are shut down, with an entire French regiment quartered there. The street railways at Ludwigshafen have ceased operation as the result of French occupation of the depot.

The Linburg railway station, post-office and other public buildings were occupied by the French troops. Frankfurt advises state, and the city was cut off from unoccupied Germany.

In Ludwigshafen the laborers on duty at both the plants seized weapons and started to leave, but no one was allowed to enter the works. The Hoechst works were surrounded by a strong military cordon.

According to German advices from Ludwigshafen the French announced that the aniline and soda works were occupied merely to seize and remove such quantities of dyestuffs as were due France and Belgium under the peace treaty.

It was not expected that the plant would be occupied for more than a few days, as the plant is a private concern.

The Baden Aniline and Soda works were one of the principal sources of Germany's chemical supplies for ammunition during the war and attempts were frequently made by the allies to bomb it.

Bandit Slain in Heart of Chicago Heights

Chicago, May 15.—One bandit was shot and killed and two escaped when a squad of police officers engaged in a pitched revolver battle with the bandit trio in the heart of Chicago Heights business district early today.

The dead bandit has been identified as Clarence Coleman, 24, according to the police.

The police were called to the scene by pedestrians who reported that three bandits were "shooting up the street."

When the officers appeared, they were greeted with bullets from the bandit guns.

Coleman was shot through the heart. The police believe one of the other bandits was wounded.

Later two men giving the names of E. Kane and Richard McLinnin were taken into custody for investigation. Coleman's widow, whose home, Kane and McLinnin were found, also was detained.

4,000-Barrel "Gusher" Is Brought In on Naval Reserve

Washington, May 15.—A "gusher" with an estimated production of 4,000 barrels of oil a day has been brought in on the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve in Wyoming. The Interior department was notified today.

The well is located in the section which was taken possession of last year by a detachment of United States marines to stop alleged trespassing by a private company.

Legislature Abolishes Use of Lash in Florida

Tallahassee, Fla., May 15.—Corporal punishment in the murky camps of Florida has been forever prohibited. The senate refused to reconsider the vote accepting a house amendment to the Turnbull bill to that effect. The matter has now been duly passed on by both branches of the legislature and only awaits the signature of Governor Hardee.

Scientist Kills Himself

Worcester, Mass., May 15.—Dr. Arthur Gordon Webster, a nationally known scientist, and for 29 years a member of the faculty of Clark university, today ended his life in his private office by shooting himself with a revolver purchased only a short time before.

Aged Priest Visits Wang in Mountain Stronghold

Brigands Found to Be Highly Educated, Intelligent Men, Determined Demands Shall Be Met and Showing Little Faith in Promises of Chinese Government—Will Slay Captives if Terms Not Met.

Ultimatum Terms to Russia Are Extended and Parley With Krassin Is Planned.

Tientsin, May 15.—That the leaders of the bandits who are holding more than a dozen foreigners in the hills behind Lincheng are highly educated, intelligent men, determined that their demands shall be met and showing little, if any faith in promises made by Chinese authorities, are among the statements made by Roy Anderson, American, who returned from a trip to the robbers' stronghold.

Anderson said that his negotiations were without result, since the leaders of the brigands asserted an agreement made by the Chinese authorities must be backed up by the pledge of some responsible foreigner. He declared that villagers of the neighborhood either are frankly in league with the bandits or are in sympathy with them.

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London, May 15.—The outcome of the eagerly awaited Russian debate tonight in the house of commons was the announcement that there would be no immediate break between England and Russia, but that negotiations would be started through Leonid Krassin, who was in the gallery listening to the debate.

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J. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the opposition, opened the debate with a strong attack upon the government's policy in which he attributed all the troubles between England and Russia to the failure to recognize the soviet government. He invited the government to produce documentary proofs of its charges against the soviet, and maintained that the Russian reply opened the way for a settlement through an international conference.

No Hostile Intentions

Mr. McNeill, in replying strongly, repudiated the suggestion of hostile intentions toward Russia. He declared that the government has made a careful study of its grievances, but that such an idea had never for a moment been entertained. The government did not desire to destroy the trading agreement between the two countries, but simply to cause its proper observance.

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The former premier maintained that bolshevism was a passing phase and that the government should continue to declare that Mr. Tikhonoff was not revolutionary in the commonly accepted use of the term, but was really "as great an aristocrat as Curzon."

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New York, May 15.—Plans for a mass meeting to protest against continued attacks on the sugar trade by government officials were understood to have been discussed at a secret meeting held today on the floor of the New York office and sugar exchange.

It was reported that the meeting would be held tomorrow in the Wall Street district.

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American Banker Slain by Paris Police



When a Paris police inspector opened fire on a fleeing Apache one of his wild bullets pierced the heart of James Miller Parmelee, 27, chief clerk in the Paris branch of the Guaranty Trust company of New York, killing him recently. Parmelee served in the French ambulance service until America entered the war, when he enlisted in the French artillery, won a lieutenant's rank and was twice decorated for valor.

Picture Screen to Be Successor of Blackboard

Thomas A. Edison Testifies His Experiments Have Shown Movies Logical Method of Instruction.

New York, May 15.—The children of today's school children will get their education at schools in which the motion picture screen will supplant the blackboard and the motion picture film will take the place of text-books, Thomas A. Edison predicted today at the federal trade commission of charges that the Famous Plays-Lasky corporation and six allied organizations constitute a motion picture trust.

The famous inventor, whose recent questionnaires have led him to say harsh things about present educational methods in the United States, was called for the purpose of developing the importance of the film industry and its possibilities for the future.

Edison disclosed for the first time experiments with school children, which he said had convinced him that 85 per cent of all knowledge is received through the eye, and that motion pictures are 100 per cent efficient for its dissemination.

"I have made a good many experiments in the line of teaching children by other methods than books," Mr. Edison told the commission. "I made an experiment with a lot of pictures to teach children chemistry. I got 10 children and asked them to write down what they had learned from the pictures. I was amazed that such a complicated subject as chemistry was readily grasped by them to a large extent through pictures. The parts of the pictures they did not understand, I did over and over again, until they finally understood the entire picture."

Blizzard Falls on Eastern Colorado

Denver, Colo., May 15.—A storm of blizzard proportions prevailed over the northern slope of the Rocky mountains today from Cheyenne, Wyo., to Denver, with a heavy fall of snow in the latter city. Snow fell in Cheyenne and in the northeastern sections of Colorado, turning to rain south of Denver.

The precipitation will continue through the day, according to weather bureau officials, extending as far south as New Mexico, with probably lowering temperatures tonight.

Freezing temperatures were reported from the farm and fruit sections of Colorado and it was feared the unseasonable weather would result in much damage to fruit.

Nebraska Crop Prospects Improved by Snowstorm

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee

Scottsbluff, Neb., May 15.—Snow, driven by a northeast wind, fell in the North Platte valley today beginning at dawn and continuing through the morning.

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Man Companion Admits Identity of Clara Phillips

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, May 15.—Jesse Carson, who posed as the husband of the woman held by the Honduras authorities as Clara Phillips, California hammer murderer, told newspaper men today that the woman in reality was Mrs. Phillips.

Carson, who is also being held by the authorities, asserted, however, that Mrs. Phillips was not responsible for the death of Mrs. Alberta Mead-ow, for which she was convicted, the real slayer, according to his story, being another woman. In view of this, he added, he would fight against extradition of Mrs. Phillips, spending \$10,000 if need be in her defense.

Carson has addressed a number of notes to President Gutierrez, asking for an interview, but he has received no reply.

Imports During March

Washington, May 15.—Imports into the United States during March amounted to \$42,469,000, compared with \$302,421,824 in February and \$236,177,726 in March, 1922.

The Weather

For 24 hours, ending 7 p. m., May 15, 1923.

Temperature.

Highest, 25	lowest, 42	mean, 48	normal, 52
Wind, S.W.	Force, 10	Relative Humidity, Percentage.	
5 a. m. 48	noon, 52	7 p. m. 42	
Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.	Total, .00	Total since January 1, 2.96	

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	8 a. m.	11 a. m.	2 p. m.	5 p. m.
48	49	51	52	48
48	49	51	52	48
48	49	51	52	48
48	49	51	52	48
48	49	51	52	48

Temperatures at 7 P. M.

Chicago	58	St. Paul	47
Denver	57	Omaha	47
Des Moines	57	Sioux Falls	47
Lincoln	57	Wichita	47
Dodge City	57	Shenandoah	47
Lawrence	57	St. Joseph	47
North Platte	57	Valentine	47