

REPORT ON DIETRICH

Committee Gives Nebraska Senator a Bill in All Charges.

FINDINGS OF THE BODY ARE UNANIMOUS

Three Republicans and Two Democrats Constitute the Committee.

NOTHING UNWORTHY IN HIS CONDUCT

Go Into Hearings as Well as Direct Testimony in Matter.

NOTHING ON WHICH TO BASE CHARGES

Testimony Not Admissible in Court

Heard by Committee with the Consent of Senator Dietrich.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Senator Dietrich of Nebraska has been declared by a special committee of congress to be not guilty of any violation of the statutes of the United States or of any corrupt or unworthy conduct relating either to the appointment of Jacob Fisher as postmaster at Hastings, Neb., or the leasing of the building in that city to the United States for a postoffice.

The committee, which investigated the charges against Senator Dietrich was composed of Senators Hoar, Platt of Connecticut, Spooner, Cockrell and Pettus. Three members of the committee are republicans and two are democrats.

The report is unanimous. The report reviews the testimony at length and the conclusion is reached that the charges cannot be sustained.

The committee, with reference to the lease of the building at Hastings, finds that it was effected while Mr. Dietrich was governor and before he became senator, that it extended for ten years and that the law governing in such matters was not violated.

The report says that the committee admitted not only such evidence against Senator Dietrich "as would have been competent in a court of justice, but also a great deal of hearsay testimony, being all which was brought to the attention of the committee as to a clue to possible further information."

This course, it says, was taken with the consent of Senator Dietrich, and it is stated that the committee did not determine how far this proceeding should be carried, but that they refrained from attaching any weight to it in their final decision, but it in fact did not in the least tend to shake or affect the conclusion they have reached.

RAILROADS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Manila Newspaper Man Talks of Necessity for Government Subsidy to Companies.

ST. LOUIS, April 14.—The urgent need of railroads in the Philippine islands was today described by S. Eugene de Backin, editor of a paper in Manila, who has just arrived in St. Louis. He said:

Governor Taft and Governor Wright have used their personal endeavor ever since they have been in the Philippines to secure capital for the construction of railroads. For any man to have had nothing to offer, except the franchise and right-of-way, would be a failure. It is necessary to offer in granting but one franchise for a road about twenty miles long, merely a fee for the Manila road, which is a narrow gauge road about 130 miles in length.

As an evidence of what benefit railroad construction would be to those islands, the Manila newspaper man pointed out that more than quadrupled in productive capacity in the last ten years. I do not believe that it will be possible to secure capital to construct railroads without some subsidy from the government.

The Philippine islands have no highways and all the production is confined to the narrow strip of land along the navigable rivers and the seashore. This makes construction doubly necessary to the proper development of the islands.

We have not the money to build highways and if that money is actually invested in giving franchises with a guarantee of 5 per cent on the capital actually invested, it will enable the Philippine government to open up the islands at practically little first cost.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO MEET

Annual Convention Will Be Held at Chicago Last Week in April.

CHICAGO, April 14.—The tenth annual meeting of the National Municipal League and the seventh national conference for the improvement of municipal government will be held here, commencing April 27 and ending on the 30th. A large gathering is anticipated. The host will be the City Club of Chicago, whose object is improvement of municipal conditions. The program embraces reports of the officers and committees, and among others addressed by the following: "Home Rule Provisions in American Municipal Charters," Dr. Ellis F. Oberholzer, Philadelphia; "Municipal Taxation," Lawson Purdy, New York; "Municipal Ownership," Prof. James Mavor, Toronto, Canada; "Partisanship in Municipal Government," Charles J. Bonaparte, Baltimore. The committee on nomination reform will present their report.

AMALGAMATED FILES APPEAL

Will Ask to Have Minnie Healy Shut Up Pending Decision of the Court.

HELENA, Mont., April 14.—Attorneys for the Amalgamated Copper company today filed in the state supreme court an appeal from the order of Judge Clancy denying a new trial in the famous Minnie Healy mine case, which had been adjudged the property of F. Augustus Reineke. It is understood that the Amalgamated Copper company will ask in connection with the appeal taken today that the Minnie Healy mine be closed down pending a decision on the appeal. Unless the case is advanced on the calendar, it will not be argued for a year or more.

NATURAL GAS FOR KANSAS CITY

Corporation Formed to Pipe Light and Fuel for a Distance of 140 Miles.

KANSAS CITY, April 14.—R. M. Snyder, a local capitalist, has formed a corporation to pipe natural gas from Independence, Kan., to Kansas City, furnishing the towns along the route a distance of 140 miles. The company, it is stated, has already received options on several wells in southern Kansas, and Mr. Snyder is said to be in Philadelphia arranging the final details of the financing of the company.

SCHIFF TALKS IN GERMANY

Tells People More or Less About Condition of American Railroads' Finances.

LANKFORD ON THE MAIN, April 14.—Schiff, the New York banker and one of the Northern Securities company is now here, says in the Frankfurter Zeitung that the heavy buying in Union Pacific is as yet unexplained but it can be assumed that it is a purpose of the American capitalists to get control of the property. The persons now controlling the enterprise, he says, are too firmly established and too strong in capital to afford other parties any prospect of getting a controlling interest.

It is already certain, he says, of the Pennsylvania railroad's \$50,000,000 loan, that it will be offered upon maturity for conversion into stock, with preference to old stockholders.

Mr. Schiff doubts whether the Northern Securities decision will be followed by action of the courts against similar combinations. It will, however, he thinks, prevent the formation of further combinations which would certainly have been organized if the decision had been favorable to the Northern Securities company.

This would have led to more stringent explanation by congress and state legislatures and hence, although he is a member of the Northern Securities board, he thinks that the dissolution of the Northern Securities company will have a favorable effect.

DEADLY BOMB EXPLODES TOO SOON

Russian Anarchist Blown to Pieces by Infernal Machine.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 14.—An anarchist named Kasanoff, stopping at the Hotel du Nord, in the Nevsky Prospect, concealed an infernal machine in his trunk. It prematurely exploded last night and Kasanoff was blown to pieces, the ceiling and windows of his room were smashed, several persons were injured and fire broke out in the hotel.

All evidence of the anarchist's identity was destroyed in the explosion, which shattered the adjoining rooms.

Among those injured was a naval cadet.

FIGHT FOR MINNIE HEALY

HELENA, Mont., April 14.—Attorneys for the Amalgamated Copper company today filed in the supreme court appeals from the decision of Judge Clancy at Butte, awarding title to the noted Minnie Healy mine to Reineke.

The Amalgamated will seek to have the property closed again pending a decision in the supreme court. Unless the case is advanced on the calendar it will not be argued for a year or more.

TORPEDO FLOTILLA AT CAVITE

MANILA, April 14.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Buffalo and the torpedo boat flotilla, commanded by Lieutenant Chandler, arrived at Cavite today. The flotilla has come out from Hampton Roads, left Singapore and entered upon the last stage of its long voyage on April 4.

DEUTSCHLAND IS NOT SOLD

LONDON, April 14.—The report from Plymouth last night that the Hamburg-American line steamer Deutschland, which was to be chartered to the United States, had made its last Atlantic voyage and that it would be purchased by Russia, is untrue.

MAD MULLAH ESCAPES BRITISH

ADEN, April 14.—Haji Mohammed Bul Abdullah, the mad mullah, against whom the British have been conducting a campaign in Somaliland, has escaped into Italian territory.

LOUBET NOT TO MEET WILLIAM

PARIS, April 14.—The foreign office discredits the report that negotiations are in progress looking to a meeting between President Loubet and Emperor William.

CROKER'S ST. PATRICK WINNERS

LONDON, April 14.—Richard Croker's St. Patrick's Day won the Newmarket Craven meeting today.

RACE FEELING IS GROWING

Officials at Kansas City, Kan., Expect Trouble and Arrests Are Made.

KANSAS CITY, April 14.—The race feeling in Kansas City, Kan., caused by the killing of Roy Martin, a high school freshman, by a negro named Gregory, is growing in intensity. Today a negro who accompanied Gregory to the jail on the night of the murder armed with rifles, was arrested on a charge of inciting a riot, which in Kansas is a felony, and they are being held. Following the closing of the high school until Monday next, in an effort to quiet the excitement that it was expected might follow Martin's funeral, the white pupils today asserted with positiveness that the negroes would never again be permitted to enter the high school. Martin's friends, it is said, made a determined effort on Monday to keep all negroes from entering the building and it is feared a clash may result. Gregory was arraigned today and held without bail for trial, at a date to be set later.

NO MERGER CASE DECISION

Circuit Court of Appeals Has Not Announced Opinion as to Intervention.

ST. PAUL, April 14.—Contrary to the expectations which prevailed at the time the United States circuit court adjourned yesterday afternoon, the court today did not convene in open session and no decision was announced on the motion of Messrs. Harriman and Pierce for leave to intervene in the final settlement of the Northern Securities company's affairs. The decision will come in the due course of the court's business.

WILD WEST SHOW IN COURT

Missouri Man Asks for Receiver for Colonel Cody's Traveling Exhibition.

TRENTON, N. J., April 14.—Frank C. Mader of St. Louis, Mo., a stockholder of the Buffalo Bill Wild West show, filed a bill in the court of chancery today asking for the appointment of a receiver for that concern. Mader also wants an accounting by the officers. He claims the concern has been mismanaged and that the dividends are being withheld for the purpose of forcing him out of the corporation.

CATTLEMEN ASK FOR TIME

W. A. Paxton in Washington to See the President in Their Behalf.

INSISTS FENCE REMOVAL MEANS RUIN

Unless Order is Modified He Says They Will Be Forced to Sell Their Herds at Once on a Falling Market.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(Special Telegram.)—W. A. Paxton of Omaha is in Washington for the purpose of asking mercy for the cattle men of western Nebraska and an extension of time in which they shall pull down their fences. Mr. Paxton expects to see the president tomorrow in company with Senators Millard, Warren and Kittredge. Speaking of his mission to Washington, Mr. Paxton said:

"I am not here in the interest of any particular set of men; I am here for the purpose of telling the president the exact situation as it exists today in western Nebraska should the order to pull down the fences on May 1 be carried out. I am going to tell him that order, if carried out, will bankrupt 75 per cent of the cow men in our state. The banks are already demanding new security for paper maturing because of the order of the secretary of the interior removing the fences. I am going to say to the president that there is a single intending settler in that section who has been deprived of his rights by the cattlemen between North Platte and Scotts Bluffs. On the contrary, I know that every cattleman who has fences in that section would be glad to see fences around the homesteads. If intending settlers indicated his desire to settle upon a piece of land.

"The prices of cattle have gone off 22 in the last year. Sixty-five hundred head of cattle were unloaded Monday in South Omaha, 75 per cent of which were range cattle. A hundred thousand head of cattle are involved in the order to remove the fences and, as I said before, if the order is carried out it will be ruin to small cattle growers. There will be no grills in my country, and I know that the country occupied by the cow men of western Nebraska is not suitable for homesteads, and I am going to tell Mr. Roosevelt the facts, which I hope will be approved by the senator who will go with me. Cattle raising is one of Nebraska's greatest industries, and to pull down the fences at this time when cattle are low and prices going off will bring ruin to many small growers.

"I am going to say to the president for mercy, if he does not modify the order then I will unload all the cattle I am interested in and recommend my friends to do the same. Ruin is staring me in the face and in this talk, this sentimental talk about homesteads in a range country, is all in your eye; it is done for effect. Whether Mr. Roosevelt will look at it as I do, I don't know, but I do know he will get the plain truth from a plain man."

CAPTAIN HACKER COMES TO OMAHA

The following changes in stations and duties of officers in the Subsistence department are ordered: Captain Theodore B. Hacker, commissary, relieved from duty as assistant to commissary general, and will proceed to Omaha and report to the commanding general of the Department of Missouri for duty as assistant to the chief commissary of that department; Captain Frank Cook, commissary, is relieved from duty as chief commissary at the Department of the Missouri and will proceed to St. Francis, Mo., to be commissary for the Department of the Philippines. Division of the Philippines. Upon relief of Captain Cook from duty as chief commissary, Department of the Missouri, Captain Hacker will report to the commanding general of that department for assignment to duty as chief commissary, and will also at the same time relieve Captain Cook of his duties as purchasing commissary at Omaha.

CHICAGO GIRL MARRIES RUSSIAN

Miss Eleanor Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Patterson of Chicago and Washington, and Count Joseph Glyzky of Russia, were married today at a family residence here at the residence of Lee of St. Mathew's Catholic church officiated. The bride was escorted to the improvised altar by her father and had no other attendant. Count Glyzky of the Austrian embassy, was best man. The guests included the Russian ambassador and Countess Cassini, the Austrian ambassador and Baroness Hengelmueller, the Swiss minister, Miss Roosevelt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Medill Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Medill McCormick, Rutherford B. McKim, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Patterson and the attaches of the Russian and Austrian embassies. The couple left for New York, where they will stay for Paris, and after a short visit at Vienna will go to Count Glyzky's estate, near Staroostantynov, Russia.

WILL ASK RUSSIA TO CHANGE RULE

The house committee on foreign affairs today authorized a favorable report on a substitute for the Goldfogle resolution on the treatment of the Chinese in Russia. The substitute requests the president to negotiate with the governments of countries where discrimination is made between American citizens on the ground of religious faith or belief, to secure by treaty or otherwise uniformity of treatment and protection to American citizens holding passports issued by the authorities of the United States, in order that all American citizens shall have equal freedom of travel and sojourn in the countries without regard to race, creed or religious faith.

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DEWEYS GOT OFF EASY

Plead Guilty to Fencing in Government Land and Receive Fine with Day in Jail.

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DEATH RECORD.

John J. Dean, 41.—(Special.)—John J. Dean, a former resident of this vicinity, died at the home of his son, William Dean, in Creton, last evening at 5 o'clock of pneumonia. Deceased was 71 years 11 months old, and was popular and had a large acquaintance in this section. Funeral services will be held at Creton tomorrow and the body will be sent to his old home in New York state for burial.

A. G. Stonebreaker, 41.—(Special.)—A. G. Stonebreaker, one of the best known citizens of this community, died at 5 o'clock this morning. He was about 67 years old and had been a sufferer for some time. Arrangements have not yet been completed for the funeral, but it is thought the remains will be taken to Shelburne, Ia., his former home.

Mrs. Wittmas, 41.—(Special.)—Mrs. Wittmas, mother of Fred Wittmas of this city, died Tuesday night, after a long illness, was buried today from the Portal church in the Portal cemetery. Rev. Eberle officiated. Mrs. Wittmas had lived here many years and was 85 years of age.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Rain and Much Colder Friday; Saturday Fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 2 columns: Hour, Temperature. Rows: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m.

TRYING TO UNDO MOYER

Military Officers Will Hold Him Until After the Meeting at Butte.

TELLURIDE, Colo., April 14.—Adjutant General Bell, who is enforcing martial law in San Miguel county, expressed the opinion today that the convention of the Western Federation of Miners, which is to be held at Butte, Mont., next month, will call off the strike here or give the miners authority to do so.

"I am reliably informed," said the general, "that at the next convention the power vested in the executive board by the last convention to call strikes will be annulled and that in the future no strikes can be ordered except by referendum vote of the members."

The belief is quite general here that the military officers propose to hold President Moyer until after the Butte meeting in order to reduce his chances of reelection to the minimum.

SETTLE SUGAR RATE WAR

Concession Made Gulf Lines at Meeting of Western Traffic Officials Held in Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 14.—At a meeting of western traffic officials today a settlement of the sugar rate war was brought about by the concession of the Gulf lines according to the new schedule in progress. The basis of settlement is the one proposed in the conference held in New York last week, and establishes a differential of 11 cents in favor of New Orleans over New York to the upper Missouri river points.

The lowest rate through Chicago or St. Louis from New York to Omaha, for example, will be 46 cents, while the lowest rate from New York was 51 cents, and the New Orleans differential amounted to 30 cents. The basis of settlement is a concession by the Gulf lines, which have raised their rates on sugar from New Orleans. The traffic officials have entered into an agreement to maintain a schedule of rates despite any efforts the Sugar trust may make to break them.

EXAMINATION OF MRS. BOTKIN

Some Delay in the Murder Case Owing to the Difficulty of Securing Important Papers.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin appeared today in Police Judge Conland's court for her preliminary examination on the charge of murdering Mrs. Josiah Dean of Dover, Del. The taking of testimony of the Delaware witnesses began, Mrs. Lizzie Kemp, the county clerk in the postoffice at Dover, being the first witness. She was excused to allow Deputy Sheriff Clerk Wells to explain that the exhibits in the case were in the custody of Superior Judge Cook, who is out of town. The deputy was authorized to sign a receipt for the exhibits in the name of his wife, and the examination of the witnesses was proceeded with.

ACCEPTS B'BS FROM WOMEN

Sensational Charges Made in Indictments Returned Against the Mayor of Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 14.—Albert A. Ames, former mayor of Minneapolis, was arrested this afternoon on an indictment charging him with accepting bribes December 15, 1901, from Bessie Lee. The indictment is like the others on which he was first arraigned, but the sensational feature of this one is that the same witnesses are not depended upon.

On the indictment appears the names of Lily T. Ames, wife of Colonel Fred Ames; Joseph Cohen, Frank Larabee, Irwin A. Gardner, Thomas R. Brown and two women. Dr. Ames pleaded not guilty and his case was set for trial May 2.

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JAPANESE SAILORS SET FATAL MINE

Torpedo Boats Laid Trap Which Caught Admiral Makaroff and Petropavlov.

RUSSIA ADMITS LOSS OF ANOTHER SHIP

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Sunk by the Japanese, Carrying Down Its Crew.

SECOND BATTLESHIP RECEIVES DAMAGE

Pobieda Strikes Mine, but Succeeds in Taking Crew Back in Safety.

NO LOSS TO FORCE OF THE ISLANDERS

Admiral Uru Sends Brief Report of Engagement to Japan's Capital.

SKRYDLOFF WILL SUCCEED MAKAROFF

Announced That He Will Become the Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Forces in the Far East.

CHIEF FOO, April 14.—It has been learned from Japanese sources here that the attack on the Russian Port Arthur fleet of yesterday morning was planned and put into effect in the following manner: At daylight the Japanese torpedo boats made a demonstration before the port, and at that time laid mines across the outer entrance to the outer harbor. They then retired and joined the main squadron. The squadron then advanced and as it drew near the Russian ships were seen exiting out. The battleship Petropavlovsk struck one of the mines laid by the Japanese torpedo boats and was destroyed.

Admit Loss of Another Boat.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 14.—At 4 p. m. it was officially announced today that the torpedo boat destroyer Beastrashni was cut off from the rest of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur and sunk by the Japanese, that its crew was lost and that the battleship Pobieda, accidentally struck a mine while maneuvering, was able to return to the harbor without loss of life.

Report from the Admiral.

Rear Admiral Prince (Automsky) wires from Port Arthur today that the Beastrashni, one of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers sent out during the night to reconnoiter, became separated from the rest of the fleet, owing to bad weather prevailing, was surrounded by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and was sunk in the fight. Five men were saved.

Admiral Otkoumsky adds: "I have taken command provisionally of the fleet since the disaster to the Petropavlovsk. During some maneuvering of the fleet, the Russian torpedo boat destroyer and was sunk in the fight. Five men were saved."

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Summary of the Russian Naval Losses Sustained at Port Arthur.

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NEW YORK, April 14.—(New York Herald Service—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Of the Russian squadron of battleships and cruisers attached to the Port Arthur station at the outbreak of the war, only one ship of the Russian fleet has escaped injury. This is the battleship Peresvet, one of the class of three ships of which Pobieda, which is reported to have run on a mine on Wednesday, and Oshibida, now in the home waters of the Baltic, were the other two. Each having a displacement of 12,670 tons, Pobieda (Victory) is 410 feet long, has a beam of 71 1/2 feet and draws twenty-six feet of water. It is completed of 232 men and can carry 2,000 tons of coal. Its steel armor belt extends the full length of the ship and varies in thickness from 4 to 9 1/2 inches. Above the armor belt it has 8 inches of side armor and 4-inch armor over its heavy gun positions, with 5-inch armor over the secondary gun positions. Its armament consists of six 10-inch guns, eleven 6-inch guns, sixteen 3-inch guns, ten 1.5-inch guns, and seventeen 1.4-inch guns with six torpedo tubes.

Bayan, which is reported to have been struck and seriously damaged in Wednesday's action, was one of the vessels torpedoed in the second Japanese attack on the Port Arthur fleet February 3 and 4. It is an armored cruiser of 7,800 tons and a speed of twenty-one knots. Beastrashni is one of the nineteen torpedo boat destroyers originally attached to the Port Arthur fleet. It was of the larger size, of 360 tons, and was built in 1889.

Complete losses of Russian war vessels followed:

Petropavlovsk, battleship (35,900), sunk April 13.

Varyag, cruiser (6,500), sunk February 21.

Boyarin, cruiser (4,200), sunk February 11.

Korietz, gunboat (3,200), sunk February 2.

Yonsei, minelayer (1,500), sunk February 2.

Beastrashni, destroyer (550), sunk April 13.

Four other torpedo boats and destroyers have been sunk or completely wrecked.

The Russian fleet, together with the Peresvet, give a total tonnage of 72,848, the loss in the tonnage from the original complement of the fleet of battleships, and cruisers 23,860, leaving an immense preponderance in favor of the Japanese fleet, which at the beginning of the war was estimated to be of little more than equivalent tonnage strength. So far as known, the Japanese fleet consists of six battleships, six armored cruisers and fourteen protected cruisers, with two new cruisers of the type of the Mikuma, which have been inflicted having been made good in the home docks.

NO TRAVERS FROM PORT ARTHUR

Bridge Somewhere on the Line is Reported to Be Out.

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YIN KOW (via Tien Tsin, April 14.)—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The train from Port Arthur did not arrive here yesterday, owing to the destruction of a bridge.

Yin Kow is the port of New Chwang, and the severance of the Port Arthur railway is all the more significant as the Manchurian railway enters the Liao Tung peninsula there is an important bridge over the Liao river, but this is probably well guarded. There are numerous other bridges and culverts along the line running down to Dalny and Port Arthur. In some places the line runs close to the shore, where the Japanese might easily land parties or injure the line with long-distance firing.

Skrydloff Succeeds Makaroff.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 14.—It has been definitely decided that Vice Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Black Sea fleet, will succeed the late Admiral Makaroff as commander of the Russian fleet in the Far East. Orders have been sent to Vice Admiral Skrydloff to come to St. Petersburg for the purpose of receiving instructions, after which he will have immediately for the far east.

Reminiscences Maine Congressman.

PORTLAND, Me., April 14.—Representative Amos I. Allen was renominated today by the republican convention of the First congressional district.

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