

WATER RUNNING THROUGH TUNNEL

President Taft Gives Signal Which Opens Gates and Turns Flow Under Mountain.

WILL RECLAIM 140,000 ACRES

Greatest Project Which the Government Has Undertaken.

MANY EXHIBITS OF BIG FRUIT

Executive Much Pleased with Expense at County Fair.

IRRIGATION LAWS DISCUSSED

Will Ask Congress to Pass Act Which Will Enable Government to Aid in Completing the High Line Project.

MONTROSE, Colo., Sept. 23—President Taft passed the day on the western slope of the Rocky mountains and amid a succession of scenes typical of the great western country.

Late this afternoon Mr. Taft stood on the brink of the deepest irrigation ditch in all the west and far out in the foothills, without a settlement in sight made the electrical connection which started a flow of water through the Gunnison tunnel.

Speech at County Fair. Before traveling out to the west portal of the tunnel on a little narrow-gauge train, the president visited the Montrose county fair and after some formal speech-making in which he and the mayor and the governor and several others participated.

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McCann Found Guilty by Jurors on Graft Charge

Chicago Police Inspector Held to Have Taken Money for His Protection

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Police Inspector Edward McCann, charged with "grafting," was found guilty by a jury which reported Judge Barr's court today.

The chief witness against McCann was Louis Frank, a Russian immigrant, who, although unable to read or write, has accumulated a fortune of several hundred thousand dollars in the west side tenements.

Louis Frank testified that he collected the "protection" money from denizens of the tenements. The first two collections, he stated on the witness stand, were paid to Detective Jeremiah H. Griffin, who he said, acted as agent for McCann.

The rate for "protection" was said to be several dollars a week, each dated a month apart and calling for that sum were exhibited in court. A list of women from whom it was charged "protection" money was regularly collected was shown in court and identified by both Louis and Julius Frank.

McCann's defense was that he had suppressed and regulated vice in his district with so rigorous a hand that conspiracy headed by Louis Frank was formed against him.

The jury went out at 5:25 o'clock last night and reached a verdict at 1:30 this morning. It was sealed and returned in court at the opening of court today.

McCann came to this country from Scotland. He was at first a miner, but twenty years ago joined the Chicago police force as a patrolman. By degrees he advanced until three years ago he was made an inspector and placed in charge of the district west of the river.

Millions Paid in Pensions

Iowa Gets Over Five and a Half Millions and Nebraska Over Two and a Half Millions.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The forthcoming annual report of the commissioner of pensions shows that there were borne upon the pension rolls at the close of the fiscal year, 1908, residing in the states, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, and Wyoming, 55,431 pensioners, who drew \$3,618,227.

The secretary of the interior has denied the motion for a review in the homestead case of John F. Kaper against George Behner, located in the Alliance (Nebr.) land district, on appeal of the former.

Daisy Bailey has been appointed postmaster at Earl, Frontier county, Nebraska, vice L. M. Brockert, resigned.

Rural carriers appointed for Iowa routes: Armstrong, route No. 1, Theodore Miller, carrier. G. R. Christopher, substitute. Fort Madison, route No. 3, John Kohlner, carrier. Theodore Kramer, substitute.

Pennsylvania Wins Contest

Cruiser Makes Best Record in Four Hours' Speed Race Off Honolulu.

HONOLULU, Sept. 23.—With an average speed of 21.8 knots an hour, maintained four hours yesterday off the coast of Maui, the cruiser, Pennsylvania, took first honors in the speed contest with its sister ships of the Pacific fleet, according to official figures made public here today.

The average of the other vessels were: South Dakota, 21.23; West Virginia, 21.32; Washington, 21.25; Tennessee, 21.25; Maryland, 20.28; California, 20.45.

New York Fusionists Name Otto T. Bannard for Mayor

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—With the announcement from the platform that practically all the fusion and independent forces in Greater New York except the Independence league, would work in harmony to elect its candidates in the coming municipal election, the republican city convention in Carnegie hall unanimously nominated Bannard.

For Mayor—Otto T. Bannard, president of the New York Trust company, resident of Manhattan borough.

For Comptroller—William A. Prendergast, for many years president of the Credit Men's National association; resident of Brooklyn.

For President of the Board of Aldermen—John Purroy Mitchell, present commissioner of accounts and an independent democrat; resident of Manhattan.

Mr. Bannard's selection was a surprise, for he had not been included even in the half dozen or more preliminary possibilities. It was not until after the convention had organized at noon and adjourned that a final conference with the fusion forces in the hope of reaching an agreement upon candidates that his name was presented.

Eighty-Five in Federal Net

Big Batch of Indictments by the Federal Grand Jury in Council Bluffs.

MABRAY AT HEAD OF THE LIST Many Noted Criminals Said to Be Included in the Bunch.

SOME ARE WELL KNOWN LOCALLY

One-Half a Million Said to Have Been Secured by Grafters.

LIST OF EIGHTY-FIVE VICTIMS Come from All Parts of the United States, Alaska and the Dominion of Canada—Some Big Pickups.

Charging conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States in violation of section 540 of the federal statutes the federal grand jury yesterday afternoon returned an indictment against J. C. Mabray, alleged head of the gang of "big store" swindlers, and over eighty-four other defendants said to have been implicated in the wholesale fleecing of "Mikes" from all parts of the country.

In the list of co-defendants with Mabray are Benjamin Marky of Council Bluffs, John R. Dobbin, alleged "steerer" for the gang in the case of T. W. Ballew, the banker of Princeton, Mo., who went up against a fake horse race and dropped \$30,000; and James Griffin of Council Bluffs, who is said to have been employed by the gang as one of the jockeys in the fake horse race.

The identity of the other defendants was not disclosed and will not be until they are arrested by the government officers.

Wednesday night and even Thursday morning there were persistent rumors to the effect that the list of indicted would include several local city and county officials and local bankers. Colonel M. L. Temple, district prosecuting attorney, stated, however, that the grand jury had made its report that no officials or bankers were included in the indictment.

No bench warrants were issued yesterday under the indictment, but they will be, it is understood, today. Ben Marks, who has been seriously ill for several weeks following a severe operation which he underwent at a local hospital, is at his home on View street and his attorney will, it was stated last night, have a bond ready for him this morning.

The amount of the bond under the indictment was not determined by Judge McPherson yesterday.

John R. Dobbin, who was recently released on bond in the sum of \$4,000 from the county jail where he had been since being brought back from New York, is said to be in the city and will probably be taken into custody today.

James Griffin, it was stated yesterday by Post Office Inspector Swenson, had been subpoenaed as a witness before the federal grand jury, but failed to appear and is said to have left the city.

Amounts Not Mentioned. Although specific amounts are not mentioned in the indictment, it is authoritatively stated that the amounts lost by the alleged victims of Mabray and others named, will exceed \$500,000. The sums lost run from \$5,000 to \$20,000, the latter sum having been placed on a fake horse race, according to the evidence at hand, by a Missouri banker. The list of names of victims given in the indictment includes men of prominence in all parts of the country and there is set forth in the specific charges a number of letters of an incriminating character, which give a touch of sensationalism to the document. Victims in eighteen states, the territory of Alaska and the Dominion of Canada are named, indicating the wide range of territory over which Mabray and his associates are alleged to have piloted their vocation.

As a basis of operation, they used, according to the indictment, the cities of Council Bluffs, Des Moines and Burlington, Ia.; St. Louis, Little Rock, Seattle, Denver and New Orleans, to which places, it is alleged, victims were taken by the numerous "steerers."

Some Sensational Letters. In setting out the specific instances in which violations of the postal laws are charged the indictment includes copies of many sensational letters alleged to have been exchanged between Mabray and his associates, which refer to alleged "deals" and name various sums of money as having changed hands as a result of the operations of those mentioned in the indictment. One of these letters is dated December 1, 1908, and is addressed to a "Friend John," who, it is alleged, is Mabray himself, to go to New York City, declaring "I have a town right across the river from New York in Jersey, a sweet little town."

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Reminiscent



From the Washington Herald.

Hundred Die in Hurricane

Relief Parties Explore Devastated Section Along Gulf.

TRAFFIC IS STILL HANDICAPPED Many Miles of Track and Wire Are Yet to Be Replaced and Many Bridges Must Be Rebuilt.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 23.—Those engaged in the work of rescue and repair, made necessary by the West Indian hurricane, which swept Louisiana and Mississippi last Monday have found their task a far more colossal one than they expected. Practically all of the isolated country sections of the storm-swept area have now been explored, but until definite reports have been received from relief parties it will not be possible to form anything like an accurate list of the dead and injured.

A conservative estimate tonight of the number of people who lost their lives as a result of the hurricane places the total at 100.

In spite of the work of thousands of men brought in by the railroad, telegraph and telephone companies, New Orleans and many other smaller cities in Louisiana and Mississippi are still seriously handicapped in the way of communication with the outside world.

Many miles of track, trestles and bridges are yet to be replaced by the Louisville & Nashville railroad and at the present time their depot at the foot of Canal street has the appearance of a deserted village. The trains of this road are being sent out over the Queen & Crescent route.

The main line of the Illinois Central railroad is still blocked, an eight-mile section of the track and roadbed were washed out at Manchac. Sections of the rails and ties were carried clear out of the right-of-way by the rushing waters and it will be several days before through traffic is resumed over the main line. The trains are now being detoured over the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley road.

The other railroads have succeeded in clearing their tracks and traffic has been resumed.

General Reyes to Leave Mexico

Offers His Fine Residence for Sale and Resigns High Social Position.

MONTEREY, Mex., Sept. 23.—It is reported here that General Bernardo Reyes, governor of this state, is about to leave Mexico. He has offered for sale his residence for \$200,000 and has resigned the presidency of the local casino, the highest social position in the state. It is not believed, however, that he will leave the state until after the elections, as he is said to seek the election of a lieutenant as governor. It is believed that he will go to Europe.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 23.—It develops today that there was no plot connected with the finding of a supposed bomb in Juarez, Mex., last night. The "bomb" proves to be a small pepper box three inches long and containing a substance like paraffine poured over the top. The police have arrested an American tramp, who had been sleeping on the premises of Senor Arguelles and who had been ordered away. The tramp had made threats that Arguelles would be killed by the "bomb" today and found it harmless.

The fusion election is centered in a non-partisan committee of 100, a sub-committee which has been trying for the last week to agree on candidates. The Independence league delegate withdrew from the conference yesterday because the league would not be a party to "bargaining for offices," as the dissenting delegate expressed it. But notwithstanding the Independence league's defection and some minor friction among the fusionists, the republican leaders say that the alliance in opposition to Tammany is still formidable.

Mr. Bannard, the republican choice for mayor, is a bachelor, 45 years old. He was born in Brooklyn and graduated from Yale in the class of 1875. In addition to his presidency of the New York Trust company he is a director or trustee of a large number of other financial institutions. He was formerly commissioner of the Board of Education of New York City. As treasurer of the republican county committee he has taken an active part in county politics.

Please bring your Sunday Want-Ads in as early as possible Saturday.

They are received for Sunday as late as 5:30 p. m. Saturday, but it is best to get them in early to insure proper classification.

If you cannot come down town use the telephone.

Call Douglas 238 and ask for the Want-Ad Department.

Kruttschnitt Testifies in Rate Hearing

Director of Harriman Lines Tells of Valuation of Roads—Commissioner Presents Data.

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 23.—The Salt Lake Commercial club and the railroad companies operating in Utah had an evening today before the Interstate Commerce commission in the hearing regarding alleged discriminatory rates.

The railroad representatives had on the stand Julius Kruttschnitt, director of operation and maintenance of way of the Harriman system. His testimony was entirely in relation to figures presented by Judge F. E. Dillard, counsel for the Harriman roads, and touched upon the valuation of the several lines included in the system.

S. H. Babcock, on behalf of the traffic bureau of the commercial club, presented data containing comparative statements of the rates complained of by the traffic bureau.

Automobile Fails, Killing Two Women

Joy Riding at Seattle Has Fatal Result When Car Jumps Off Bridge.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 23.—Two women were killed, another was fatally hurt and three men and a woman were seriously injured in the accident at Fourth and Waller streets here early today when an automobile went through a trestle.

The dead: MISS WINNIE FRASER, aged 21, a waitress.

MISS JESSIE MABEL JOHNSON, telephone operator.

The injured: Miss Goldie Porter, clerk in department store, burned and injured internally; dying at hospital.

F. E. Lindsay, a driver, hurt internally; at hospital.

Christine Anderson, waitress, broken arm and ankle.

Thomas Finch, a chauffeur, leg broken.

The motor car containing eight persons fell from a trestle at Fourth and Waller streets early today. When the car struck the trestle flats, twenty-five feet below, the gasoline tank exploded and flames shot up thirty feet. A fire engine was called and the firemen dragged a woman from under the blazing machine. The chauffeur, Henry Hieser, who had been twice arrested for reckless driving, was taken to the city jail. Only he escaped unhurt.

The party had been out all night "joy-riding" and visiting various places of entertainment. At Fourth and Waller streets a sharp turn is made in the trestle, but the machine ran straight ahead and crashed through the wooden railing.

New American Aviator. LUCERNE, Switzerland, Sept. 23.—A new American aviator, Dan Hurlbut, has made several successful airplane flights here lately. His machine differs from existing aeroplanes inasmuch as it travels lengthwise through the air and has two propellers, one in front and another behind.

Night Keeps Police Busy

Many Minor Riots and Disturbances Mark the Evening.

CAR TRACKS BLOCKED BY CROWDS Obstructions Placed on Rails and Missiles Thrown at Cars Result in Many Arrests, but No Serious Injuries.

Rioting, in connection with the street car strike, continued last night, but the work of the mobs was not as serious as on previous occasions and consisted mostly of stoning the cars and exciting the crowds into a frenzy.

The crew on a car destined to the barn at Twenty-fourth and Vinton street became frightened about 6:30 o'clock and deserted the car at Thirteenth and Dodge streets. They went to the police station and asked for protection. An officer went with them. He boarded the car and accompanied them to the barn.

Dollie Snyder of 115 North Sixteenth street, was arrested by Patrolman Eagen on the charge of trying to dynamite a car on Seventeenth near Nicholas street. The police patrolled Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets in an automobile from Nicholas on Sixteenth to Locust street. Crowds of people gathered at frequent intervals, but made no demonstration except to stone the street cars. It was during this time that Dollie Snyder attempted to place an explosive on the track. She was discovered and the explosive removed before any of the cars struck it. The police received a report that a car was being stoned in the vicinity of Stora brewery. They went out to the scene, but did not find anything.

The police then followed three cars toward the Ames avenue barn to protect them in case it was necessary, but had no trouble.

Tracks Blocked.—A switch on the corner of Sixteenth and Locust was blocked with a piece of wood and a car was shunted east around the curve while going at full speed and almost turned over. A box car was pushed across the Sherman avenue line at Seventeenth and 14th street, but all cars had passed that point and trouble resulted.

A large number of rails, ties, switches and other parts of track building was put across the track on Thirteenth street in the vicinity of Pierce street. A crowd of more than 1,000 people gathered to watch developments, but the blockade was discovered. The police went out to guard the men removing the stuff, but the blockade was piled on the track again immediately after the police and workmen left the scene. A work car was blocked at this point about one and one-half hours. One or two arrests were made in this vicinity. A special officer was struck in the head with a brick in this vicinity.

A special guard of officers were on duty at the barn on Twenty-fourth and Vinton streets, but no rioting took place. Bricks and other missiles were thrown at the cars as they were being run into the barn and one street car is reported to have been hit in the head with a brick. The street car men were guarded by the officers, but were not given an opportunity to retaliate.

Many Arrests Made. Street cars, special officers and police automobiles were stoned by the mobs on Vinton street between Sixteenth and Twentieth streets on numerous occasions. Special Officer Jim Kennedy was hit in the face with a brick and received an ugly, but (Continued on Second Page.)

Fifteen Thousand in Parade. "We are going to put 15,000 laboring men from Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs on the street in a parade, probably Sunday," said President Ford of the Central Labor body, "to show the company that the laboring men are behind the boys.

Both sides profess to be entirely satisfied with conditions. Union officials deny there are any desertions, but street car officials say men are returning to work every day, a dozen, they say, having returned Thursday.

A delegation of strikers headed by M. J. Kinney, vice president of the union, called on Mayor Dahlman and protested against strike breakers being allowed to carry firearms. Mayor Dahlman discussed the matter with the men and at the close of the conference announced he would instruct the chief of police to discharge the strikers where it was known they carried arms. "No one has a right to carry firearms,"

Wattles Urged to Arbitrate

Chief Executives of Five Cities and Street Railway President Confer on Strike.

HOPE TO DO SOME GOOD Will Meet Again This Morning and Go Over the Situation.

PRATT SUBMITS A PROPOSAL Strike Leader Offers to Arbitrate with the Company.

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Efforts to induce the officials of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company to accept the offer of its employees to arbitrate the differences involved in the present strike, it is believed, were made by a meeting of the mayors of Omaha, South Omaha, Council Bluffs, Benson and Florence yesterday.

Whether or not the attempt to secure this settlement of the trouble will be successful or not will be learned late this forenoon, when President G. W. Wattles of the company, who was with the mayors over an hour, meets them again. Mr. Wattles promised to take up the suggestions of the chief executives this morning with his board of directors and discuss the proposal with them.

No one in the conference would say at the close what suggestions for the settlement of the strike the mayors had made, but as the strikers submitted written proposals for arbitration it is believed the officials asked Mr. Wattles to use his influence with the board of directors to get them to accept the offer and summarize end the strike.

The conference was held in Mayor Dahlman's private office and present besides Mayor Dahlman were Mayor Thomas Mahoney of Council Bluffs, Mayor Frank Koutschy of South Omaha, Mayor Charles A. Tracy of Benson and Mayor F. S. Tucker of Florence.

The chief executives went into the private office about 10:20 o'clock with a written proposal for arbitration signed by C. O. Pratt, representing the street car men, in his possession. The letter was accompanied by a copy of the original proposed agreement submitted by the employees before the strike. The strikers proposed to submit all of these to arbitration and promised immediately to restore full service as soon as arbitration was agreed upon with the understanding that every employe who has been involved in the controversy shall be reinstated in his former position without prejudice.

Call Wattles Later. The mayors went over the propositions and discussed them alone for over an hour. At 11:46 President Wattles was called in and he remained closeted with the officials for an hour and a quarter. When he emerged from the room he declined to make any statement of the matter, saying Mayor Dahlman would give out whatever there was to be made public.

"We talked the matter over with Mr. Wattles," said Mayor Dahlman, by way of a statement, "and he made a number of suggestions to him. It is going to meet with his board of directors tomorrow at 10 o'clock and will submit our suggestions to the board. At 11 o'clock we will hold another meeting and then we can tell whether or not our conference has borne fruit."

Mayor Dahlman declined to make public what the suggestions of the mayors were, saying it had been agreed that nothing be said until after the Friday morning meeting.

"Do you think there is a likelihood of a settlement?" he was asked. "We cannot tell, but we hope something will come out of it," was his answer.

Text of Pratt's Letter. Mr. Pratt is followed by the Honorable Mayors of Omaha, South Omaha, Council Bluffs, Florence and Benson—Gentlemen: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your original proposed agreement that was submitted by the employees to the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company. The reasonableness of this request will be appreciated by all persons who deal with the conditions of street and electric railway employment.

As an evidence of good faith upon our part we stand ready to submit these propositions to an impartial board of arbitration for their decision. I am sorry that the strike has been necessary, and I am sure that the company will be glad to restore the service of the company with the understanding that every employe who has been involved in this controversy shall be immediately reinstated in his former position with the company without prejudice.

Thinking you for any efforts that may be put forth to the end that an amicable adjustment may be reached, and pledging our co-operation along all honorable lines, we beg to remain, most sincerely yours, C. O. Pratt, their representative.

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