

WILL REFUSE TO BE THE "GOAT"

Superintendent for Sugar Company Will Go on Stand and Tell Whole Story.

HE SAYS HE OBEYED ORDERS

Men Higher Up Responsible for the Corruption.

PAYMENTS TO CUSTOMERS

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DEAL WITH SUGAR

Men in Service of Corporation Paid \$3 a Week to Be Crooked

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—James F. Bendoragel declines to be made the "goat" by the American Sugar Refining company...

This development is one of the many legal phases involving the corporation now under federal fire...

"Mr. Bendoragel is my client. He will not be the 'goat' in this case. He was an employee, and what he did he did under orders."

"The idea that has gone forth that the sugar trust is putting up for his defense is wrong. The company is not contributing a cent for it."

"The evidence which brought this turn in the case was given by Andrew J. Mallen, who up to now, was employed in the cashier's office of the Havermeyer & Elder refinery in Williamsburg, Bendoragel, he said, was in charge of the office."

"Did you ever see Bendoragel pay cash to men in the uniform of the custom house, who came to his office?"

"Yes," was the answer. "What form was this money in?"

"It was in banknotes taken from the safe in the office. I never saw vouchers for it nor heard of any," Mallen replied.

Mallen testified further that John R. Coyle, Edward A. Boyle, Pat K. Hennessy and Jean Colker, weighers and checkers, among the men accused, were paid in envelopes marked "cash" each week.

The government sought to show that this unexplained increase in salary was a reward for manipulating the scales to show false weights on sugar.

WM. SEGELKE IS FOUND DEAD

Resident of Omaha for More Than Forty Years Expires Suddenly from Heart Failure.

William Segelke, for forty years a resident of Omaha, was found dead at his home Tuesday afternoon of heart failure.

Mr. Segelke, who was 63 years of age, was at his office until Tuesday noon. He went home for lunch, and, as was his custom, lay down for a short nap.

Mr. Segelke was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to Omaha more than forty years ago. He has been president of the Omaha Bottling company, formerly Perry & Segelke, and was active in its affairs to the last.

Mr. Segelke was married to Mrs. Howard Goulding. The local lodge of Elks will have charge of the funeral.

SEEKING TIP ON VIADUCTS

Des Moines Delegation Here to Learn How Omaha Put Them Up.

City Attorney Burnham is holding a conference with a delegation from Des Moines, composed of seven leading citizens of that Iowa capital. They are here for the purpose of ascertaining the procedure followed in Omaha in the building of public viaducts.

The delegation arrived in Omaha late Monday evening and appeared at the city hall bright and early Tuesday morning.

EIGHTY HOURS IN OPEN BOAT

Men Left in Caribbean Sea Have Not Been Heard From.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—A drift in the Caribbean sea for more than eighty hours, the five men who were lost Friday night in the whale boat of the gunboat Marietta, now at Port Linton, Costa Rica, still are unaccounted for.

Sick Insurance to Be Extended in Germany

Government Prepares Measures to Protect Working Classes and for Dependent Relatives.

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Elastic Currency that Would be Popular

CORN IS UNCHALLENGED KING

Takes Place at Head of Battalions of Great Crops.

COTTON SECOND, WHEAT THIRD

Secretary Wilson's Annual Report is a Long Row of Figures Setting Forth Amazement of Farmers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Most prosperous of all years in the place to which 1909 is entitled in agriculture, declares the secretary of agriculture in his thirteenth annual report, made public today.

The value of farm products is so incomprehensibly large that it has become merely a row of figures. For this year it is \$5,750,000,000, a gain of \$589,000,000 over 1908.

The report says: "Beginning with a production of \$4,475,000,000 and ending with \$5,750,000,000, a sum of \$770,000,000 for the period; it has paid off mortgages, it has established banks, it has made better homes, it has helped to make the farmer a citizen of the world, and it has provided him with means for improving his soil and making it more productive."

The most striking fact in the world's agriculture is the value of the corn crop for 1909, which is about \$1,720,000,000, nearly equal to the value of the clothing and personal adornment of 76,000,000 people according to the census of 1900.

The gold and silver coin and bullion of the United States are not of greater value. It has grown up from the soil and out of the air in 120 days—\$15,000,000 a day for one crop, nearly enough for two draughts daily for peace or war.

This crop exceeds in value the average of the crops of the five preceding years by 26 per cent.

Cotton Second, Wheat Third. Cotton is now the second crop in value, and this year's cotton crop is easily the most valuable one to the farmer that has been produced.

With cotton first selling at 12 1/2 cents on the farm November 1 and with cotton seed selling for about \$2 per bushel, the lint and seed of this crop are worth about \$50,000,000 to the farmer.

No cotton crop since 1873 has been sold by farmers for as high a price per pound as this one.

Third in value is wheat, worth about \$75,000,000 on the farm, and this largely exceeds all previous values. The November farm price was almost an even dollar a bushel, a price which has not been equaled since 1881.

This is the third wheat crop in point of size, with 735,000,000 bushels.

The hay crop is valued at \$66,000,000, oats at \$40,000,000, potatoes at \$22,000,000 and tobacco at nearly \$10,000,000.

Beet and cane sugar and molasses and syrup, from farm and factory, will reach the total of about \$25,000,000. The barley crop is worth \$25,000,000.

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Eight Men Are Caught in Mine: Probably Alive

Mine Takes Fire, but Flames Are Brought Under Control—Rescue Party Working.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 30.—Eight men were imprisoned by a cave-in and fire today in one of the copper mines of the Tennessee Copper company at Copper Hill, Tenn.

East Cleveland police paraphernalia were sent from here by special train. The fire is under control and the imprisoned men are thought to be alive.

Plan to Kill John D. Rockefeller

Plot Tipped Off to Police and They Guard Residence All Night.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 30.—Acting upon information given by a man who said he overheard a conversation in which plans to assassinate John D. Rockefeller were discussed, East Cleveland police guarded Forest Hill, the oil magnate's home, all night.

Their information was given by Sawyer Smith of Minerva, O., who claims to have heard the plot being discussed by two men at Alliance, O., Sunday night.

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STRIKE NOT LIKELY HERE

Omaha Switchmen Mostly Belong to Different Organization.

TROUBLE WOULD HAVE TO SPREAD

Men Going Out Members of Switchmen's Union and Not Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Omaha will suffer no immediate effect from the strike order issued by the Switchmen's Union of America.

Local railroad officials and trainmen have, nevertheless, watched with keen interest the deliberations of the switchmen's representatives and managers of the western roads who have been in session at St. Paul.

A. L. Mohler, vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific railroad, represented the Harriman interests in the local railroad yards, most of them are members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and are in no manner affiliated with the Switchmen's union.

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Roosevelt Sees Natives Kill Lions

Ex-President Witnesses Execution by Spear Work—Delighted by Success of Hunt.

LONDONIA, British East Africa, Nov. 30.—Colonel Roosevelt, Kermit Roosevelt, Edmund Heller and Leslie A. Tarleton, arrived here today from Guas Inghisu plateau. All are in splendid health.

Colonel Roosevelt expressed himself as delighted at again meeting R. J. Cunningham and members of the American party who awaited him here.

The opening of the Reichstag today was as brilliant as usual. The members assembled in the White hall of the palace, those not having the right to wear uniforms appearing in evening dress.

Among the sights witnessed was a display of lion killing with spears by Mandi warriors. The exhibition was a thrilling one.

This evening the party will proceed to Njoro, where they will be the guests of Lord Dolansere on the latter's ranch until December 12, when they will proceed to Nairobi.

Many Bodies Washed Ashore

Fierce Storm Sweeps Japan and Vessels Are Reported Wrecked on Coast.

TOKIO, Nov. 30.—A fierce storm swept over the vicinity of Shimonoeki yesterday and last night. The Kisagata Maru, a Japanese vessel of 2,375 tons, foundered, and it is feared that all on board were lost.

Twenty-five bodies have been washed ashore. Many fishing boats are also believed to have been wrecked.

The pier and embankments at Shimonoeki have been badly damaged by the high seas.

DAIREN, Manchuria, Nov. 30.—A storm has raged over Korea bay since Sunday. The Japanese vessel Jinsen Maru, foundered off Yongsong, Korea, at the mouth of the Yalu river. Reports of other wrecks are reported.

No New Trial for Inspector McCann

Chicago Officer Found Guilty of Receiving Bribes Will Appeal Case.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Police Inspector Edward McCann, recently found guilty in the criminal court of accepting money from improper persons in his police district for alleged protection purposes, was today denied a new trial by Judge A. C. Barnes.

Sentence on the verdict of guilty, which carries with it a penitentiary sentence under the indeterminate sentence act, will probably be pronounced next Thursday. It is announced an appeal will be taken.

EAGAN AT COOK HEARING

Reactor Torp Invites American Minister to Attend North Pole Investigation.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 30.—Reactor Torp of the University of Copenhagen today extended an invitation to Dr. Maurice F. Egan, United States minister to Denmark, to be present when the North polar records of Dr. Cook are examined.

The Cook records are expected to arrive here about December 6.

"FRY" FOR CHADRON CREEK

Senator Burkett Secures Promise that Fish Commissioner Will Distribute Some in Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Burkett has been a consistent and untiring advocate of the establishment of a fish cultural station at Gretna.

Thus far he has failed to secure an appropriation, but nevertheless the dispirited looking trout in streams in Dawes county next spring. Mr. Burkett was today advised by the United States fish commissioner that he had arranged for the deposit of 100,000 rainbow trout in Chadron creek.

These trout "fry" will be deposited in Chadron creek this fall, and should be large enough to rise to the alluring "fry" by midsummer of next year.

OMAHA GETS CREDENTIALS

John H. Brooks Admitted to Practice Before the Interior Department.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—John H. Brooks of Omaha, Frank P. Betty of Davenport, Ia., and James H. Burgess and Charles A. Kitcher of Sheridan, Wyo., have been admitted to practice before the Interior department.

Acts on Judge's Advice to Fight and Then Gets Fined

Two men faced the judge in the police court at Council Bluffs. Sam Martin had been taken in tow on a charge of "drunkenness and disorder" and Bill Martin had been arrested on a charge of "disorder and drunkenness."

Police Judge S. B. Snyder gave Dunn five days and from Martin he demanded \$5. Thereby hangs a tale.

The men were arrested in the evening for engaging in a three-round bout in which the Marquis of Queensbury rules were not followed.

A few hours prior to the exhibition Martin approached Judge Snyder with a lengthy list of woes.

"What would you do, Judge?" he asked. "If a man took \$5 from you."

Evidently taking the judge's advice as permission to disturb the quietness of the community, Martin hunted up his foe, and then the trouble began.

Both Martin and Dunn are expressmen and are husky men. "Biff," went Martin's trusty right. Then it went "bang" and back to "biff" again.

When he got through it is said Dunn had taken the count.

Then the police came. Judge Snyder was clearly in the clouds when he saw Martin and Dunn in court.

The former claimed he was advised by the judge to beat up his adversary and he simply followed instructions. The judge insists that both men are guilty of breach of law as he accuses both of disorderly conduct and drunkenness.

A new heading on the first Want-ad page—"Christmas Hints."

This classification will run from now until Christmas. Shoppers will find it most useful, as all sorts of pretty and useful Christmas presents are advertised. Look this column over; it will help you solve your Christmas problems.

Have you read the want ads yet today?

HOWELL DRUG CO. HERZOG TAILORING CO. THE SKIRT STORE. GOODYEAR RAINCOAT CO. MILLER, STEWART & BEATON. BLATON DRUG CO. ORKIN BROS.

SWITCHMEN GO ON STRIKE

Twenty-Three Hundred Men Employed on Northwestern Roads Quit Work Last Night.

STATEMENTS FROM BOTH SIDES

Men Demand Advance of Six Cents an Hour and Other Concessions.

MANAGERS OFFER TWO CENTS

Charge Made that Employees Refused to Arbitrate Differences.

STRIKE BEGINS AT SIX O'CLOCK

President Hawley Says Men Demand Only What is Right and Reasonable—Inconvenience to Public—Will Tie Up Traffic.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 30.—After fifteen days of negotiating between the Switchmen's Union of North America and the joint committee of railroad managers representing thirteen railroads of the northwest, a strike involving 2,300 switchmen became effective at 6 o'clock tonight.

The men are employed by the various railroads running west and north of St. Paul from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast and unless speedily settled will mean a serious interruption to traffic.

The first effect of the strike was a sharp bulge in the price of wheat in the Chicago grain market late today.

As the roads entering the Twin Cities and Duluth and Superior are largely grain carriers from the west the prospect of a long interruption to this traffic will mean something.

Statement for Railroads. Tonight both sides to the dispute issued statements. The railroad managers' committee issued the following, addressed to the public:

"The railroads of the northwest, recognizing that the public is an interested but unrepresented third party in the controversy with their switchmen, through the committee which has been conducting their negotiations, desire to place at the disposal of the public the following facts in connection with the negotiations:

"The switchmen in the northwest territory made simultaneous demands on thirteen railroads for an increase in wages and certain changes in service conditions. At the suggestion of F. T. Hawley, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, the organization of which the switchmen of the northwest are members, arrangements were made to conduct their negotiations in one conference.

In the conference the railroads were represented by a committee of ten managers and the switchmen by F. T. Hawley and other officers of the Switchmen's Union of North America.

The demands of the switchmen were for double pay for holidays, six days and overtime; an advance of 80 cents at the rate of ten hours in the wages of switchmen, switch tenders, towmen, engine herders and assistant yardmasters; modification of the rule providing for the payment of penalty in case of failure to permit switchmen to secure their meal in the middle of their shift at a stated period, which contemplates double pay in cases where it became necessary to work a portion of the meal hour, and the elimination of the physical examination and age limit placed upon switchmen entering the service.

Five conferences were held in St. Paul in which the switchmen in no detail related from their demands, which, if conceded, would have entailed an additional expense upon the railroads for switching service of from 40 to 45 per cent.

Offer of Companies. The managers' committee offered the switchmen an increase of 20 cents per day of ten hours in the rates of pay of switchmen employed in the territory west of Havre, Mont., on the Great Northern railway, and west of Billings, Mont., on the Northern Pacific railway; the differential in that territory for switchmen having obtained for about two years.

Further concession was declined for the reason that the rates of pay of switchmen were increased over 18 per cent in November, 1909, and because the rates at that time established had not been reduced during the period of business depression which followed.

The attention of the switchmen was called to the fact that in 1908 the switchmen were granted a larger percentage of increase than any other class of employees in train service. At the present rates the wages of the switchmen average over \$100 per month.

On November 23, 1909, in submitting its final answer to the switchmen, the managers' committee assuming that the switchmen desired in the strike for an amicable adjustment of the questions under consideration, suggested that the demands be submitted to arbitration under the provisions of the Erdman act. The switchmen declined to accept this suggestion, and in their final written answer to the managers' committee made the statement that the committee begs leave to state that it will not submit to arbitration under any circumstances."

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