

MILES MAY FACE PERJURY CHARGE

Testimony of Former Armour Manager Being Compared with What He Told Grand Jury.

COURT MAY BE ASKED TO ACT

Three Others Who Were Before Grand Jury Will Be Called.

MANY PAPERS IN EVIDENCE

Witness Goes Over Them; Refuses to Make Damaging Admissions.

SAYS COMPETITION WAS REAL

Miles insists that Only Purpose of Pool Was to Prevent Flooding Local Markets with Perishable Meats.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Witnesses for the government in the trial of the Chicago packers, charged with criminal violation of the Sherman law, if their testimony on the witness stand is in variance on material points with that given by them before the federal grand jury may themselves face an inquiry.

William D. Miles, former manager of the Armour Packing company at Kansas City, who was called by the government and whose answers to certain questions have been unsatisfactory to the prosecution, testified against the packers before two federal grand juries.

At least three other former officers and employees of packing firms who testified before the grand jury will be called as witnesses in the trial tomorrow.

It was reported today that counsel for the government would make a careful comparison of Mr. Miles' testimony in the trial with the statements he made before the grand jury and that if any important discrepancies are discovered the prosecution may ask Judge Carpenter to act in the matter.

Many Documents in Evidence.

A mass of documentary evidence consisting of circulars, letters and statistics bearing on the alleged agreements of the packers and the summary statements of total shipments, average price received and the margin of profits earned based on the uniform test cost, alleged to have been sent out by agents of the defendants, were read to the jury today in the trial of the ten Chicago packers.

Most of the documents were identified by witness William D. Miles, former manager of the Armour Packing company at Kansas City, Mo., and their contents examined by him.

The witness was even more deliberate in answering questions than he was yesterday. He weighed each question with great care and spoke slowly in making his answers. Special Counsel Sheehan for the government labored hard in an effort to induce the witness to make damaging admissions against the packers, but without success.

Mr. Miles reiterated his declaration that the sole object of the old packers' pool was to control shipments with a view of preventing the glutting of the market with fresh meat. He added that the use of a uniform test cost was absolutely necessary because of the peculiar character of the fresh meat business and insisted that there always had been real competition between members of the combination in every market in the country.

Percentages Frequently Changed. Mr. Miles said the statements had been mailed to him as manager of the Armour Packing company of Kansas City from the packers' combination offices in the Coughlin building, Chicago. The witness said that the percentage basis used in figuring the margin was frequently changed as the volume of business done by the combine fluctuated.

"Do you know of instances where several members of the combination were shipping to the same point, that the members agreed either to increase or decrease the volume of shipments?" asked Attorney Sheehan.

"Yes, I remember one case. Armour had a cooling house at Hazleton, Pa., and agreed to limit shipments to that point to prevent flooding that market."

Mr. Miles was shown a copy of an unsigned letter addressed to C. W. Armour of the Armour Packing company at Kansas City which he said he had seen before. He, however, was unable to explain all the figures in regard to the shipments, but said he believed it had

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COLD WAVE WILL CONTINUE

From Mountains to Lakes Sky is Clear and Mercury Low.

NEBRASKA TEMPERATURES LOW

Railroad Reports Show Twenty-Six Degrees Below in Some Parts of States of Iowa and Minnesota.

Relief from the cold wave that has held the central and the intermountain country within its grip for almost a week is not in sight.

Reports received by the railroads are that from the mountains to the lakes the weather is clear and calm, with temperatures ranging from 25 above to 20 degrees below zero. Denver holds the distinction of having the balmiest weather, with 20 above and Gray Hall, Wyo., the coldest, with 20 degrees below.

Throughout Nebraska the temperatures range from 12 degrees above to 12 below zero, the lowest being reported at Long Pine. Most Nebraska points reported from zero to 10 below.

Iowa and Minnesota advices to the railroad offices showed temperatures down to 25 degrees below zero in these states.

Kansas Towns Cry for Aid. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 4.—With the damage attributable to cold in western Kansas already at a high figure reports to the local United States weather bureau today showed a still further drop there since yesterday. At Dodge City the mercury stood at 4 below. The longest period of cold and deep snow known in many years has, according to reports, caused great loss of live stock, frozen or starved to death on the ranges.

West of Great Bend train service on branch lines has been completely blocked for more than a week, and isolated towns are crying for aid. Difficulty has been expressed in keeping the through railway lines open to traffic. Supplies among the farmers are reported still plentiful, but is liable to give out if the snow remains much longer. A force of 300 men is working day and night in an effort to rescue a stranded freight train and open the branch line to traffic.

Four Men Freeze to Death.

NESS CITY, Kan., Jan. 4.—The mournful howling of a dog led to the discovery near this city today of the body of E. Taylor, a farmer, who had fallen from his wagon on the way to market and frozen to death by the roadside.

Taylor's team was found by farmers yesterday wandering about the country. A searching party was organized. They had traveled over miles of drifted country roads when they came upon Taylor's dog slithering beside the snow-covered body of his master.

Taylor left a widow and five small children. At least four persons are known to have frozen to death in this section of western Kansas since the heavy snow and cold wave came a week ago.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 4.—The steamer Easton will again leave for a trip as soon as it can load the trip to end at Grand Portage. The settlers and residents of that community are depending on the boat to bring them supplies to last them until spring. Provisions there are almost exhausted.

The Easton arrived at the Duluth docks yesterday after traveling the 210 miles between Port Arthur and this city in weather ranging from 20 to 30 degrees below zero. It was heavily coated with ice. Getting into Grand Portage the vessel had to break six-inch ice for miles.

Atchison Schools Closed. ATCHISON, Kan., Jan. 4.—All the schools in this city were closed today because they could not be heated with the low gas pressure. The schools of Kansas, which supply a number of smaller cities as well as Kansas City, are said to have run short on account of the increased demand. The charge is made by smaller towns that the gas supply is diverted for the use of the Kansas City consumers.

J. W. Waggener, superintendent of the local gas company, announced today that he will bring suit in the federal court to enjoin the Kansas Natural Gas company from shutting off the Atchison supply in favor of city consumers.

Western Brewers' Shipping Combine is Dissolved

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 4.—The Journal today says that the Western Brewers' Shipping association, one of the largest trade organizations in the United States, has been dissolved because of some of its members that it was in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The association comprised leading breweries of Milwaukee, Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha, Cincinnati, Minneapolis and at one time Rochester, N. Y.

The combined working capital of the Western Brewers' Shipping association was \$250,000. The association's representatives met in Chicago once a week.

Waiting for the Man

LEAP YEAR 1912



PLOTTNER ENDS OWN LIFE

Dakotan Accused in Sensational Case Takes Laudanum.

Man and Woman, After Fleeing from Home in Mitchell, Were Arrested in Omaha and Taken Back for Trial.

WOONSOCKET, S. D., Jan. 4.—The case against ex-Sheriff Plottner of Mitchell, accused of illegal relations with Mrs. Kate Quinn of Mitchell, which was being tried in Woonsocket, came to a tragic end this afternoon when the dead body of Plottner was found in a half north of the city. Investigation showed he had committed suicide by taking laudanum.

Plottner had been missing since last night at 8 o'clock, and when court was called this morning he failed to put in an appearance. When court convened this afternoon Judge Jones dismissed the jury and declared the bond forfeited under which Plottner had had his liberty throughout the trial.

It is believed Plottner thought he would be convicted and preferred death to a possible jail sentence.

The death of Plottner marks the third suicide which has arisen out of the case. Two years ago, goaded by the intimacy between his wife and Plottner, who was then sheriff of Davison county, Albert Quinn drank carbolic acid in the yard of his home.

Last summer, following a series of troublous events in the Plottner household as the result of the infatuation of the father for Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Plottner ended her life. It was immediately after her death that Plottner and the woman left Mitchell and were subsequently arrested in Omaha.

The sudden ending of the case against Plottner by his suicide leaves of the four interested people the woman in the case. It is said the aged father of Plottner, who is now living in Mason City, Ia., has lost most of his once ample fortune through the trouble of his son.

Mine Telephone Saves Lives of Shot Firers

PITTSBURG, Kan., Jan. 4.—A mine telephone, required by a state law recently passed in Kansas, probably saved the lives of J. K. Keeran and William Martin, shot firers, employed in a mine near this city today. The men were cut off from the entry shaft by a gas explosion. They telephoned their location to the top. A rescue party found them both unconscious, almost suffocated. They were carried to the top and revived.

BIDS FOR TWO BIG BATTLESHIPS OPENED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Bids for the construction of the two 27,000-ton battleships, Oklahoma and Nevada, were opened here today. The lowest proposals were from the New York Ship Building company of Camden, N. J., at \$5,250,000 for one ship and the Fore River Ship Building company of Quincy, Mass., at \$5,350,000 per ship.

The new vessels will have a displacement of approximately 27,000 tons and will carry the most powerful main batteries ever put afloat. Four turrets will house ten fourteen-inch rifles, three of the big guns going into each of the two turrets. The main armor belts will be fourteen inches thick.

The National Capital

Thursday, January 4, 1912.

The Senate.

Postoffice committee continued hearings on parcels post project.

Senator Hitchcock denounced the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France.

Senator Rayner filed his minority report favoring ratification of the treaties unamended.

The House.

Wiley investigating committee in executive session considered its report, which will be made public in a few days.

H. W. Elliott of Cleveland continued testimony before foreign affairs committee urging international protection of seals.

Ways and means committee considered various house committee vacancies.

Passed senate bill providing that circuit judges sit on circuit court of appeal.

Delegation from Rock Island, Ill., arraigned before labor committee against scientific management.

Adjournd at 1:11 p. m. until noon Friday.

Terre Haute Bank President is Short

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 4.—A loss of \$7,000 in the funds of the American State bank was reported today by state examiners at work on its accounts. Of the deficit \$4,000 is due to loans on worthless securities authorized by W. H. Taber, president of the bank, the examiners say, and a shortage of \$3,000 is charged to him.

No legal action has yet been taken against Taber. His mother died yesterday on her farm near here.

Kansas Officials Must Pay Their Own Tips

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 4.—Through a state order issued today forbidding the further charging to the state of tips given by state officials while traveling, Kansas will, it is said, save \$3,000 a year.

Daffydil Contest in Full Swing

Look for rules of contest on page 10.

Thomas Taggart is in Control of Indiana Democratic Machine

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 4.—Entire control of the Indiana democratic organization passed into the hands of the faction headed by Thomas Taggart, national committeeman, when the state committee met today and elected Mr. Taggart's candidate for chairman, Bernard Korby, brother of Congressman Charles A. Korby.

Governor Thomas R. Marshall, candidate for the democratic nomination for president, who opposed the selection of Korby said:

"In the words of Lincoln to his cabinet, 'I guess I have not much influence with this administration.'"

Leaders of the Taggart division announced the Indiana delegation in the democratic national convention "would be sold for the governor on the early ballots and to whatever candidate it might be swung if it was found he could not win."

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"Only 32 per cent of the officers of the navy," he said, "are in actual service. The remainder sit about Washington engaged in social pursuits. Naval battles are planned and fought in the clubs, where liquor takes the place of the briny deep with a red cherry as the ship and a toothpick as the propelling force. The officers furnish the wind."

NORRIS HAS POSTAL BILL

Fifth District Congressman Would Classify the Service.

LEAVES DEPARTMENT HEAD OUT

Nebraska Inaugural Declares Entire Department is Huge Political Machine—Gurley and Saunders at White House.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Norris, who has been in a fight with postoffice officials ever since he came out as champion of insurgency in his party, today proposed a bill which, if it should become a law, would put everybody connected with the postoffice department under the classified service, with the single exception of the postmaster general.

General Hitchcock been a real warm friend of Judge Norris it is believed he would have also included the postmaster general within the scope of his bill and put him forever under the civil service.

Ascertaining that the postoffice department is a huge political machine Representative Norris wants the whole business, root and branch, to be put in the complete classified service. It will be interesting to see what the democrats do with the bill.

Georgia Congressman Says Naval Officers Loaf Too Much

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New Mexico Will Become State Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The formal certificate and returns of New Mexico's first election as a prospective state were placed in the hands of President Taft today.

President Taft later sent the papers to Secretary of State Knox, who will draw the formal proclamation of admission. The president expects to sign the proclamation at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The Weather

FOR NEBRASKA—Fair, colder in west portion.

FOR IOWA—Fair and continued cold. Temperature at Omaha yesterday.

Table with 2 columns: Hours, Deg. (5 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Table with 2 columns: Station and State, Temp. High, Rain-Fall (Cheyenne, Davenport, Des Moines, Dodge City, etc.)

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Comparative Local Record. 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909. Highest yesterday, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909.

MOREHEAD STIRS ROW AMONG DEMS

Choice of Tom Benton to Manage Campaign for Governor Cause of Big Rumpus.

LONGING FOR THE MONEY BAGS

Fear that Old-Time Politician May Head Them Off.

NAME MAY BE BUGABOO

Bryan Busy Sending Jabs in Direction of Shallenberger.

FORMER GOVERNOR IS PEEVED

Peevish One Plans to Attend National Democratic Committee with Proxy Donated by Dr. Hall of Lincoln.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—One of the nicest little rows that ever enlightened a political campaign is brewing in the democratic camp. J. H. Morehead of Falls City, candidate for the nomination for governor, in the storm center, Morehead is wealthy and a number of the faithful had scented some good picking through the medium of his candidacy, but they now see a dark cloud on the erstwhile bright horizon.

Morehead has selected Tom Benton as his campaign manager. Those who know Benton are wondering if he handles the funds just how much will percolate through into the pockets of the faithful. Not only is the financial end of the affair worrying the mercenary end of the democracy, but the thoughtful ones are wondering what they are going to say when it becomes public that the man whom they have been holding up as an example of all that was bad in politics for the last twenty years is recognized as a representative of one of their leading candidates for the chief office within the gift of the people of the state.

For years they used the name of Tom Benton to frighten obstreperous democratic babies to go to sleep and be good when evening came, and they were also warned to stay close to the democratic corral in the daytime or Tom Benton would get them. And now they are asked to follow the lead of this same Tom Benton in selecting their candidate for governor.

Bryan Keeps Busy. This is not the only trouble of democracy. It has come to the ears of former Governor Shallenberger that Bryan has expressed regrets that the Alma mater did not elect to make the race for governor instead of coming out for senator. Mr. Shallenberger is alleged to have retorted that if Bryan was so anxious to have him in the race for governor it is strange he should not come to him instead of expressing his regrets at this late day. He intimates that the real reason may be more an interest in another candidate for senator rather than any real inclination to aid the political fortunes of Shallenberger.

Republicans Filings. W. A. George today filed his petition for renomination as state treasurer on the republican ticket. With this filing all the present state officers who are candidates for reelection, except Attorney General Martin, and the possible exception of Dr. Winnet for railroad commissioner, have made their filings. Up to the present Dr. Winnet has not indicated whether he will seek another term. It has been said by some of his friends that he would not, but when asked the question he said he had not yet decided either way.

W. A. Prince, republican, made his filing today as a candidate for congressman from the Fifth district.

A. T. Gatewood of McCook filed as democratic candidate for secretary of state. In his letter he stated he would later file as the populist candidate for the same office. As there was no populist ticket last year there is some doubt about the right of such filings to go on the primary ballot.

W. B. Baker, republican, of York filed as candidate for state senator from that district.

Secretary of State Wait has been asked whether it would be necessary to obtain a separate petition for each of the delegates-at-large, and each of the district delegates to national conventions and has decided that the delegates-at-large can file on one petition and that one petition will suffice for each congressional district of each of the parties.

Bryan Not Attend Meeting. Democrats were not in harmony with the ideas of W. J. Bryan professing not to be worried over the fact the old-time idol is to have the proxy of Congressman P. L. Hall at the meeting of the national committee, January 8. While privately they make very faces, publicly they say that Bryan's influence is needed in the coming campaign and that they cannot afford to kick up any row over this matter.

Secretary Corrick of the La Follette headquarters has received word from the national headquarters that speakers of national prominence will be sent to Nebraska to address the various district meetings, which it is planned to hold. This is taken as a sop to repay the faithful for the failure of their patron saint to visit Nebraska during his western tour.

ATTORNEYS HUNT FOR RICHESON'S FIANCEE

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—District Attorney Pelletier today confirmed a report that he is endeavoring to locate Miss Violet Edmonds to whom the Rev. C. V. T. Richeson was engaged. Mr. Pelletier said that Miss Edmonds had been absent from her home for weeks, and that he had some evidence that she is in or near New York City. The district attorney wishes Miss Edmonds' presence at the trial for the alleged murder of Avis Linnell.

BUSH ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE RIO GRANDE

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—E. F. Bush, president of the Missouri Pacific railway, was elected today president of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad and a member of the latter company's directorate. George J. Gould resigned as chairman of the board and E. T. Jeffrey, former president of the company, was elected to succeed him.

SHOPMEN PROTEST AGAINST STOP WATCH METHODS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Protests against "stop-watch" methods of timing their work and against the adoption of the Taylor system of shop management were made today by a delegation of employees from the Rock Island (Ill.) arsenal.

Boxes of O'Brien's Candy

and Dalzell's Ice Cream Bricks

Given away each day in the want ads to those finding their names.

Read the want ads each day, if you don't get a prize you will probably find something advertised that appeals to you.

Each day these prizes are offered, no puzzles to solve—no subscriptions to get—nothing but finding your name. It will appear some time.