U.S. GOVERNMENT TRIES TO PROTECT MEXICAN RAIDERS

Judge Who Convicted Mexican Bandits of Columbus, N. M., Bandits of Attack Urged To Stop Prosecutions.

El Paso, Feb. 7.—Repeated warnings that Mexicans had planned to raid Columbus, N. M., received so little credence by the commanding officer there that when the attack was made on March 9, 1916, no unusual precautions to prevent a surprise had been taken, witnesses told the subcommittee investigating the Mexican situation.

Lee Riggs, a deputy customs collector, said he had been the interpreter when Col. H. J. Slocum examined the alien scout sent into Mexico by Major Tompkins to secure information concerning the movements of Villa's troops and when he reported on the night before the raid that a body of the Mexicans was then marching on Columbus. W. F. Murphy, a telegraph operator, testified that a message of warning from the Texas military headquarters at Douglas also had been sent to Colonel Slocum and other witnesses declared the knowledge that raiders were a few miles southeast of Columbus was common.

A. P. Man Knew of Raid.

Murphy told the committee that H. J. Stone an Associated Press correspondent, was so much convinced a raid would be attempted that he appeared in Columbus two or three days before it did occur and made arrangements to have sent there an extra telephone operator to assist in the rush coverage of the story he expected to write.

Accounts of the raid as given by different witnesses agreed in the statements that when the Mexicans did appear they met no resistance until much of the killing, looting and burning had been accomplished. When they did withdraw they took with them many of the American cavalry horses and lost 67 dead Americans and almost as many wounded.

Judge E. L. Medlar, who tried and convicted seven of the captured Mexicans, testified that urgent representations had been made to him by the attorney general of the United States not to proceed with the case on the grounds that they should not be tried in a civil court for murder, since they were taken prisoners on American soil on an occasion, and he added, "the messages delivered to me urging me to cease proceedings said I should hold up the case because it might result in diplomatic complications with Mexico."

Wouldn't Halt Proceedings

The judge refused to halt the proceedings and seven of the men were condemned to death. Six were executed, the sentence of the seventh being changed to life imprisonment by the governor of the state.

Judge Medlar told the committee the suggestion that he halt the proceedings reached him through an agent of the department of justice who gave to him in open court the message from the attorney general, another from the military commander of the southern department, and a third from either the secretary of war or the secretary of state, he was unable to remember from which.

"I sent back word," said the witness, "that the men had been duly indicted by the grand jury and that I could see no reason for not proceeding with the trial. I told the writers of the messages there would be no 'watchful waiting' in my court."

Raiders Burn Hotel.

Examination of Mrs. Laura Ritchie, widowed by the Mexicans on the night of the raid, developed the possibility of further discussion as to the legal classification of the raiders. She and her husband were operating the largest hotel in Columbus. The raiders burned it and her efforts to obtain the insurance, she told the committee, had been unsuccessful because the insurance company adhered to that clause in the policy exempting them from payment in case of invasion.

Mrs. Ritchie's description of the attack on the town and especially on the hotel where five Americans were killed was graphic. She was thrust to one side when her husband was dragged off to be shot. Mexicans then ransacked the building in search of plunder but not until they had removed from her fingers and those of her three daughters the rings they wore. One of her daughters was 8 years old, one 15 and the other 20.

After they had been rescued from the burning building by a neighbor the 15-year-old girl insisted she was going out of the building where they had been hidden to recover her father's body which she had seen on the way to their hiding place. Against protests she started and when not more than a few feet from the house, her coat was pierced by bullets.

Wealthy Restaurant Man's Death to Be Investigated

Los Angeles, Feb. 7.—Unusual conditions surrounding the death by accident of Leon C. Riggs, wealthy restaurant man of New York City, have caused announcement by the county coroner that he will conduct an investigation and inquest Monday.

Riggs was picked up by an unidentified autoist and taken to a hospital Thursday evening. The autoist said he found Riggs in the street and the circumstances indicated he had been struck by a street car. Riggs died without regaining consciousness. His skull had been fractured.

Riggs had been living here, and a nurse employed to assist him said that he had left the house to assist a guest to the street car. The nurse said she did not know the name of the guest. The next word of Mr. Riggs, she said, was a report of his death. The person reporting it did not disclose his identity.

Spiritualism Causes 100,000 Cases Insanity

London, Feb. 7.—One hundred thousand cases of insanity in Britain have been caused by spiritualism, according to Dr. A. T. Schofield, a prominent London physician.

Carry Out the Dying Wish of Their Mother; 6 Sons Pallbearers

Mrs. Marie Kroll

In compliance with her dying wish, the six sons of Mrs. Marie Kroll, 64 years old, 2424 South Twenty-fifth street, who died of lung pneumonia, will serve as pallbearers at the funeral which will be held this afternoon at 3:30 from the Hofman undertaking establishment. Rev. Titus Lang will officiate. Burial will be in West Lawn cemetery.

Mrs. Kroll had lived in Omaha for 32 years. The six sons who survive her are: Charles, Robert, Frederick and Edward Kroll of Omaha and Gustav and Paul Kroll of Sioux City, Ia.

Say Houser Operated Grain Companies to Own Advantage

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 7.—Robert Bruce Mac H. Houser of Portland, Ore., by reason of his connection with the United States grain corporation has been able to manipulate and operate grain companies which he formerly owned "to an immense profit to himself and associates," is expressed in the indictment of a United States grand jury returned here.

Houser is vice president of the United States Grain corporation for the northwest.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7.—M. P. Houser, vice president of the United States Grain corporation, characterized as ridiculous and "absurd" charges by a federal grand jury at Spokane, that he had been able through his official position to operate grain companies at "immense profit" to himself and his associates.

Defy Captain's Orders And 10 Are Drowned

Rockland, Me., Feb. 7.—The first mate, an engineer and eight seamen of the stranded freight steamer Perkins, who left the wreck in a boat, are believed to have lost their lives. The crew of the Heron Island coast guard station upon their return from the steamer expressed the opinion that the life boat was swamped in the heavy seas. Three life preservers, an oar and a boathook were picked up on Monhegan Island.

The captain of the Perkins and the remaining 28 men of the crew who stood by the vessel through the night were taken off by two coast guard crews and transferred to the coast guard cutter Acushnet. A radio message from the cutter said the 10 men who left the Perkins did so in defiance of the orders of the captain.

Avers Parents of Wife Stole Her Love From Him

Joseph Pokorny sued the parents of his wife, Mary Pokorny, for $10,000 damages in district court yesterday, alleging that they alienated his wife's affections. His wife's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Svoboda, Forty-first and H streets. He says that following his marriage, November 18, 1919, his wife's parents induced her to return and live at their home.

Ten Italians Arrested in Raid on Soft Drink Place

A raid conducted by police last night 10 men and the proprietor of a soft drink place at Twentieth and Pierce streets were rounded up and taken to the Central police station.

Sam Ingalas, giving his address as 2250 Pierce street, the proprietor, was released on bond. All the men arrested in the soft drink parlor were Italians.

Funeral of Mrs. C. M. Lentz To Be Held Monday Morning

Funeral services for Mrs. Charles M. Lentz, 2965 Poppleton avenue, who died last Friday at Baltimore, Md., will be held from St. John's church, Twenty-fifth and California streets, at 9:30 Monday morning. Burial will be in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery. Six Creighton class mates of her dead son, Dr. Carlisle Lentz, will act as pallbearers.

Carpenters to Get Dollar An Hour After April 1

At a meeting of the contractors and builders of Omaha, held at the Swedish auditorium Friday night, it was unanimously agreed to pay carpenters $1 an hour after April 1, and under no circumstances to yield to demands for a higher wage.

A committee was appointed to assist in drafting amendments to the city building code.

Woman Asks for Second Divorce From Husband

Martha Trumbull asked the district court yesterday for a divorce from Robert Trumbull on the ground of nonsupport. Once before several years ago, she secured a divorce from him, but they decided they could agree and so they got married again last August. She asks for custody of their 10-year-old daughter.

GREAT BRITAIN IS BACKING DOWN, FRENCH ASSERT

Profound Astonishment Caused By England's Willingness to Appease Germans.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Profound astonishment has been caused in French circles by a change of attitude on the part of the British government regarding the extradition of Germans accused of violations of the laws of war.

While it was understood that Great Britain was the most interested of all represented at the peace conference in demanding the trial of Former Emperor Wilhelm and other prominent Germans, the British now are showing a tendency to leave the initiative to the others.

Baron Barkenhead, lord chancellor of England, is understood to have made it clear that the British government favors a radical modification of the list in order that an agreement with Germany might be reached.

Premier Millerand declared in the Chamber of Deputies last evening the allies would not evacuate the left bank of the Rhine until Germany had fulfilled all the terms of the Versailles treaty.

Now "Up to Germany."

Delivery to the German government by the French charge in Berlin of the list of Germans whose extradition is demanded by the allies is the proper course to pursue in the existing crisis, the council of ambassadors decided today. Intention was made known through an official communique.

It is understood that in the discussion of the question today the ambassadors took the view that the entire question now is up to Germany, and that further steps by the allies should await the action of the German authorities.

The fact that the communique was silent regarding the "covering note" was taken to mean that no note was considered necessary to accompany the list.

List Made Public.

The official extradition list was issued by the foreign office Saturday night without comment. The text of the original covering note and of the new note referring to Baron von Lersner's refusal to accept the list were not made public.

A paper bound book of more than 200 pages contains the names of the 890 persons or groups, with their rank and the accusations. Where name, rank or nationality are not known descriptions of the duties of the accused is given.

Four pages are devoted to Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff, the same accusations serving for both.

The British list contains charges against 97 members and groups; the French, 344; the Italian, 79; Belgium, 34; Poland, 7; Roumania, 41, and the Jugo-Slav, 4. This totals 900, but there are a few duplications. Ten camp commandants are asked for in the British list.

The list of persons and groups designated by their rank or description of their duties number 124.

Favors Modification.

London, Feb. 7.—Premier Lloyd George is reported to favor a substantial modification of the list of Germans whose surrender the allies demand, the Westminster Gazette says today.

Twelve Men Initiated Into Gamma Eta Gamma

The Gamma Eta Gamma, legal fraternity at the Creighton College of Law, initiated 12 men into its ranks last week. Between the halves of the Creighton-Indiana basket ball game the candidates favored the audience with clever boxing, wrestling and basket ball performances. On Saturday afternoon the candidates were artistically dressed representing different virtues of the fraternity and marched the streets and into many of the important business houses of the city, and the members treated clever jokes, made speeches, sang and danced for their listeners. The men initiated were: F. W. Rice, A. F. Ramsey, R. C. Messner, D. Monon, J. Malec, J. Smith, M. McElligan, Ralph Kastner, Trainer Emery, and Messrs. McHale, Ryan and Tesbill.

Woman Not Guilty of Killing Rich Sheepman

Marysville, Cal., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Gertrude Wilson was found not guilty of the murder of Charles Brown, wealthy sheepman, on the first ballot of the jury taken within 15 minutes of the time the case was given into its hands.

Mrs. Wilson's brother, Frank A. McCormack, formerly of Des Moines, it was announced, testified during the trial that he shot Brown in self-defense. The state contended the shots were fired by both Mrs. Wilson and her brother, Kid Brown. The defense's testimony was to the effect that Mrs. Wilson had fired after Brown had been killed.

Elect Officers to Fight The Nonpartisan League

Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 7.—The North Dakota Independent Voters' association perfected plans to campaign against the Nonpartisan league. The following officers were elected: President, E. W. Everson, Williams; I. H. Nelson, Glen Ullen, vice presidents; Theodore G. Nelson of Dunn Center, secretary, and Ole Eugen of Fargo, treasurer.

LATE CITY BRIEFS.

Mrs. Burkley Ill—Mrs. H. V. Burkley, 3177 Davenport street, wife of H. V. Burkley of the Burkley Printing Co., is seriously ill at her home.

Goodall Funeral Monday—Funeral services for John Goodall, 1427 Farnam street, who died Saturday morning, will be held in St. Cecelia's cathedral Monday morning at 9. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Leave for Coast—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gamble and daughter, Jean, will leave Tuesday for Butte, Mont., where they will visit a few days before going to California, where they will spend the winter. Miss Jean will attend school on the Pacific coast this winter.

Postpone Funeral—Funeral services for Oliver C. Campbell, 1512 North Eighteenth street, set for Saturday afternoon at 3, have been postponed until Monday at the same hour, due to the inability of his daughter to reach the city from New York. The services will be held in the chapel at Forest Lawn cemetery.

DANIELS ADMITS HE AND SIMS DID NOT AGREE WELL

Main Point of Issue Acceptance of Foreign Decorations by American Naval Officers.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Concluding his testimony before the senate subcommittee investigating naval decoration awards, Secretary Daniels disclosed that a wide difference of opinion existed between himself and Rear Admiral Sims during the war on the acceptance of foreign honors and decorations by American naval officers. The admiral, who favored such decorations while Mr. Daniels opposed them, will again be before the committee Tuesday.

After committee members had read Mr. Daniels' commendatory statements made in recommending Admiral Sims be made a permanent admiral for his war service, Secretary Daniels declared he would not now make such a recommendation, as developments had caused him to change his mind. He cited what he characterized as "Admiral Sims' efforts to magnify achievements of the British army and navy and to minimize results obtained by the United States in judicious statements contained in a series of articles by Admiral Sims regarding the navy's part in the war, including a "unfortunate reflection on the Irish race" and the others' action in giving out official instructions of a highly confidential nature as having led to a change in his views on promotion for Admiral.

Waived Regulations.

Mr. Daniels said he had waived regulations requiring officers to submit articles to the department before publication because "he wished to show Admiral Sims every consideration and courtesy" and expected the articles to be confined to American naval war activities.

"I am very sorry now that I gave Rear Admiral Sims this latitude," the secretary said.

Chairman Hale placed in the record a letter from C. V. Casachs, formerly a lieutenant commander in the navy and assistant naval attache to Spain during part of the war. Casachs said he was recalled after Ambassador Willard had cabled the State department that a Mr. Urgotia, owner of a Madrid newspaper, had informed the ambassador that Casachs had told him the United States contemplated establishing naval bases in Spain, the ambassador's message adding, he said, that "Casachs' indiscretion is fatal to our interests."

Casachs Denied Statement.

The Spanish editor, Casachs said, in a letter to him later denied he had ever made the statement attributed to him by Ambassador Willard. The ambassador's behavior in telling him goodbye, the former officer wrote, was "a piece of hypocritical acting."

Senator Pittman, democrat, Nevada, protested against introduction of the Casachs statement as not pertinent, but Chairman Hale replied that Ambassador Willard would be given an opportunity to defend himself if he desired.

Secretary Daniels had no comment he said, Casachs and Rear Admiral Decker, his chief, had both been recalled because they were unable to get along with the ambassador and that such action was policy in the case of attaches.

Debate on the peace treaty, the navy's conduct of the war, of Admiral Sims' literary ability and many other subjects consumed much of the committee's time, while Chairman Hale made ineffectual efforts to get the hearing back on the subject of decorations.

Edison Refuses Medal.

Secretary Daniels said that a medal had been conferred on Thomas A. Edison in recognition of the service he rendered as head of the naval consulting board, but that the inventor had refused it after the controversy over naval awards had arisen, saying he had served for love of country and wanted no reward or decoration. Mr. Edison, Mr. Daniels said, had given his whole time, most of it on naval vessels to study anti-submarine devices.

Chairman Hale read a letter from Mr. Edison saying the latter had devoted himself to perfecting a listening device "which would enable detection of the direction of torpedoes.

"There isn't any honor the navy could give to Mr. Edison," said the secretary. "His own accomplishments and record gave something to us."

Boy Scouts and Lincoln to Feature Church Sermons

Many Omaha pastors will commemorate the birth of Abraham Lincoln in their sermons today as a preliminary to the celebration of Lincoln's birthday next Thursday. At Dietz Memorial Methodist church Rev. E. M. Brown will preach this evening on "Abraham Lincoln, the Christian." Rev. Arthur Atack will preach on "Abraham Lincoln" at the Hanscom Park Methodist church this evening.

In some churches attention will be directed to the Boy Scouts in connection with Good Turn Week, which the boys celebrate this week. "The Boy Scouts" will be the topic of Rev. F. H. Brace's sermon at Covenant Presbyterian church this evening.

Humane Society Stages Second Address on Birds

Ernest Harold Baynes of the Meriden Bird club gave an illustrated lecture on animals at the First Methodist church, Twentieth and Davenport streets, last night with a large audience in attendance. This was Mr. Baynes' second lecture in Omaha under the auspices of the women's auxiliary, Nebraska Humane society.

Wants Maiden Name.

Anna Hagins says in a petition in divorce filed yesterday in district court that Joseph Hagins, her husband, nagged her and finally deserted her. She asks to have her maiden name, Westherman, restored.

Child Welfare Survey of State Exposes Many Needs

Secretary Antles Urges Immediate Action to Remedy Conditions Among Nebraska's Defective Youngsters—Statistics Compiled From 14,000 Questionnaires to Teachers—Find 3,809 Afflicted With Defective Speech.

H. H. Antles, secretary of the state Public Welfare department, has compiled statistics relating to child welfare work in Nebraska. A compilation of 14,000 questionnaires sent to as many teachers shows there are 3,809 children afflicted with defective speech and he notes that Nebraska has no state institution where this class of defectives might be given an opportunity to improve their condition.

"Many of these children could be taught proper speech and corrected while they are young, so that they would not have to carry this handicap all through life," Mr. Antles stated.

A chart which has been prepared by Mr. Antles shows there are 2,840 crippled children in the state, with 54 in the state hospital and 671 admitted during the last biennium. Many of these children attend the hospital for operations only.

"There are 8,502 dependent and neglected children in the state," the report adds, "with 48 in one state institution and 186 admitted during the biennium."

Much Work to Be Done.

Additional statistics offered are: Blind children, 364; in state institutions, 48. Deaf children in state, 88; in state institutions, 109. Mentally afflicted, 2,463; in state institutions, 475.

"A careful study of this chart will show very plainly that there is much work to be done among the defective children of the state, so that they may be raised to a standard of independence in their future life," is another comment by Mr. Antles, who offered the following additional information on the child welfare situation of the state.

"For all the long felt want, the legislature of 1919 passed the bill creating the child Welfare bureau and created also a Child Welfare Commission, for the purpose of recommending further child legislation.

Survey Decided Necessary.

"According to the law, the director shall organize, make rules and regulations for a supervised system of recreation, and to devise ways and means of securing playground and equipment in urban, village and rural communities where needed; keep the birth record of every child in Nebraska; carefully preserve records; endeavor in every way possible to lessen and prevent penal trials and punishment of children; assist in equalizing opportunities for the children of the state; maintain a free children's survey of the state; be a unifying agency through which the state may cooperate with individuals and organizations among all classes of people on matters pertaining to children's welfare and betterment, and offer an avenue through government agencies functioning in the interest of children.

"No one will question but that the above is an ideal program, definitely planned and when completed will form the basis of a splendid work to be done for the benefit of the children of the state. For the establishment of the bureau, salary and maintenance and all expense for the biennium there was appropriated $7,800.

"On October 1, Miss Emily D. Hornberger was appointed director and took charge of the work of establishing the bureau. After carefully studying the program as outlined by the law and considering the necessity of making the funds go as far as possible, it was decided to make the survey first and after compiling this, to then set in motion the machinery which would do the most good and work to the best advantage for the establishment of the work which is to be carried on in the future."

Lew Kelly (Himself) Is Big Attraction At Gayety Theater

Lew Kelly, himself, funier of laughs than ever, is the attraction at the Gayety theater this week in "The Submarine Man." The King of "slap" fakirs has all new lines this year, many of them, and a laugh in every line.

While all eyes cannot help but follow this comedian and laugh in the face of water savings, he has a supporting cast that is excellent. Jeanette Buckley as prima donna and in character roles is a close second to Kelly in the affections of the audience. In addition to her wonderful stage appearance, wearing an elaborate wardrobe like a model, she has a sweet voice.

Arthur Putnam, in a comic role as a former thespian, wins many a laugh by his antics and "feeding" remarks for Kelly.

Ed Jordan, a dancing fool, in the blackface characters, does his full share to drive away all gloom. Amerita Shaw has a Russian dance of especial merit.

The ensemble numbers are featured by a chorus of exceptional beauty and style. Well drilled and beautifully costumed, they also have good voices.

The stage settings and electrical devices are the work of real artisans.

"Red" Donahue Will Face Trial Monday On Statutory Charge

James C. Donahue, known as "Red," will be put on trial before a jury in district court Monday on a charge of assault with intent to commit a statutory offense.

The complaining witness is Marie Hynach. Donahue is charged with taking her in an automobile to Seventeenth and Center streets, where the attempt at assault is alleged to have occurred about midnight, August 27.

With Donahue at the time was Thomas Sullivan, a young married man, who was arrested September 13 with three other men in a similar escapade on the West Dodge road. Two of these young men were convicted in the district court and are now in the penitentiary. Sullivan "jumped" his bail and abandoned his wife and two children immediately after the conviction of one of his companions in this affair.

Louis Cicirella will also be put on trial tomorrow on a charge of criminal assault. The state's chief witness is a 14-year-old girl, Gladys Bayhss.

Central High Graduates Present "Green Stockings"

"Green Stockings," a three act play, was presented by the February graduating class of the Central high school Saturday night at the school auditorium. Over 750 witnessed the first play presented by the February graduates. Edwin Willmarth and Miss Doreen Holden had the principal parts in the play. Richard Krause as Admiral Grice, Isadore Oberman, as Henry Steele, and Frank Drdlik played the comic roles.

Miss Helen Lane and Miss Nell Bridenbaugh directed the play. Following are a list of characters that took part in the play: Richard Krause as Admiral Grice, David Slowdisky as William Faraday, Edwin Willmarth as Colonel Smith, Fred White as Robert Tarver, Isadore Oberman as Henry Steele, Frank Drdlik as James Raleigh, Cecil Evinger as Martin, Doreen Holden as Celia Faraday, Ruth Smead as Madge (Mrs. Rockingham), Rose Smead as Evelyn (Lady Trenchard), Celia Ross as Phyllis and Clara Barenstein as Mrs. Chisholm Faraday (Aunt Ida).

Nebraska Homesteader Dies at Home of Daughter

Andrew E. Johnson, 77 years old, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph F. Duffy, 1006 South Thirty-fourth street. He was born in New York and moved to Wisconsin with his parents when a child. He served in the civil war and afterwards moved to Franklin county, where he took a homestead. He moved to Omaha eight years ago. He is survived by his wife and five children, Mrs. Joseph F. Duffy, Mrs. A. E. DeVol, John E. and Andrew T. Johnson of Omaha and Mrs. Charles McGranaghan, Hancock, N. Y.

Local Real Estate Deal Involves Over $125,000

A real estate deal involving between $125,000 and $150,000 was consummated last week when the Smith-Weir company of Two Rivers, Wis., and E. A. Cudahy of Omaha, by Leonard Everett of Council Bluffs, was purchased by the Olivier-Davis-Coad Co. The lot is 132 feet square and was sold by A. P. Tukey and

REACH DECISION TO GUARANTEE 5 1-2 PER CENT

Senate and House Conferees Hope to Present Railroad Bill Before March 1.

Washington, Feb. 7.—A return of 5½ per cent on the aggregate value of the railroads would be guaranteed by the government for a period of two years, under an agreement reached today by the senate and house conferees on the railroad bill.

In announcing the agreement today, Chairman Cummins of the senate managers said that after the two years' period the percentage of the return would be fixed by the interstate commerce commission, which would be authorized to fix rates so as to yield that return.

With the agreement on this section, leaders hope to complete final enactment of the bill before March 1.

The aggregate value of the properties used in transportation would be determined by the interstate commerce commission, according to the bill, the determination being by traffic districts.

These districts would be used as groups for rate making and in territories where the roads earned an aggregate of the guaranteed return no increase in rates would be necessary.

Similarly the rates would be raised to make up a deficit in districts where the roads failed to earn the 5½ per cent, leaves on the probable aggregate value of the roads not available yet.

The commission has completed the road physical valuations of only three roads, and the tentative valuation of only $6, the largest being the Kansas City Southern.

Attaches Bank Account.

An order was issued yesterday by the district court restraining Joseph Parasil, from withdrawing $1,750 from the Live Stock National bank, pending decision on the suit to recover money alleged yesterday to be his wife, Anna Bonasiak. She says he beat her and threatened her life.

HOLD RAILROAD MAN FOR THEFT OF GRAIN ALCOHOL

Arthur Hansen Bound Over To Federal Grand Jury After Hearing Lasting Two Days.

After a hearing lasting two days in county judge Leslie's court, Arthur Hansen, F. W. Miller, a former employee of the Burlington railroad, was held to the federal grand jury on the charge of being in possession of 1,000 gallons of grain alcohol, stolen from the Burlington railroad, March 1, 1919.

Hansen was held under $10,000 bond, Miller under $5,000 bond. Arnold Hansen, another railroad worker, who is a cousin of Arthur Hansen, was charged with the theft of the alcohol, but was released when the government failed to connect him with the crime.

The government's case was based on the testimony of Miller, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the case. Miller testified that Arthur Hansen came to Omaha and had a conference with Hansen and Miller in the room.

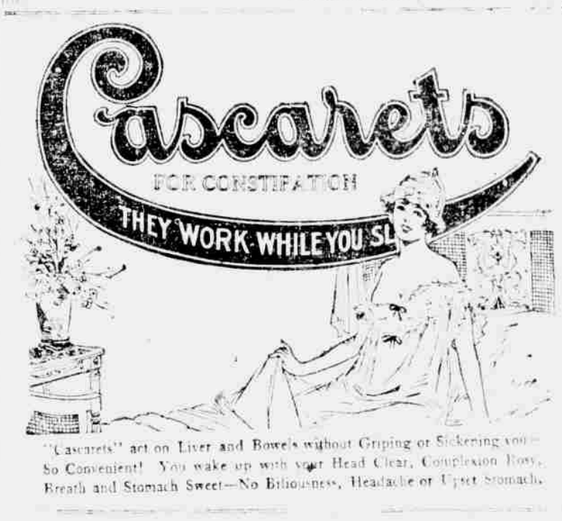
Admissions made by the men led to the discovery of a dugout in which the alcohol was hidden. Miller said he had tried to sell it to a friend of alcohol. Evidence showed that the men when regarding gross receipts of $17,000, but the amount of alcohol stolen was only $1,750, but the amount of alcohol recovered by the government is in the neighborhood of 1,000 gallons.

Hansen's counsel contended that the government failed to connect the defendant with the crime, and that the government had failed to sell the liquor to Chicago gangster Murray for the sum of $1,750. Hansen obtained Shelton bond.

The dugout was one of 7 dugouts established throughout a Missouri farmer near Woodbine and Shelby in Iowa, the thieves getting away with 14 of them.

Chicago Men to Address Ad Selling League Monday

Paul Faust of Mathias, Minshall & Faust, Chicago, and William M. Landelle, advertising manager of Vernon & Co., Chicago, will speak before members of the Advertising Selling league at the Hotel Fontenelle Monday night. J. H. McMillan will preside.



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