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WHOLESALE FEDERAL INDICTMENT OF THE MASTER PLUMBERS OF MOBILE, CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE

Fixing of Prices on All Work Done in Mobile, Pooling of Interests, Freeze-out Tactics Against Plumbers Who Were Not Members of the Association, and Expulsion of a Member Who Employed Union Labor---Interstate Agreement With Factories Alleged, Giving the Government Authority Under the Allegations to Proceed Not Only Against the Mobile Concerns, But Also Against Plumbing Establishments and Supply Houses in Various Parts of the United States.

Special to The Journal.

Mobile, Jan. 20.—One of the biggest sensations ever created by a United States grand jury, with the exception of the indictments against the officials and agents of the Honduras Lottery company, came out this noon with the returning of charges against the members of the Mobile Master Plumbers' association, charging them with entering into a conspiracy in combination in restraint of trade.

Those against whom indictments were returned are:

Thomas J. Young, C. L. Simmons, F. G. Farno, Thomas Wagner, Robert E. Lutz, S. D. Copeland, William A. Copeland, L. J. Leahey, A. S. Pearce, Wm. Ludlow, the Home Plumbing company, James A. Mulvey.

The parties went before the United States marshal this afternoon and made bond for their appearance.

The indictment against the master plumbers of Mobile alleges that a vast combination existed in Mobile and that prices on work for private individuals as well as firms and contractors were fixed by the association.

Price Fixing.

The indictment returned against the master plumbers is in five counts, and charges that the above-named master plumbers combined and conspired with manufacturers of plumbing goods that they would not buy from anybody except certain manufacturers, and that these manufacturers agreed not to sell to anybody in Mobile plumbing goods except parties to the conspiracy.

As all bath tubs, toilet fixtures, sinks, basins and all other plumbing material, except pipe and pipe fittings are manufactured outside of the state of Alabama, the combination or conspiracy is charged to affect interstate commerce.

The indictment further charges that the conspiracy does not only affect Mobile plumbers, but that similar conspiracies have been entered into all over the United States.

The Boycott.

In one count the indictment charges that on one occasion one manufacturer shipped goods to a party in this city who was not a member of the combination, and thereupon Mobile plumbers who were a party to the combination boycotted the house that sold the goods.

Another count in the indictment charges that the plumbers named in the indictment combined to fix prices on plumbing work in Mobile.

It is alleged that the combination, when one or more members received an offer to bid on work, held a meeting, and the price for doing the job was agreed upon. It is further alleged that the members of the combination would bid on doing the work and that this amount would go into the combination, and if he did not get the job he would get his money back.

In view of the fact that all supplies were ordered from outside of the city and outside of the state of Alabama, the combination of plumbers is charged with being in restraint of interstate commerce.

Freeze Out Methods.

A count in the indictment charges that the Mobile Plumbing company and Walter Potter were not allowed to purchase goods from manufacturers in the combine, and they were not members of the Mobile plumbing combine.

It is expected that the alleged violations of the law in other parts of the United States will be taken up by the government.

William Hanley, member of the plumbing firm known as the Mobile Plumbing company, is one of the principals in the complaint against the master plumbers which charges them with being in restraint of trade, says that the Master Plumbers' association demanded $100 from him as a membership fee, and that it was unfair on their part. He said that another plumber who did join the association was expelled because he employed union plumbers to do his work.

THAW'S WIFE SCORES ONE AGAINST JEROME'S SCORN

District Attorney Resorts to Violence of Tone in Showing Contempt for the Witness, and Is So Rebuked That He Strikes It From the Record—To One Vehement Question He Gets an Answer Strongly Effective in the Case for The Defense on the Theory of Insanity—Much of the Salacious Matter of First Trial Kept Out of Evidence This Time.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 20.—Justice Dowling today overruled District Attorney Jerome's motion to have the public excluded during the testimony of Mrs. Thaw, and she repeated her story of last year again today, but by continued objection on the ground of being immaterial, Jerome kept many details given at the first trial out of the testimony today.

Jerome made no attempt to disguise his tone of complete contempt, both in questioning the witness and in reading testimony. He attacked the witness in the loudest voice he has yet used, and plunged at once into the more intimate details of her testimony, and made no delicate choice words in framing his interrogations.

His pitiless and aggressive questions often struck fire from her, and once, when Jerome demanded to know certain things, she replied, hotly: "Yes, I told him, but I did not use such language as you are using."

"Don't argue with me, madam," shouted Jerome, who then had her reply stricken from the records.

But one new feature appeared in the testimony today. It was when Mrs. Thaw told of Thaw taking poison at Monte Carlo in an attempt to end his life. "Why didn't you tell us about this at the first trial?" demanded Jerome.

"Because Mr. Delmas said it might make Harry out too crazy," witness retorted before Jerome could stop her. With the exception of this testimony today's evidence was the same as that of last year.

BIG BUNCH OF MAIDENS IN DECLAMATION STAKES ON IMMIGRATION TRACK

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The senate devoted two hours to the consideration of the criminal laws of the United States.

The entire session of the house was devoted to consideration of the bill appropriating $250,000 for an immigration station in Philadelphia. Discussion developed violent opposition, led by Messrs. Kepburn and Byrd, to certain classes of immigrants coming to the United States, while other members made earnest pleas for them on the ground that the prosperity of the country has been advanced by their presense. The debate was notable in that it was indulged in largely by members serving first terms, who found in the bill a chance to make a maiden effort at speechmaking.

The code of laws bill was sidetracked today.

LEFT FOR DEAD AFTER ROPE PARTY

Negro Taken From Sheriff, Who Organizes Posse and Pursues Mob So Closely as To Be Able to Cut Down Negro Before He Dies in Noose After Being Shot.

By Associated Press.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 20.—A special from Dothan, Alabama, says that Grover Franklin, a negro, who was last night strung up by a mob is again in the hands of the law. The mob was so closely followed by the sheriff that it did not have time to get outside the corporate limits, and fearing discovery before accomplishing its purpose, the mob strung Franklin to a tree and fired a number of shots at him. When the sheriff arrived, he was still alive, so he was cut down and taken to the jail, where necessary surgical operations were performed, and it is now said he will recover. A. C. Faulk, who was assaulted by Franklin Saturday night, is not seriously hurt. Fifteen deputies guard the jail yard tonight to avert further trouble, though everyone seems quiet.

The Crime.

Franklin shot and seriously wounded A. C. Faulk, secretary and treasurer of the oil company, when caught in the act of robbing the cash drawer at the mill. About 9 o'clock, after an absence from the office of a few minutes, Mr. Faulk returned and found the negro on the floor under the cash drawer, fumbling with the combination. He asked the negro, who was in the employ of the mill, what he was doing, and was informed that Mr. Rabb, the superintendent, had sent him in to do some repair work and began to make other excuses. Mr. Faulk turned to call the superintendent and ask for an explanation. The negro, seeing that his ruse would not enable him to escape, pulled a pistol and fired five times at Mr. Faulk, two of the bullets taking effect.

The sheriff was notified immediately and a posse was organized. A diligent search was made for the negro last night, but without results. This morning the sheriff learned that the negro was at Webb, Ala., and later in the morning he was captured there. Franklin was brought back to Dothan by private conveyance. After putting the team up at the stable and just as the start was made for the jail, a mob of 200 men, all masked, swooped dow non the sheriff and his posse and forcibly took the prisoner, carrying him to a point a short distance above the oil mill.

R. R. CO. CAN'T REFUSE LIQUOR

La. R. R. Commission Says Companies Must Accept Shipments Offered.

By Associated Press.

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 20.—The Louisiana railroad commission today decided it could not make a rule prohibiting the railroads receiving liquor offered for shipment into prohibition territory. A petition for this ruling was made by the St. Louis and Iron Mountain, and the Southern Railway on the ground that whiskey shipped into prohibition territory and not called for became a dead weight on the road's hands, as it could not dispose of the liquor on account of the prohibition laws.

CENSOR TO READ PAPERS

Purity Conference Will Cut Out Passages Said to Be Risque.

By Associated Press.

Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 20.—Owing to unpleasant notoriety incurred by some of the papers read at the recent purity conference held here, it is announced that no conference will be held this year, and that papers to be read at the next conference will have to be submitted in advance so that all risque passages may be stricken out. The notice that this year's conference is to be omitted comes from the conference president, B. S. Steadwell, of LaCrosse, Wis.

Prize Fighters in the Navy May be Put Under the Ban

By Associated Press

New York, Jan 20.—The death of Apprentice H. H. Hartnett, of the United States steamship Cumberland, as the result of injuries received in a boxing bout, has again brought up the subject of boxing in the navy. There are many opponents of boxing in general that have for a long time objected to the sport as practiced in the navy, and on several occasions attempts have been made to stop it. It is the favorite sport in the navy, and has been indulged in with the full approval of the authorities. An occasional accident, naval officers say, should not be allowed to interfere with a sport that is, on the whole, very beneficial to the navy at large. Attention is called to the fact that the sailors have little opportunity for the strenuous games that are played by soldiers and others who are on shore, and therefore any sport that gives them the necessary exercise and makes them better sailors is to be advocated.

Apprentice Manning, who fought with Hartnett on the Cumberland, will be courtmartialed, but it is not likely that any action will be taken in the matter of boxing in the navy.

FERVID ROMANCE COLDLY ENDS UNDER ICE

By Associated Press.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 20.—The bodies of Peter Cappiett and Miss Annie Marrier, who were drowned while skating on a pond here on Saturday, were found yesterday. It is thought that they skated into open water in the dark. When found the young people were clasped in each other's arms. They were to have been married in a few days.

2-CENT TRAGEDY.

Special to The Journal.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 20.—Bolling Hall and Harvey Bransford, negroes, fought in the county jail over a stamp. Sheriff Hood had given Bransford a nickle to buy two stamps, one for each. Hall said that Bransford would not give him his part, and proceeded to carve him up with a knife made from a spoon handle which he had whetted sharp on the cement floor of his cell.

PICKPOCKETS IN A CHURCH

Light Fingers Ply Nefarious Traffic Two Sundays in Detroit Church.

By Associated Press.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 20.—In St. John's Episcopal church, corner of Woodward avenue and High street, the largest Episcopal church in the city, the congregation was startled yesterday by an announcement from the rector, Rev. Wm. F. Faber, that Sundays been systematically stealing from the pews while members of the church were receiving communion at the chancel rail. Several pocketbooks and a considerable amount of money had been reported lost.

KAISER IN BAD HEALTH.

By Hearst News Service.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—It is reported that the kaiser's health has become so frail that he will start shortly for Corfu for a long sojourn in a warm climate.

ROAST FOR CORTELYOU BY TILLMAN

Pitchfork Comment Upon Non-Receipt of Report on Bond Issue.

CORTELYOU LATER SENDS WORD THAT SENATE DID NOT ADVISE HIM OF WHEN REPLY WAS WANTED — SAYS ADEQUATE STATEMENT CAN HARDLY BE GIVEN BEFORE NEXT WEEK.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Just before the senate adjourned today, Senator Aldrich received a letter from Secretary Cortelyou explaining his delay in replying to the senate resolution calling on him for information concerning the recent Panama canal bond ssue, and the letter was laid before the senate. Earlier in the day, Senator Tillman indulged in caustic comment upon what he characterized as the secretary's "disobedience of the senate resolution."

In his letter, Secretary Cortelyou expresses regret over misunderstanding as to the time the answer to the resolution was to be sent, and says that if he had been advised as to the time the reply might be expected, he would have replied that a little time was required to go over the mass of figures involved.

The secretary says it is his desire that all business of that kind be disposed of promptly, but in a matter so important he felt it destrable that every feature be clearly stated, "both for the information of the senate and in justice to the department." He expresses the hope to have the reply ready within a few days, in all probability about the beginning of next week.

MUCH TALK TO LEAD TO NAVY TRIALS

Courtmartial Not Improbably the Outlook for Three of the High Officers—Recent Comments by Officers of Navy Displeases the Powers.

By Hearst News Service.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Two of the highest officers of the navy, and possibly a third, probably will be courtmartialed as a result of recent outspoken utterances reflecting on navy management and naval construction. It has been learned that the administration has been so incensed by recent criticism that a wholesale inquiry is likely.

The navy department and the White House have been amazed within the past ten days to read in newspapers detailed criticisms from three officers in high repute, two of whom are likely to stand by their assertions and challenge a courtmartial.

These officers are Caspar F. Goodrib, commandant at the New York navy yard; Rear Admiral Bowman H. McCalla, a retired Spanish war veteran; and Rear Admiral George W. Melville, retired, formerly chief of the bureau of steam navigation in the navy department, and one of the Jeannerette rescue expedition to the Arctic.

An equally interesting situation has developed by reason of the fact that the president's own naval aide, Commander Sims, in charge of target practice, will be one of those to be interrogated. It is said that Commander Sims had Reuterdahl as his guest on several of the target practice cruises.

"BUGS" RAYMOND UNDER ARREST

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—A man who gave his name as Arthur L. Raymond, and who said he is Pitcher "Bugs" Raymond of the St. Louis National League baseball team, is under arrest here, charged with robbing George C. Mosher, a jeweler, of $34. The police say Mosher positively identified the prisoner as the man who robbed him.

HEAT WAVE IS FATAL.

By Hearst News Service.

Melbourne, Jan. 20.—Thirty-five deaths have occurred during the past three days owing to the unusual heat wave which has swept over the country. Peoole are compelled to sleep in the open air.

THE REPUBLICAN FIGHT CONTINUES UNABATED

FIRST DEEP DRAFT SHIP

An Arrival of Importance at the Improved Port of Apalachicola.

Special to The Journal.

Apalachicola, Jan. 20.—I. E. Boyett, of Montgomery, Ala., has purchased a tract of timber from the Florida Pine company and another from Spence & Fryer, and will establish a sawmill at "34-Mile," on the Apalachicola Northern railroad, in Liberty county.

The steamer Manteo arrived last night on her maiden trip to Apalachicola. The Manteo is the first of the deep draft coastwise steamers to enter this port, since the recently completed harbor improvement.

At the close of the chautauqua last night a banquet was held in the Franklin hotel. The chautauqua speakers and ladies were present. It was a brilliant affair. The banquet commenced at 10 o'clock and the last speech was made at 1 o'clock in the morning.

The speakers were G. W. Hinsey, J. L. Sims, L. J. Henderson, C. H. B. Floyd, Rev. Geo. Hyman, Rev. M. H. Morton, Prof. B. B. Lane, Rev. Cason, Editor H. W. Johnston was toastmaster.

Ladies present were Mmes. Sims, Johnston, Henderson, Harding, Lane, and Misses Stone, Hinsey and Tucker.

LIQUOR ELECTION IN MARION TODAY

Special to The Journal.

Ocala, Fla., Jan. 20.—The wet or dry election in this county will be held tomorrow.

The campaign has been an intelligent and vigorous one on both sides, and to hazard a prophesy on the outcome would be venturesome. If the negroes were not voting, the result would be a foregone conclusion, but they are generally against prohibition, and the outcome is doubtful. It is very probable that the majority, either way, will be small.

BUT A DAY AT BUENOS

Evans Advises That Flotilla Would Be Better Off For Stop.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 20.—In a dispatch from Rio de Janeiro to the navy department today, Admiral Evans suggests that the torpedo boat flotilla visit Buenos Ayres. It was first feared that a visit to the Argentine capital would be impossible, as the destroyers are already behind schedule, but a stop at Buenos Ayres would put them in good shape for the run to Sandy Point. The vessels are not to stop more than a day at Buenos Ayres, to replenish their coal supply, and will join the fleet at Sandy Point.

WORLD'S BIKE RECORD BEATEN

Fogler in Six-Day Grind at Kansas City Breaks All Records.

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 20.—The world's record was broken during the first hour of the six-day bicycle race here this afternoon, when 26 miles and seven laps were made on a 12-lap track.

The previous record for one hour is 26 miles three laps on a 10-lap track.

Fogler, of the Root and Fogler team, set a dizzy pace as leader during the first hour, which resulted in several riders being left far behind and their consequent retirement. There were several bad spills during the day, but no one hurt. At the end of three hours' riding the five leading teams had covered 72 miles.

The Stillman and McGourin and Northup Factions Held Meetings.

The Stillman Faction Claims Theirs to Be the Regular One.

CHARACTERIZE THE OTHER FACTION AS "RUMP" MEETING—LATTER DECLARE THEY WERE NOT ADMITTED, AND THEREFORE HELD MEETING ACCORDING TO LAW.

The fight among local Republicans for control of the county committee continues unabated. Yesterday there were two meetings of Republicans, it being the date set for the meeting of the county organization, the purpose being to select delegates to the state and congressional districts and name a new county committee. The Stillman faction met at the hall designated in the call, and this meeting was presided over by Mark S. White, the regular chairman, while the McGourin and Northup faction held its meeting in S. B. A. hall.

The Stillman faction characterizes the McGourin and Northup faction as a "rump" meeting, while the latter claim they could not gain admission to the Stillman meeting, and with the acknowledged secretary, held what they say is the "regular" meeting, and which is in sympathy with Coombs, Chubb and Joe Lee.

The Stillman Meeting.

The following is a report of the meeting which was held in the place designated in the call:

The Republicans of Escambia county held their county convention yestedray, convening at 2 p. m. in Knights of Labor hall in this city. Mark S. White was elected chairman and Geo. P. Wentworth secretary of the permanent organization of the convention.

The representation was large and the following delegates were elected to represent the county in the coming state and congressional conventions:

State Convention—J. E. Stillman, Rix M. Robinson, M. S. White and T. S. Grice, delegates; Dr. W. A. J. Pollock, Geo. P. Wentworth, E. L. Simmons and L. B. Crooms alternates.

Congressional Convention—M. S. White, J. E. Stillman, Rix M. Robinson, T. S. Grice, W. A. J. Pollock, L. B. Crooms, A. N. Johnson, I. H. Johnson, Wm. Coombs, Wm. Taylor, delegates; G. W. Powell, A. Dorsey, Phil. Catholic, Henry Smith, M. Robinson, Harry Smith, J. H. Simon, Aaron Prather, Wm. Goldstucker and Fred. James, alternates.

A new county committe was elected with M. S. White as chairman and T. S. Grice as secretary. Resolutions endorsing President Roosevelt's administration were adopted unanimously.

One of the Stillman faction said last night: "A 'rump' convention was held in another hall, composed of the contesting delegates from a few precincts in the county."

The Other Side.

"Pursuant to the call issued," said one of the men allied with the McGourin and Northup faction lastnight, "we assembled yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the K. of L. Hall to attend the county convention. All of our delegates chosen last week were there, but to our surprise we found stationed at the bottom of the stairway a police officer and a guard, who, when we started to enter stopped us and demanded tickets of admission. This was the first we knew of any tickets, especially as the secretary of the convention, P. H. Davidson, who had in his possession all of the proceedings and returns of the precinct meetings, stated that he had signed no tickets. We were informed however, that without a ticket signed by Mark White we could not enter.

"Whereupon we repaired to S. B. A. No. 1 hall and there proceeded to organize and elect delegates to the state and congressional conventions and a new county committee. Our meeting was a harmonious one, and was attended by at least 125 persons. Being denied admission to the convention hall and having all records in our possession we claim our convention to be the regular one. We are in harmony with Coombs, Chubb and Lee, while the other side is fighting the state organization."

Resolution Adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted at this meeting::

"Be it resolved, By the Republican party of Escambia county, Florida, in convention assembled, that we heartily endorse the wise, just and able efforts of our leaders, the Honorables J. N. Coombs, National Committeeman, Henry S. Chubb, Chairman of the State Central Committee, and Joseph E. Lee, secretary of said committe, in their work and endeavors in behalf of the republican party of the state of Florida, which under their guidance has prospered and grown in the respect and confidence of the people; and we hereby re-affirm our confidence in their leadership and in their unswerving loyal-

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