

BREWERS HALT PROBE INTO POLITICAL 'SLUSH' FUND; CASE DEFERRED

U. S. Inquiry at Pittsburgh Postponed Until Next Week After Philadelphia Banker Goes Before Jury

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 9.—One of the bitter legal fights with which the United States Government has been confronted is anticipated in the United States District Court here next week when the brewery officials renew their contest to quash the Federal probe of contributions made to political campaigns by the liquor interests.

The United States District Attorney, E. Lewis Humes is preparing for a clash that may reach the higher Federal courts, as the attorneys for the brewery interests apparently have been instructed to spare no move that might frustrate the planned prosecution.

The arguments on the petition of the brewery officials to quash the subpoenas issued on brewery officials and others will be next Monday. Counsel for the liquor men hope for a favorable decision in this matter, and expect the argument to result in at least delaying the probe scheduled to start Tuesday. District Attorney Humes, however, is planning to resume the calling of witnesses Tuesday afternoon.

The inquiry, which is expected to become nationwide in scope, opened today in the Federal Building, when James Moore, assistant cashier of the Northwestern National Bank of Philadelphia was called before the United States Grand Jury.

The Philadelphia, the first witness, produced bank records, the Government officials hoped, showing transactions through the bank made by the United States Brewers' Association, and the Pennsylvania Brewers' Association, two organizations supposed to have disbursed huge sums in the past year or back to which date the Government inquiry may go.

Among other things light was expected to be thrown on one transaction involving nearly half a million dollars, which was contributed to one or more candidates in the State election in Pennsylvania two years ago.

The defense is represented by Attorney George Shaw, of Reed, Smith, Shaw and Beal; Attorney Charles A. Fagan and Attorney J. W. Hibbard, who accompanied Assistant Cashier Moore from Philadelphia.

That the Philadelphia banker produced records in the shape of canceled checks is believed, but apparently with the understanding they were produced under protest.

PHILADELPHIA BANK HEAD SUMMONED AS A WITNESS

Edwin A. Schmidt to Testify in 'Slush' Fund Inquiry

The president of the Northwestern Bank of Philadelphia is Edwin A. Schmidt, of the Schmidt Brewing Company. He has been summoned to appear as a witness in the Pittsburgh "slush" fund suit. Mr. Schmidt has been subpoenaed as a trustee of the United States Brewers' Association.

Mr. Schmidt, in talking today over the telephone from his apartments in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, said: "Yes, I have been subpoenaed, but I have no idea when I shall be called before the Federal Grand Jury in Pittsburgh."

"Have the officers of the bank been subpoenaed?" he was asked. "No," he replied, "just the bank has been subpoenaed, and probably we will need counsel to represent us."

"What connection has the bank with this investigation?" "None whatever as far as I know; I am all in the dark regarding this matter. The bank has nothing to do with this as far as I know, and I have no knowledge of the United States Brewers' Association contributing any money for political campaigns."

Other officials of the Northwestern Bank of Philadelphia are: Vice president, Otto C. Wolf; cashier, Linford C. Nice; assistant cashier, James Moore; directors, E. A. Schmidt, Otto C. Wolf, D. Charles Murtha, G. R. Rebman, John E. Hanifen, A. Raymond Raff, Andy Braun, Edward C. Schmidt, Harry A. Poth, of the Brewery Company, Otto W. Schaum, William B. Severn, L. C. Nice, John R. Livezey, Joseph P. Wittman. The capital of this institution is \$200,000 and the surplus and undivided profits, \$746,000.

Other Philadelphia subpoenaed in the liquor slush fund probe are John Gardner, president of the Pennsylvania Brewers' Association, and Charles P. Ettla, secretary of the association.

Mr. Ettla was reported today to be seriously ill. Mr. Gardner admitted that he had been subpoenaed.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Michael Shilansky, Marcus Hook, Pa., and Mary Wankel, 221 1/2 Locust st., and Anna Joseph, 106 Pennsylvania st., and Anna Leno, 126 Pennsylvania st., and Joseph W. Cox, 2021 Grandview st., and Joseph M. Longenecker, 2921 Grandview st., and Sanford Loh, 2115 Locust st., and Emma L. Stimmer, 1156 E. Palmer st., and Warren C. Smith, 2115 Locust st., and Helen M. McElrath, 2722 N. Marine st., and William P. Sayre, 578 N. 4th st., and Anna Reed, 202 Green st., and Rose Bilizowski, Oluska, Glenwood, Md., and Rose William H. Baizer, 520 W. Jefferson st., and Emma Reynolds, 57 N. Marshall st., and Robert E. Kingston, 2433 E. State st., and Mary E. O'Brien, 499 Westview ave., and Joseph J. Haggerty, 2115 Locust st., and Rose Oluska, 2742 N. Front st., and Kitty Leque, 2115 Locust st., and Kitty Klausner, 1271 N. 4th st., and William W. Chapman, 2219 Madison square, and Katherine A. Murray, 1251 S. 23d st., and C. J. Kridger, 101 Schoolhouse lane, and C. E. Griffin, 2425 Napa st., and Sophie Dion, 622 Gordon st., and Leo J. Clark, 1544 Shunk st., and Anna C. Fong, 124 Locust st., and Joseph Litvinsky, 143 Laurel st., and Esther Shaly, 707 Duncan st., and Karoline Dunbar, 2770 Tucker st., and Joseph A. Kullback, 2115 Locust st., and Mary T. Richardson, 1651 N. 4th st., and George A. Knapp, 2115 Locust st., and Marie L. Lebrun, 2323 N. Canal st., and Marie E. Davidson, 218 S. 50th st., and William H. Haggerty, 122 Green st., and Wilhelmina Bergmann, 122 Green st., and Joseph J. Shultz, 698 West ave., and Sarah Walker, 525 Chestnut st., and Bronislawa Kozlowski, 731 Green st., and Bronislawa Kozlowski, 3074 Dalmatian st.

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"BILLY" SUNDAY RAKES RICH OVER THE COALS

Preaches on True Greatness at Theatre Crowded With Men

TRENTON, Feb. 9.—"A Rich Man in Fine Purple" was the theme of "Billy" Sunday's sermon at the Trenton Theatre at noon today. It was a special meeting for men, and the crowd that filled the playhouse was enthusiastic.

CHARGES BREACH OF FAITH BY BRANDEIS

Continued from Page One The "per se" railroad rate case," was Senator Wain's opening remark. Senator Wain insisted on the witness adhering strictly to the record when discussing the position taken by Brandeis in the contested phases of the rate case.

Throughout this case, Thorne explained, counsel for shippers and for the public, including himself and Brandeis, had contended that the net revenue of the railroads was sufficient to run the roads at a profit. This, he said, was the crux of the fight against the increased rates demanded by the roads. The commission itself, in 1913, made this clear, he said.

The commission announced, Thorne said, that the question pending would be divided for argument into two parts: First, Are the railroads entitled to more revenue? Second, If so, where shall it be secured?

At the very close of the arguments in 1913, the witness said, Brandeis made the final argument against the railroads. Thorne recited from the record showing that Brandeis said "following in his argument:

"I have said, and I will say again, that whatever may be true of the rates, the net income is not sufficient to give that prosperity to the people demands."

Leaning forward in his chair the witness pointed the table with his flat and glancing with flashing eyes from one member of the committee to another, he continued:

"This was the very point for which the railroads had contended for four years. They had bombarded the commission with arguments, they had maintained a nationwide propaganda. The commission itself had charged them with misleading and deceiving the public as to their revenues."

"Here we were at the close of this great case involving \$5,000,000 a year, five per cent. on a billion dollars. From a financial standpoint this was the most important case ever tried between private parties before any human tribunal since the dawn of civilization."

"In the closing argument, after every representative of the public had concluded, the special counsel for the commission, appointed to see that all points of the case were properly presented, without notice and without warning to other counsel, conceded the very point at issue at that time."

Police Court Chronicles

The task of raising an army in a hurry is somewhat difficult. Charlie Roosevelt, who is no relation to 'Eddy, found this out after a long experience. Charlie favors preparedness and believes that all Americans should place themselves on record regarding the matter immediately.

He appointed himself a committee and questioned those whom he met on the street. He was especially industrious in this connection along Kensington avenue. Some of those approached ignored Charlie, others gave him the laugh. One factious youth tried to "kid" him for the amusement of a few bystanders.

"Are you prepared?" asked Charlie. "You just bet I am," replied the youth. There was a loud report as Roosevelt's fist struck the face of the joker. Before he could recover, Charlie pulled a pipe from the mouth of the youth and held the smoke in his face. "That's the smoke of battle," said Charlie as he turned on his heel. But he walked right into the arms of Policeman Yost.

When he was brought before Magistrate Dietz at the Trenton avenue and Dauphin streets station, Charlie declared that he was simply trying to raise an army to protect the country. The "Judge" admired his motive but disapproved of his methods.

"I'm prepared to make any sacrifice," said Charlie. "I'm glad to hear it," said the Magistrate, "and you will not shudder, therefore, at the order to camp ten days in the county prison."

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TILLMAN TO PRESS ARMOR PLATE BILL

Naval Committee Chairman Says That Is His "Answer to Steel Barons' Bluff"



DR. ALVIN W. STRUSE Who will leave this city today to spend two years among the islands of the Pacific Ocean, studying tropical diseases for the Rockefeller Institute. He was formerly connected with the Abington Memorial and Episcopal Hospitals.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Plans for early passage in the Senate of the Government armor plate factory bill was the answer today to the "reat made yesterday by Senator Penrose that the armor plate manufacturers would boost prices to the Government \$20 a ton.

Senator Tillman, chairman of the Naval Committee, today gave notice he would call up the bill in the Senate Monday. "There are enough Republicans who have promised to support it with the Democrats to insure its passage."

Tillman also declared he was considering whether action should be taken regarding the price increase threat of the manufacturers.

"I am sure the threat was made in all seriousness," said Tillman. "Senator Penrose is always fair and candid and I am not disturbed by them. The bill will go through. It was foolishness for them to make the threat when they did. They might have known that the committee would have immediately responded by calling their bluff and reporting the bill."

Tillman today was preparing an elaborate report in favor of the bill, including a scathing indictment of the manufacturers.

CAMDEN WOMEN PLAN PREPAREDNESS CLUB

Philadelphians Outline Defense Scheme at Neighbors' Initial Meeting

C Camden women are preparing to enter the movement for national preparedness. Seventy-five women, representing almost all the women's clubs in Camden County, met last night at the home of Miss Edith Cooper Reeve, 301 State street, to launch the movement. Miss Reeve, who is regent of the Nassau Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, sent out the call for the meeting.

It is planned to establish a Camden branch of the Women's Division of National Preparedness along the lines of the organization now existing in Philadelphia. It was agreed to hold another meeting next Tuesday afternoon in the Cooper Library, 21 and Cooper streets, to perfect the organization. All clubs for women will be invited to aid in bringing about adequate preparedness.

Several Philadelphia women were present and spoke at the meeting, telling those present what had been done in this city in the cause of preparedness. The speakers were Dr. Elise Rose, assistant surgeon of the Woman's Hospital; Mrs. Gertrude Abbott of Philadelphia; and Mrs. White, one of the active workers of the Pennsylvania Women's Division of Preparedness.

CAMDEN'S CIVIC CELEBRATION

Finance Committee Will Lay Plans to Raise Funds

The Finance Committee in charge of raising the funds for the big Camden Civic Celebration and Exposition of Industries, which will be held May 18-27, will meet at the rooms of the Board of Trade, 29 Broadway, late this afternoon to discuss the finance campaign. Many of the large industries and banking houses of Camden have been approached by the committee, and will lay the matter of contributing funds before their board of directors. It is planned to raise \$50,000.

Today's meeting will probably result in the formation of plans for soliciting contributions from the retailers and private citizens who are interested in the project.

Camden Trade Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Camden Board of Trade will be held at 29 Broadway at 12:30 o'clock tomorrow. Secretary Charles M. Curry, of the Board of Trade, said that in all probability the standing committees for the ensuing year would be appointed at the meeting.

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Baby Smothered by Bed Clothes

CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 9.—Catherine Finks, 4 months old, daughter of Thomas Finks, of 205 Oakward street, Philadelphia, was smothered to death by bed clothes as she slept with her mother early at the home of Mrs. Finks' aunt, Mrs. Margaret Scully, 802 Flower street.

Five Get Divorces at Pottstown

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Feb. 9.—The court today granted five divorces. Those won decrees were: Gordon D. Penrose, West Conshohocken; Mabel Orendorf, West Conshohocken; Harry K. Tyson, of Pottstown; Freston A. Yeager, of New Hanover; and Garnet W. Coffey, of Plymouth.

DON'T LEASE NAVAL OIL RESERVE, SAYS DANIELS

California Lands Should Be Preserved for Warships, He Tells Senate Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Secretary of Public Lands Committee, vigorously opposed passage by Congress of any legislation which would permit oil operators to remain on the naval oil reserve in California. He said they should be held strictly to their legal rights in the courts.

"Having entered on building of oil-burning battleships," said Daniels, "our reserves should be held intact. If bills now before Congress should pass, in 20 years supplies would be so depleted that the navy would be forced to rely on private concerns at prevailing high prices."

Daniels opposed the Myers oil conservation bill, which would permit leasing of oil land within the naval reserve. The navy will need 1,500,000 barrels of oil annually for ships now building in times of peace, and 5,000,000 in war times, Daniels said. He pointed out Great Britain had bought 3,300,000 barrels at Port Arthur in one year of the war.

Senator Phelan suggested the navy ought not to continue building oil burners. Phelan said he had expert information that the visible oil supply would last only 25 years. Daniels retorted that if the naval reserves are not opened up to private exploitation the navy's fields would furnish enough for a decade.

AUTO LICENSES REVOKED

HARRISBURG, Feb. 9.—State Highway Commissioner Cunningham today revoked three automobile licenses because payment had been made by checks which the banks on which they were drawn refused to honor. Also Simonston, Tarentum, Pa.; Gromley S. Nagle, Pottstown, Pa.; a dealer, the holders of the licenses, Nagle holding both a driver's and a dealer's license.

Shore Fire Victims Buried

Two victims of the recent Atlantic City fire were buried today at 2 o'clock. They were Thomas Edgerton Mott and his wife, Martin Helms Mott. The simple funeral service of the Friends was held in the Friends' Meeting House, 4th and Arch streets. Interment was made in the Friends' Southwest Burial Ground, near 9th street and Woodland avenue.

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