

NEWBERRY TRIAL DRAGS

90 U. S. Witnesses Delayed by Illness or Business Complications

Witnesses either ill or held up by illness and business complications attributable to influenza, Frank C. Dally, assistant attorney general, who is conducting the prosecution in the Newberry election conspiracy trial, was in doubt today whether he could finish the government's case this week without recourse to depositions in some instances.

Saturday thirty witnesses were summoned, but only four arrived. Jesse H. Prescott, of Flint, opened the government's fifth week in the trial. The corroborated statements of former Mayor William F. McKeligan, of Flint, who had testified to a threat of the defendant, Richard H. Fletcher, to influence his election to the Michigan Supreme Court on a criminal prosecution against McKeligan that was then pending on appeal.

The witness said he was introduced to Fletcher and Paul King at Fred Henry's house, and Henry asked him to "line up some fellows to work primary day," and promised "to take care of them financially." He told the latter said he was a Newberry man and that there was "some nice banked in it" and that he had just banked \$2000.

8000 EDUCATORS CONVENE

Democracy in Schools to Be Discussed at Cleveland Today

Cleveland, Feb. 22.—(By A. P.)—Eyes of the nation's school teachers were focused on Cleveland today when 8000 delegates of the fifty school organizations affiliated with the National Education Association opened a five-day convention.

Philip C. Clayton, United States commissioner of education, will address the school guards section this afternoon, when four of the most urgent problems in the education field will be brought before the convention at the meeting of the National Council of Education. They are: Participation of teachers in school management; the viewpoint of the American Federation of Teachers, democracy in the schools; and the viewpoint of the commission on the emergency in education.

FIREMAN HURT IN BLAZE

Overturned Oil Stove Causes \$2000 Fire in Tenement

A fireman was injured painfully and damage estimated at \$2000, caused by a fire in a tenement house at 1031 Carpenter street last night. Fireman Neville, of Engine Company No. 24, was burned about the face and hands. He refused to leave the scene of the blaze until the fire had been extinguished.

The fire began when an oil stove overturned in a second-story room. Patrolman Archibaldson, was called to the scene when he heard a woman scream.

He summoned the fire engines, and then helped occupants of the house to escape. George Smith is proprietor of the place.

ASK U. S. FOR 6-HOUR NIGHT

N. J. Mail Clerks in Annual Convention at Atlantic City

Atlantic City, Feb. 22.—The reclassification of salaries and a retirement system are the principal topics before the annual convention of the New Jersey state branch of the United National Association of Post Office Clerks here today.

There will also be a recommendation to Congress for a six-hour night, an equivalent to an eight-hour day. The national association, at its annual convention here last September, requested a night shift of seven hours.

The New Jersey clerks will ask Congress to consider retirement legislation on half pay after three years of service.

Postmaster H. M. Knight, of Camden; J. J. Diamond, of Philadelphia; and Congressman Isaac Barbach, of the second New Jersey district, are among the speakers.

HOLD-UP IN TAMMANY CLUB

Members Robbed of \$5000 in Cash and Gems During Card Game

New York, Feb. 22.—(By A. P.)—Eight masked gunmen entered the Tammany Club yesterday and robbed forty members, who were playing cards, of about \$5000 in money and jewelry. They escaped before an alarm could be given.

The robbers ordered the victims to throw up their hands and face the wall, threatening to shoot all who disobeyed. One Tammanyite who tried to slip a diamond ring, valued at \$500, from his finger into his mouth was struck on the jaw by the intruder, who selected their loot with care, disregarding cheap watches and jewelry.

N. Y. HOTEL FIRE ROUTS 400

"Big Bill" Edwards' Football Trophies Destroyed by Blaze

New York, Feb. 22.—(By A. P.)—Four hundred guests at the Marie Antoinette Hotel, Broadway and Sixty-seventh street, were driven from their rooms early today by a fire which started in the apartment of William H. (Big Bill) Edwards, collector of internal revenue and former Princeton football captain.

Many of the guests were frightened and ran into the street, but the majority remained in the lobby and watched the fire, which confined the blaze to a few rooms on the eighth floor. The hotel was damaged by water to the extent of \$2,500.

Important Points on Rail Measure Before Senate

The compromise railroad bill which the House has passed and which is before the Senate today for final action guarantees to the carriers in each group an operating income equal to 5 1/2 per cent of the aggregate property value. The Interstate Commerce Commission may add one-half of 1 per cent for improvements. Earnings exceeding 6 per cent will be divided equally between each carrier's reserve fund and the federal railroad contingent fund.

Under the labor provisions a tribunal of nine members will have jurisdiction over disputes threatening interstate commerce. Permissive consolidation of the roads into a limited number of systems is provided for.

Unions Bitterly Score Rail Bill

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"We are now appropriating \$500,000,000 more," he said, "and before the close of the present fiscal year we will be compelled to make another appropriation of not less than \$400,000,000 in all \$2,150,000,000.

"Of this vast sum, it is expected, the railroads will during the next decade pay to the government of the advances so made sums which in the aggregate will reduce the government's expenditures to something like \$850,000,000 and this will represent the loss incurred in two years and two months of government operation."

The amounts I have given you are given estimates and do not include claims asserted by the railroads and denied by the railroad administration."

Harding Outlines Need of Nation

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that a new proposition has come in the division of the profits of production, and labor's share will never grow less," he declared. He did not know whether the war scale of wages will abide, but insisted wages in themselves do not constitute the true measure of compensation.

"If wages are doubled and the cost of living is more than doubled labor has lost rather than gained," the senator said.

Of major importance among the day's events was to be reorganization of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, perfection of the State League of Republican Clubs, and organization of the Republican women of the state.

Chairman Hays to Speak

Chairman Will H. Hays, of the Republican national committee, was scheduled to speak. Others included Ralph D. Cole, of Findlay; Mayor Harry J. Davis, of Cleveland; Congressman Roscoe McCullough, of Canton, and State Senator Thomas W. Latham, all candidates for the governorship.

Senator Warren G. Harding, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, and Chairman Will H. Hays, of the Republican national committee, were principal speakers. Others to speak included Ralph D. Cole, of Findlay; Mayor Harry J. Davis, of Cleveland; Congressman Roscoe McCullough, of Canton, and State Senator Thomas W. Latham, all candidates for the governorship.

Major General Leonard Wood, Republican candidate for the presidency, carried the fight into Ohio, Senator

Harding's home state, today. The general Saturday filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy for the presidential nomination and also for a statement authorizing candidates for delegates to pledge themselves to his support at the Republican national convention.

Penrose, on Leaving City, Raps Hoover

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urging the electors to return a Democratic Congress in harmony with Mr. Wilson.

Congressional Victory a Great One

Here the senator, who had been looking at the floor while dictating, stopped for a moment and looked up and almost dramatically made this addition to his statement:

"I am one of those who believe that one of the most important victories in the annals of American politics was the Republican victory in the congressional election."

The senator was referring to the passing of control of Congress from the hands of the Democrats into the hands of the Republicans, while a Democrat, President Wilson, sat in the White House.

As the senator made his declaration about this most important political victory in the annals of American politics, he again stopped as if to emphasize the words he was about to utter. As he did so and with the recollection that great in a Republican conviction, he regarded as significant, not only because the senator is a national committeeman and one of the chiefs in the

Republican national organization, but also because recently the senator has conferred with Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, and on last Saturday talked over the situation with Senator Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, another of the national leaders and himself a candidate for President.

No Special Candidate

Turning to a discussion of the Republican prospects for 1920, Senator Penrose said:

"I would say that there has been no crystallization of sentiment at present upon any candidate as the Republican standard-bearer. Many strong men are mentioned. The situation is not unfavorable. Republican success is certain. Any good Republican nominated will be elected."

The senator topped off his analysis of Republican prospects by adding:

"With the election of a Republican President the country will be rescued from the lamentable condition it is now in by reason of Democratic inefficiency. Digressing to the question of the kind of delegates to be chosen for the Republican national convention Senator Penrose said:

"The convention will be composed of able Republicans of the country and their best of the nominee will be that which is an approved Republican. I entertain no apprehension as to a fortunate outcome."

Senator Penrose arose as if to leave, but as several questions were fired at him he resumed his seat and talked about his condition.

"I have been ill," said the senator, "for several weeks with a neglected gripe or influenza, but now feel restored to my health. After a few weeks in Florida I expect to return to Washington in better shape than I have been for many years."

Benefited by Rest

"The fact of the matter is that the enforced rest I have had is about the first rest of any description that I have experienced for some ten years, or at least since the outbreak of the war. The rest alone has benefited my health in every way."

The senator was told by his secretary that his time was limited and the

senator got up determined to end the interview.

"Of course, we are," it was suggested, "you will be candidate this year to succeed yourself?"

"Oh," replied the senator, "no use going into that." Then, with a smile, he said he had "hit the high spot" and that should suffice. "Of course," he added, "I could give you an encyclopedia of information but you don't want an encyclopedia, do you?"

As he started to walk out of his library into the hall, the senator was asked for some comment on Mayor Moore. The senator promptly stood still, while he added this to his symposium:

"Mr. Moore left a foremost place as a national leader at Washington, a big and virile figure in the national House of Representatives, to take up the task of redeeming Philadelphia. Every good citizen should support him and do all he can to sustain the Mayor."

The interview concluded, the senator walked out to the street. After being photographed he and his secretary, Mr. Taylor, entered one automobile while the senator, Senator Penrose, took another. The two machines were whirled away and at Broad Street Station the senator was joined by District Attorney Botan, a warm personal friend of the senator.

The senator took his time as he walked about the house before leaving, and also was careful about his step as he walked to the street. But the senator was never a plugging pedestrian. The departure from the Spruce street home was made without special incident, few but the newspaper representatives knowing anything about the senator's leaving.

Breaks His Old Custom

It has been a long time since the senator received so many representatives

of newspapers in his home. Usually they are received at his offices. Because of the rain and sleet, the photographers were admitted to the house as soon as they arrived and were seated in the parlor. There a stenographer sat at a desk by the window. The room was distinctly "Penrosian," with deep easy chairs of leather with heads of deer mounted on the walls. The interview was conducted in the library just behind the parlor, which is similarly furnished.

The deer heads were reminders of the fact that the senator in years gone by used to go west, out in Wyoming, and "rough it." Of later years he has sought diversion for a day or so at a time by going to Atlantic City and when the weather favored, cruising off the shore in his yacht, the Betty.

The section of Florida to which the senator is on his way today is rather famous in the annals of Pennsylvania's political history. There was a time, during the life of Senator Quay, when Philadelphia and Pennsylvania politicians were met as frequently on the sands of Florida as they are nowadays on the boardwalk at Atlantic City.

Senator Penrose's sojourn in Florida may to some extent revive this custom,

which flourished in the days of Quay. Senator Penrose's political forefather.

Suspension of Activity Ordered

Senator Penrose fell ill about the middle of November last. It was not until November 29, however, that he was obliged to go to his home. Then his brother, Dr. Penrose, and Dr. Herbert Carpenter were called in, and they ordered a complete suspension of activity.

Until a few days ago, the senator was under the orders of his physicians. There were times when his condition was regarded as serious, if not critical, and specialists were called in. But as he passed these crises, hope for his ultimate recovery was revived among his friends. Lately the senator has been able to receive callers and discuss national conditions in the city, state and nation.

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