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**CONTRACT MADE BY SWINDLER INVALID**

Court Rejects Claim of Manager of Lumber Plantation for \$101,000

IS ECHO OF OLD FRAUD

Federal Judge Thompson today gave instructions to a jury to return a verdict in favor of the defendant in a re-trial of the suit of Edmund Kirby-Smith against the International Lumber and Development Co.

Kirby-Smith, who lives at Sevanee, Tenn., sued to recover \$101,000 for services rendered as manager of the company's San Pablo plantation at Campeche, Mexico. He was employed by John B. Markley and Isaiah B. Miller, two of the convicted promoters of the gigantic \$3,000,000 stock swindle, to operate the plantation at a compensation of \$250 an acre.

Kirby-Smith declared he worked several years without pay, and that finally Markley and Miller gave him an assignment for \$101,000 of \$363,922 supposedly due them from the International company for their services as contractors on the plantation.

The assignment was accepted in behalf of the company by Charles N. McMahon, its secretary, another of the convicted swindlers, but the company failed before the money was paid.

Judge Thompson held that insufficient evidence had been produced to show that McMahon had any authority to accept the assignment and bind the company.

Termination of the case in favor of the company is a victory for Owen J. Roberts, of this city, and the stockholders of the Tropical Products Co., which was recently organized to operate the plantation in the interests of the victims of the fraud.

Mr. Roberts was engaged as counsel for the company after a jury had given a verdict for \$134,312.07 in favor of Kirby-Smith, on February 26, 1917.

Mr. Roberts appealed and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the verdict and ordered a new trial.

**CANDIDATE IS EGGED**

Gloucester Crowd Attacks Man Who Seeks Mayoralty

Eggs and bricks greeted Frederick Kirby's appeal for votes last night at a street meeting in Gloucester. Kirby, a justice of the peace, is the independent candidate for mayor of Gloucester.

Two ancient eggs hit the candidate in the face and splattered over his clothing. A brick knocked off the hat of John Haughey, a bystander, and several eggs struck Frank Hannold, president of the Gloucester Fire Co.

Kirby was speaking from an automobile at Broadway and Market street when the missiles began flying. He went home, but was persuaded by friends to make a brief address later at another street intersection.

Two years ago Kirby was holding a political meeting in a Gloucester street when a crowd chased him off the stage.

**STATE G. O. P. SEEKS ALL CONGRESSMEN**

**Determined Battle Being Waged to Elect All Thirty-six Candidates in State**

**FIGHT ON PALMER MAN**

Pennsylvania's block of thirty-six representatives will be an important factor in national legislation, particularly as respects the tariff and other financial measures. Republican leaders throughout the state are waging an intensive campaign to make Pennsylvania's vote unique in that the entire thirty-six will be Republican. As it stands now, seven of the thirty-six are Democratic. Republican leaders who have been in conference with Wm. H. Hays, national chairman, figure on destroying all Democratic representation whatever.

Republican hopes, in this connection, are particularly centered on the Twenty-sixth district, which comprises the counties of Carbon, Monroe, Northampton and Pike. This is the home district of A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general under the Wilson administration. Henry J. Steel, a lawyer, is the present member representing the Democratic party. Republican leaders are making a sort of test case of the Palmer-Steel contest.

**All Seats Contested**

In the election next Tuesday thirty-six congressmen are to be elected, thirty-two from districts and four at large. Six of the district congressmen are to be chosen in Philadelphia and the indications are that the Republican nominees will be the victors.

Only one of the four Republican nominees for congressman-at-large is a Philadelphia man. Joseph McLaughlin, of 1912 Spring Garden street, the three other Republican nominees are: William J. Burke and Mahlon M. Garland, of Pittsburgh, who are now congressmen-at-large, and Anderson H. Walters, another congressman-at-large, of Johnstown, who first went to Congress when the Roosevelt wave swept the state.

The Democratic nominees for congressmen-at-large are Charles M. Bowman, of Wilkes-Barre; John P. Brackner, of Dormint; M. J. Hanlan, of Honesdale, and John B. M. Donough, of Reading.

**HOPE CUNNINGHAM WILL NOT AID VARE**

**Trainer to See Alliance Head Today on Reported Backing of Pommer**

**HALL IS FOR HARMONY**

Joseph C. Trainer, who, with his brother, has opposed the councilmanic candidacy of Charles J. Pommer, in the First district, expressed surprise today at the report that Thomas W. Cunningham, chairman of the Republican Alliance, had declared he will support the Vare candidate.

"I am surprised at Mr. Cunningham's statement," said Mr. Trainer. "I don't care to make any statement until I have had an opportunity to talk to Mr. Cunningham. I will probably see him some time today or tomorrow."

"I recall that when the Republican city committee endorsed Pommer as its candidate for Council from the First district, Mr. Cunningham along with the other anti-Vare members of the committee refused to vote to endorse Pommer."

**Hall Not Surprised**

Charles B. Hall, a Vare leader in Council, said there was nothing in the reported announcement by Mr. Cunningham, to surprise him.

"Pommer is the regular Republican candidate," he said, "and it is only the proper thing for Mr. Cunningham to announce that he is for him. Those who do not support the candidates of the party should quit the party."

Asked his opinion on the harmony talk which has been current during the last few days, Mr. Hall said:

"Well, when a leader such as Penrose comes out in an interview as he did two weeks ago and says the door is open for harmony, I would say he can get pretty nearly what he wants."

**Meetings for Gallagher**

Trainer today announced plans for final meetings in behalf of James Gallagher, the Moore-Trainer candidate.

Two meetings will be held tonight at 719 Dickinson street and at 1729 South Broad street. Among the speakers will be Eugene V. Alessandri, assistant district attorney; Isadore Stern, who opposed the Deutsch forces in the Fifth Ward during the infamous primary election fight in 1917; James A. Carey, Fifth Ward representative in the Republican city committee, and Republican Alliance leader, Sheriff Lambertson, Councilmen Von Tegen and Horn and John R. McLean, who was defeated by Max Aaron for the state senate from the Fifth senatorial district.

Meetings have been scheduled for tomorrow night at 715 Snyder avenue and Twenty-sixth and Tasker streets. A meeting will be held at Twenty-fourth and Wharton streets Friday night and there will be a reception to the candidate by his supporters Saturday night at 1729 South Broad street.

**Becker Opposes Graham**

Congressman George S. Graham is up for re-election in the Second district. His Democratic opponent is Herman Becker.

Harry C. Ransley, former sheriff and former chairman of the Republican city committee, and Vare leader of the Second ward, is the Republican nominee in the Third district. In the primaries, Mayor Moore backed Charles Delaney, a business man, who gave Mr. Ransley a close fight. Special interest was aroused in this primary contest because of the fact that a Republican nominee was to be chosen for the seat occupied by Mr. Moore before he became Mayor.

Congressman George W. Edmonds is a candidate for re-election in the Fourth district. Harry T. Ruesscamp is the Democratic nominee.

A notable change is to be made in this city's representation from the Fifth district, the northeast, which for years has been represented by Congressman Peter E. Costello. James J. Connelly, city committeeman from the Twenty-fifth ward, and chief political lieutenant of Magistrate William P. Campbell, is the Republican nominee.

Mr. Connelly is now an employee of the Municipal Court. His candidacy was the direct result of opposition to Congressman Costello, who had been classed as a Vare leader of the northeast.

In the Sixth—West Philadelphia, Germantown district—Congressman George P. Darrow, a personal friend of Mayor Moore, is the Republican candidate for re-election. His opponent is Harry S. Jeffery, labor leader, who has the Democratic nomination.

**PENN STRAW VOTE TODAY**

**Students' Ballots May Show How Nation Will Go**

University of Pennsylvania students will cast straw ballots today for their presidential choice.

Because all sections of the country are represented by the student body it is believed the balloting will be significant of the result next Tuesday.

Ballots will be distributed in the classrooms and east in the library, Houston Club and departmental buildings. After 4 o'clock the polls will be in the office of the Pennsylvania, the student daily, which is conducting the straw vote in conjunction with members of the Eastern Intercollegiate Newspaper Association.

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The army men, members of the air service, will come from Mitchell Field, Long Island, N. Y.; Bolling Field, Washington, and Langley Field, Richmond, Va. They will fly in formation over this city, and land on Bustleton Field.

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