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## HARRISBURG FRAUD SENTENCES UPHELD

Pennsylvania at Same Time  
Brings Suit to Recover \$5,000,-  
000 Spent on Fittings

### ...L FOR CAPITAL CONSPIRATORS

Graft Sentences Sustained—Men Con-  
victed of Capitol Fraud Must Serve  
terms—W. P. Snyder and J. M. Shu-  
maker, Charged with Conspiracy.

Philadelphia, Mar. 15.—The convic-  
tion of William P. Snyder and James  
M. Shumaker, charged with conspiracy  
to defraud the State in connection  
with the furnishing of the State Cap-  
itol, was affirmed by the State Supreme  
Court here. Snyder was a former  
Auditor General and Shumaker a  
former Superintendent of Public  
Buildings and Grounds.

Snyder and Shumaker were convic-  
ted in the Dauphin County Court in  
Harrisburg on December 18, 1908, and  
sentenced to serve two years each and  
to pay a fine of \$500 each and the  
cost of prosecution. John H. Sand-  
erson of Philadelphia, who had the fur-  
niture contract for the Capitol, and Wil-  
liam L. Mathues of Media, former  
State Treasurer, who paid the alleged  
fraudulent furniture bills, were con-  
victed and received a similar sentence  
at the same time. Sanderson and Ma-  
thues have since died.

The cases were carried to the Su-  
preme Court, which affirmed the Dau-  
phin County Court, and an appeal was  
then taken to the highest tribunal in  
the State, which to-day upheld the  
lower courts.

Attorney General Todd, comment-  
ing on the decision, said: "It is all  
over and the men must go to prison."

Harrisburg, Pa., Mar. 9.—Actions  
in equity for the recovery by the State  
of at least \$5,000,000 alleged to have  
been illegally paid to contractors for  
the furnishing of the new State Cap-  
itol were entered in the Dauphin County  
Court to-day by the Attorney Gen-  
eral's Department. The actions are  
against the contractors, John H. Sand-  
erson, now dead, and the Pennsylvania  
Construction Company, the  
State officials having to do with the  
awards of the contracts and the ap-  
proval of bills in payment, Architect  
Joseph M. Huston and the sureties of  
the contractors and State officials.

The suits are the outgrowth of the  
Capitol investigation conducted in  
1907 and are entirely separate from  
the criminal actions brought more  
than two years ago.

### BLOW-UP KILLS EIGHT.

Seventeen Hurt in Accident Near  
Chicago.

Chicago, Mar. 14.—Eight persons  
were reported killed and seventeen  
injured, many of them probably fatally,  
in an explosion at the works of the  
American Maize Products Company at  
Roby, Ind.

The explosion occurred in a detached  
building of the plant and was pre-  
ceded by a fire. Starch in an over-  
heated kiln is supposed to have been  
the cause.

It was known that twenty-nine  
workmen were in the building at the  
time. Seventeen of these were re-  
cued badly burned. Of the twelve un-  
accounted for several are believed to  
have escaped unhurt. The rest were  
burned in the ruins of the warehouse.

### MRS. BOTKIN DEAD.

Noted Poisoner Expires in San Quen-  
tin Prison.

San Francisco, Mar. 14.—Mrs. Cor-  
della Botkin, serving a life sentence  
at San Quentin for the murder in 1898  
of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover,  
Del., by poisoned chocolates sent  
through the mails, died at the penitenti-  
ary.

Mrs. Dunning was the wife of a  
former San Francisco newspaper man,  
with whom Mrs. Botkin was infatua-  
ted. Dunning died several years ago in  
Philadelphia.

### EDITOR APOLOGIZES TO FISH.

Congressman's Suit for Libel for Being  
Called "Welcher" Is Withdrawn.  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Mar. 14.—The  
libel suit of Congressman Hamilton  
Fish against the Poughkeepsie News-  
Press for \$50,000 damages for calling  
him a "welcher" was settled in the  
Supreme Court at Carmel, Putnam  
County, without a trial.

Frank B. Lown, attorney for the  
newspaper, apologized in open court  
for the publication, and announced  
that The News-Press would print a  
complete retraction.

### Col. John I. Rogers Dies.

Denver, Mar. 15.—Colonel John I.  
Rogers, a prominent attorney of Phila-  
delphia, and for twenty years the big-  
gest stockholder in the Philadelphia  
National League Baseball Club died  
here to-day of heart failure.

## MORGAN PLANS BIG MOTOR CAR TRUST

Combined Capital of Companies Men-  
tioned Is \$91,000,000 and Year-  
ly Output 70,000 Cars.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 15.—Wall  
street believes that J. P. Morgan is  
grooming the automobile manufactur-  
ing trade preparatory to leading it into  
a mammoth corporation that shall ex-  
ercise in the automobile field an influ-  
ence as powerful as that exercised in  
the steel trade by his billion dollar  
Steel Trust, and as that to be exer-  
cised in the copper markets of the  
world by his proposed billion dollar  
copper merger.

This was indicated by the announce-  
ment that J. P. Morgan & Co. had pur-  
chased the majority of the stock of  
the Everitt-Metzger-Flanders, or T. M.  
F. automobile manufacturing company  
of Detroit, for the purpose of combin-  
ing it with the Studebaker com-  
pany.

The combination of these two com-  
panies, it was pointed out, would, with  
the General Motors Company as the  
unit for the Middle West and the  
United Motors Company as the unit  
for the East, lend itself readily to any  
larger combination that might be con-  
templated.

It is in this way, Wall street re-  
called, that Mr. Morgan forms all his  
great industrial combinations. First  
he forms independent concerns into  
units and then amalgamates these  
units into one big entity.

It is intimated that within a few  
years the automobile manufacturing  
business of the country will be as com-  
pletely monopolized as the Standard  
Oil Company is, if not more so.

These units were suggested as like-  
ly factors in a combination:

General Motors Company, control-  
ling about one dozen automobile manu-  
facturing concerns, the principal be-  
ing Rainier, Oldsmobile, Cadillac,  
Buick, Oakland and Rapid and Reli-  
ance trucks; present capital, \$60,000,  
000.

Estimated yearly output, 40,000  
cars.

United Motors Company, controlling  
Maxwell-Briscoe, Columbia and Brush  
present capital, \$16,000,000.

Estimated yearly production, 15,000  
cars.

Studebaker Company, controlling  
the E. M. F., Studebaker and Flanders  
cars present combined capital about  
\$15,000,000.

Estimated yearly output, 15,000  
cars.

Total present capitalization, \$91,-  
000,000.

Estimated total output, 70,000 cars.

Estimated output this year of all  
companies in the United States, 200,-  
000 cars.

### NATION WIDE STRIKE MAY BE.

Pennsylvania Federation of Labor  
Passes Resolution.

New Castle, Pa., Mar. 14.—The  
ninth annual convention of the State  
Federation of Labor, in session here,  
unanimously passed a resolution ask-  
ing that in the event of an arbitration  
of the Philadelphia strike question  
falling, the American Federation of  
Labor call a nation-wide strike of or-  
ganized and unorganized workmen.

The resolution passed was presented  
to the delegates by W. D. Mahon,  
President of the Amalgamated Asso-  
ciation of Street and Electric Railway  
Employees.

The permission was granted and  
Mr. Mahon in a stirring address ask-  
ed for the motion to pass the resolu-  
tion. The motion was forthcoming  
promptly and passed with a unani-  
mous rising vote, the delegates cheer-  
ing.

The resolution was forwarded by  
wire to President Gompers.

### LILLIS IS RECOVERING.

But It Is Uncertain When He Can Be  
Removed to His Home.

Kansas City, Mo., Mar. 14.—Jere F.  
Lillis, President of the Western Ex-  
change Bank, who was assaulted Sun-  
day morning by John P. Cudahy at the  
latter's residence, is reported to be  
steadily recovering.

Attendants at St. Mary's Hospital  
said, however, that it was uncertain  
when Lillis would be removed from  
the hospital to his home. Asked if  
his injuries would be permanent, they  
said that would require some time to  
determine.

The physicians say there now is no  
fear of blood poisoning, suggested by  
the fact that the kitchen knife used by  
Cudahy was said to have been rusty.

### MEN WORTH \$1,800 EACH.

Mining Company Fixes Flat Rate on  
Victims of Cherry Disaster.

Chicago, Mar. 14.—With fifty claims  
of widows and other relatives of Cher-  
ry mine disaster victims settled by  
payments ranging from \$800 to \$1,200  
per death, the St. Paul Mining Com-  
pany has entered into negotiations  
with counsel in something like 100  
more cases to settle with the victims'  
widows at the rate of \$1,800 in each  
case.

This rate of settlement was agreed  
upon at a conference between attor-  
neys representing the widows and  
counsel for the mining company.

## PASTOR ROBINSON ACCUSED BY GIRL

Leader of Anti-Saloon League  
and Trainer of Missionaries  
Confesses His Sin

### THE CHURCH SUSPENDS HIM

Pastor a Man of Fifty, Victim in Her  
Teens—Liquor Interests Credited  
with Exposure by Anonymous Let-  
ter to the Girl's Father.

Herkimer, N. Y., Mar. 15.—Follow-  
ing a confession that he had ruined  
one of the most popular and attractive  
young women in his congregation, the  
Rev. S. D. Robinson, pastor of the  
First Methodist Church of this village,  
has been suspended by the Church  
Board. He has fled from town.

The story of his downfall has been  
a great shock to the residents of this  
place, where both the pastor and his  
unhappy victim have heretofore been  
held in highest esteem.

Robinson came to Herkimer to  
preach about three years ago. He had  
before that been pastor of a church at  
Fulton, N. Y., and was looked on as  
one of the most talented men in the  
Northern Conference of the Methodist  
Church. He was about fifty years of  
age. He and his wife, for whom deep  
sympathy is now expressed on every  
hand, made a most favorable impres-  
sion here from the beginning.

In addition to his church duties the  
pastor soon became active as a direc-  
tor of the Folts Institute, a prepara-  
tory school for missionaries located  
here, and he was the leading spirit in  
the anti-saloon league.

Miss Abbie Haynes was just bud-  
ding into womanhood when the new  
minister moved to Herkimer. She is  
a daughter of Dr. W. I. Haynes, the  
local optician.

It was less than a year ago, accord-  
ing to a statement made by the young  
woman, that the preacher first took  
undue liberties with her. The little  
sister was at school one day and her  
mother had gone out shopping.

It was an anonymous letter that  
first warned Mr. Haynes that all was  
not well. While the letter had not  
been directly traced, it is generally  
believed that it came from some one  
connected with the liquor interests.

Robinson at first denied indignantly  
and defiantly that there was any  
truth in the charges and many of his  
friends believed him. Then he was  
brought unexpectedly face to face  
with the girl before a committee of  
churchmen. She repeated her charges  
in trembling tones with bowed head  
and Robinson, weeping, admitted she  
had told the truth.

"I am the most miserable man in  
the world," said Dr. Haynes. "Our  
home is ruined. I no longer have a  
home. It would be better if all of us  
were dead. My wife has gone com-  
pletely out of her mind with grief and  
shame. There is nothing left for us  
in this world. Only a father who has  
loved a child as I have loved my little  
girl can know the misery of it all."

### ROOT POINTS WAY.

Says Hinman Should Lead New York  
Senate.

Albany, N. Y., Mar. 14.—United  
States Senator Elihu Root, presuma-  
bly reflecting the wishes of President  
Taft, has taken active charge of the  
critical situation in the Republican  
party in New York State. On the eve  
of a conference of Republican Sena-  
tors called to elect a successor to  
Senator Jotham P. Aldis as temporary  
President of the Senate, Senator Root  
sent a telegram to State Senator Fred-  
erick M. Davenport, of Oneida Coun-  
ty, advocating the candidacy of Sena-  
tor Harvey D. Hinman, of Binghamton,  
a staunch supporter of the policies  
of Governor Hughes, as against Sena-  
tor George A. Davis, of Buffalo, and  
Senator George H. Cobb, of Water-  
town, rival aspirants for the leader-  
ship.

### GIVES BLOOD TO SAVE SON.

But Lewis Hopkins's Sacrifice Falls,  
and Death Comes.

Washington, Mar. 15.—Francis Hop-  
kins, 7-year-old son of Lewis Hopkins,  
grandnephew of Johns Hopkins, found-  
er of the university that bears his  
name, died of meningitis.

The boy had lain in Providence  
Hospital seven weeks, and after sub-  
mitting to two operations the physi-  
cians decided that a third, with the  
transfusion of blood, probably would  
save his life. The father hurried here  
on a special train, and a quantity of  
his blood was transfused to his son.  
After the operation the boy rallied,  
but death resulted from exhaustion  
following his long illness.

New Orleans, March 14.—The city  
was dark at noon and the Government  
hydrographer said it was because vol-  
canic dust from Mexico thickened the  
clouds.

## WORLD NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Covering Minor Happenings From  
All Over the Globe

### DOMESTIC.

Millet's painting "Shepherd and  
Flock," was stolen from the Golden  
Gate Park Museum in San Francisco,  
being cut from its frame while many  
visitors were in the place.

President Taft attended the funeral  
of his brother-in-law, Thomas K.  
Laughlin, in Pittsburgh.

Democrats of all sections are be-  
coming interested in Mayor Gaynor, of  
New York, as possible nominee for the  
Presidency.

Suffragist and anti-suffragist ora-  
tors discussed for four hours at Albany  
the resolution to amend the State con-  
stitution so as to permit women to  
vote.

Directors of the New York Central  
declare a quarterly dividend of 1-3  
cent, placing the stock upon a 6 per  
cent annual basis.

Plot of four convicts to dynamite  
Dannemora Prison was discovered  
soon after the escape of two convicts  
from Sing Sing.

The annual report of the American  
Tobacco Company shows more than  
50 per cent. of dividend on \$40,000,000  
common stock outstanding.

The recent large purchase of stock  
in the American District Telegraph  
Company by the Western Union gave  
the latter control of the former. The  
last big block of stock bought is said  
to have been the Gould holdings.

In an address to the convention of  
the Master Plumbers' Association  
Mayor Gaynor of New York hinted he  
was not opposed to open saloons on  
Sunday.

In a posthumous statement Mr.  
Platt tells of a promise from Mr. Har-  
rison to make him Secretary of the  
Treasury and of a campaign contribu-  
tion of \$150,000 in 1888.

Phlander C. Knox, Jr., son of the  
Secretary of State, was dismissed  
from a school at Providence because  
he refused to tell if he had married  
a young woman of that city; the lat-  
ter admitted that they were married  
in Vermont on Sunday.

Columbia University trustees an-  
nounce a gift of \$350,000 from an  
anonymous benefactor.

Despite the assertions of public offi-  
cials to the contrary, canvasses by  
Philadelphia newspapers show that  
100,000 persons have quit work to aid  
the striking car employees.

S. J. Telfair, seventy years old, who  
has just been awakened after a three  
days' sleep in Washington, says he  
was hypnotized and robbed of \$35,000.

### WASHINGTON.

Detailed reports are called for by  
the United States navy on the use of  
oil as a fuel.

The funeral of Representative Jas.  
B. Perkins was held at Washington;  
the body was taken to Rochester.

Bills were passed appropriating  
\$1,000,000 for the erection in Wash-  
ington of buildings for the depart-  
ments of State, Justice and Commerce  
and Labor.

By a practically unanimous vote the  
sub-committee of the House Naval  
Committee decided against bestowing  
any reward upon Commander Robert  
E. Peary until he had furnished fur-  
ther proofs that he had discovered the  
North Pole.

The Standard Oil Company filed its  
appeal in the United States Supreme  
Court, and several more briefs attack-  
ing the corporation tax were present-  
ed, one being by ex-Senator Foraker.  
President Taft, making public cor-  
respondence with Mr. Moon, author  
of the administration's injunction bill,  
urges its passage.

The postoffice appropriation bill was  
passed by the House.

It was reported from Washington  
that the United States might act as  
mediator between Peru and Ecuador  
if the King of Spain's award was not  
accepted.

### FOREIGN.

The French government will re-  
open all the accounts connected with  
the liquidation of Church property  
and hopes through cancellation of cer-  
tain sales to recover some of the  
losses caused by defalcation.

Great Britain is aiming to check  
America's progress in the Orient.  
Timothy Harrington, M. P., former  
Lord Mayor of Dublin, is dead.

British naval estimates for 1910  
showed an increase of \$27,805,000 over  
the preceding year's figures.

China is sincere and successful in  
her fight against opium, according to  
Bishop Bashford, an American Metho-  
dist.

Nicholas Tschalkowsky was acquit-  
ted by a Russian court, but Mrs.  
Breshkowskaya was exiled for life.

Over six thousand steerage pas-  
sengers have left Southampton for  
America in the last fortnight.  
The American Legation at Bogoto,  
Colombia, is stoned, according to ca-  
ble advices.

Use of a corruption fund to control  
Parliament is charged to the Japan-  
ese army by the independent press.

The Tokio press is jubilant at what  
it terms America's failure in her Man-  
churian plans.