

PLASS CONCERNS IN DEEP TROUBLE

U. S. Postal Department Says They Used Mails to Defraud Public—Officers Are Taken Into Custody

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Rev. Norman K. Plass, former president of the Redeemable Investment Company, Charles H. Brooks, manager, and John F. Traphagen, an agent of the company, were indicted today by the federal grand jury for using the mails in a scheme to defraud.

The Redeemable Investment Company was organized three years ago by Rev. Mr. Plass, a native of Ontario, who was a student at the University of Toronto, and by several business men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In explanation of the arrest and indictment today in Boston of John F. Traphagen, treasurer of the Redeemable Investment Company, of that city, the post-office inspectors said tonight that the mails were used to defraud by the company's associates in exploitation of the Okanogan Development Company, the Boston and Okanogan West Land Company, the Northern Lumber Company and the Santo Domingo Mining Company, all of which have offices in Boston.

The department's statement says in part: "The Okanogan Development Company claimed to have enormous assets in the state of Washington and reported its property worth millions. On investigation it was found that it was purchased for \$3,000, of which \$1,500 was payable in cash and \$1,500 in one year, and that the payments had never been completed.

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THE PASSING OF A WELL-KNOWN FIGURE

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One of the most widely acquainted and generally respected of Victoria's pioneers, Michael King, passed away at the Jubilee Hospital on Sunday morning after an illness of several weeks.

A typical westerner, possessing a passion for the wild, Mr. King was a man which enabled him to turn to commercial advantage the knowledge of the habits of the mountain sheep as an expansive.

When the discovery of gold in the Klondyke occurred, Mr. King's adventurous spirit would not permit him to keep entirely out of the excitement.

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PROPOSED ISLAND TRUNK ROAD

Provision of Transportation Route Between Victoria and Barkley Sound Would Open Up Rich Area

Interests identified with the upbuilding of Vancouver Island have the ambitious project in view of siting for the construction of a thorough trunk road which will connect Victoria with Barkley Sound and provide transportation for some of the richest districts on the island.

It is proposed that the road shall follow as closely as possible a route along the West Coast. Already there is a 12-foot wagon road running from Patricia Bay to Carmahell. This road is some twenty miles in length and it is stated that but little difficulty would be experienced in continuing this highway southwards by following one of the branches of the Gordon river as far as Port Renfrew.

From Port Renfrew the continuation could be further started on by way of the Sombro river and so the project would be advanced as far as Jordan river. From the latter point those who have traveled in the district state that construction work would be easy as far as Sooke, while from that point to Victoria the present road could be easily put into such repair as to make it the concluding link of the trunk road scheme.

That considerable settlement would follow the provision of such means of transportation seems certain in view of the different natural resources of the territory which this proposed road traverses. In both the Port Renfrew and San Juan districts there is considerable tracts of good timber of local character. The same conditions apply in the Nitinat district. The route of the Victoria and Barkley Sound railway, which would place the entire southwest coast district of the island in communication with the Victoria and Barkley Sound railroad.

In the Port Renfrew district there are large tracts of good timber, which with the advent of transportation facilities would be exploited. Settlement on a large scale would almost necessarily follow the completion of such a trunk road project. At present there is little or no prospect of settlement along this territory, as owing to the lack of transportation facilities settlers during the winter months are practically marooned.

Intoxication Plea Succeeds. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In commuting to life imprisonment the sentence of death passed upon John Wynne at Honolulu, Hawaii, President Taft takes the view that intoxication may be used in extenuation of a crime.

Separation of Races. BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—Henceforth no white person may move into a block in Baltimore where the majority of the residents of that block are negroes, nor may a negro move into a block where the majority of the residents are white.

Chauffeur Released. SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—C. J. Steele, the chauffeur, who has been held in the county jail in default of \$2,000 bond, for some weeks, charged with manslaughter, was released yesterday. The automobile he was driving ran down and killed Cleon Thomas, the 9-year-old son of H. J. Thomas, of 2223 Franklin avenue, November 26.

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B. C. ELECTRIC

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—The grand receipts of the British Columbia Electric Railway for the year ending June 30, 1910, increased by 21 per cent, while the net earnings disclosed an advance of 19 per cent. There is available for distribution after the usual charges a sum of \$2,474,482. The holders of preferred ordinary stock will receive 8 per cent.

Los Angeles Inquiry Adjourned. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21.—The special grand jury investigating the Times dynamite case will not meet again until January 5. At the conclusion of its session last evening the jury was informed that it would be called together again until that time, due to the fact that the approach of the holidays is given as the reason for the recess.

Faker Cook Near Home. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Tomorrow afternoon, one year and twenty-five days from the time Dr. Frederick A. Cook disappeared from home, he is due to sail up New York harbor again, but no longer a hero. There will be reporters to question him, but no come such as was given him on his return from the Arctic region. Dr. Cook's publishers here are authority for the statement that he is a passenger on the steamship George Washington, due to sail tomorrow afternoon.

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GERMAN CAPITAL EMULATES PARIS

Pleasure Palaces With French Names Springing Up in Berlin—New "Ice Palace" Among Them

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Berlin is gradually being inundated with pleasure palaces. Each new one is gaudier and more imposing than the one before. Whole streets are being given over to them, and the night is lurid with their multitudinous and glaring lights.

A couple of weeks ago the "Clou" no Berlin pleasure palace nowadays is a French name, and an unmistakably French name, and an unmistakably French name, and an unmistakably French name.

In a week or two there is to be opened another immense and ornate pleasure palace in the Rehrstrasse, the new concert and dance establishment of the Metropoli theatre. In keeping with the spirit of the times the concert house will be called "La Mascotte" and the terpsichorean annex, "Palais du Danse."

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FATHER'S LONG SEARCH REWARDED. Four Months' Hunt For Missing Son Results in Success Here in Victoria—Boy Wanted to "Make Good"

After a vain search of over four months, during which he visited practically every city of any importance on the coast, and then directed his attention to the Canadian side, Mr. Schulthess, a prominent resident of Grand Forks, North Dakota, was rewarded on Sunday afternoon when his long missing son was brought in by Detectives O'Leary and Heath.

Young Schulthess left home several months ago, and his father, who kept in touch with his parents and then of a sudden his letters ceased, had since received no news of his son. The father started on his long search for the boy, who was believed to have been in the West with regard to his whereabouts.

One of his earliest associates in this district was Mr. Louis Casey, with whom he entered into partnership in the timber business soon after his arrival in the city.

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Official dispatches, describing the affair reached here tonight, having been delayed by the cutting of telegraph wires by the revolutionists in the Malpas district. Colonel Samuel Garcia, chief of the presidential staff, gave the Associated Press the following statement:

"It is true that Colonel Guzman was wounded in a reconnoitering expedition he made at Malpas canyon to ascertain the number of the revolutionists. His left arm was behind. Colonel Guzman found the enemy hidden behind boulders and in a thick forest on the side of the canyon. Their position was naturally one of great advantage.

"At 1 o'clock Sunday night Colonel Guzman collected his dead and wounded and proceeded to his headquarters at Chihuahua.

"The official report is that nineteen were killed and twenty-five wounded. Colonel Guzman was not seriously wounded, but he was unable to continue with his command, and was ordered to Chihuahua.

"We do not consider the result of this encounter was in any way a defeat of the government forces.

"Only a few men of our forces were engaged, and our withdrawal was due to the ineffectiveness of Colonel Guzman and the necessity of substituting another commander."

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COUPS MOVING AGAINST REBELS

Reinforcements of Infantry and Artillery Sent from City of Mexico and Guadalajara to Scene of Trouble

PLANNING TO TRAP REVOLUTIONARIES. Official Report on Fight at Malpas—Nineteen Federal Soldiers Killed—Colonel Guzman Wounded

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—The tenth battalion of infantry, a battery of light artillery and one rapid-fire gun left here today in two special trains for the zone of insurrection activity in Chihuahua.

Another train carrying two regiments of infantry is said to have left Guadalajara last night for the same destination.

The force from this city is in command of General Sanchez Rivera and Colonel Rafael Vasquez.

The train went out in two sections, one of 15 coaches and two baggage cars carrying the officers and men; the other consisting of 14 cars loaded with soldiers, including a battery of artillery.

The tenth battalion contains six hundred and three enlisted men and twenty officers.

The battery is classified as light mountain artillery and has six guns. These troops were said to be intended to reinforce Colonel Guzman at Pedernales Canyon, where the government forces are preparing to strike a crushing blow at the revolutionists. The situation is said to be as follows:

On one side of the battle of Malpas (Bad Pass) is the force of General Navarro of 1,000 men. Colonel Guzman is on the other side with a force of 300 troops. He has not tried to force his way around the head of the canyon to join the troops under command of General Navarro, but instead communicated with the revolutionists, who are being hurried forward to the force of Colonel Guzman, to use thousands of men, and then the attack will be made from the two sides.

In his official circles it is believed the rebels are now trapped, and that they cannot possibly escape. The destruction of this force, it is said, will mean that there will remain no rebels in the field with the exception of a few straggling bands of outlaws.

Fuente I. Madero, the head of the Insurreccionary movement, is again reported to be in Mexican territory, as becoming a story in the Heraldic Mexican. This afternoon, the report is based upon a letter received from Chihuahua by responsible persons in this city.

Madero is said to have slipped across the border recently and to be now in Ojinaga at the head of the rebels who were formerly under the command of Abraham Gonzalez.

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