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ADMIT THEY BEFRAUDED THE CUSTOMS

Weighers at New York Implicate Importers—Manifests Changed—Two Millions a Year Divided is Estimated

New York, Oct. 23.—New York importers were implicated in alleged customs frauds against the United States government to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars when witnesses in the Musica case testified that government weighers made a practice of underweighing and collecting from the consignee half of the customs money thus saved.

How great the amount involved in this conspiracy has grown to be could not be learned because all the witnesses had not been sworn. That the sum is enormous was shown by the statement of Collector Loeb, in Washington, last night, when he declared it would be necessary to offer immunity from prosecution to many of the men implicated in order to convict the others.

The main evidence brought against the Musica firm, charged with fraudulent entries of cheese, showed that in one shipment alone the cheese that had been consigned there from Naples had been altered in transit nearly 9,000 pounds.

Manifests Ordered Changed John T. Maxwell, an entry clerk of Henderson Brothers, agents of the Anchor Line, also testified that Antonio Muscato asked him to change the manifest of a consignment of cheese on the Algeria, while still at sea, from the name of the Montreal. Maxwell declared that he had declined, but had referred the case to Mr. Coverley, the resident director of the line, who ordered him to change the manifest.

There was much other testimony to show that importers in New York were getting access to the books of the steamship lines and even got hints of the weights put against their consignments by the customs authorities and the weights recorded by the foreign customs authorities.

Maxwell also testified on cross-examination that Antonio Muscato & Son, a Montreal, also had access to the books of the Anchor line warehouses, opened up the compartment where their imports were stored, and called the attention of the latter to the fact that the weights were not correct.

So far only the name of the firm of A. Musica & Son, importers in Italian products, No. 25 Water street, has appeared in this investigation. By a rigid cross-examination, however, Charles E. Rushmore and L. L. Dalzell, attorneys for the defendants, have drawn from the government's witnesses names of other employes and details of the system which the defense claims should plainly be initiated and coercion exercised by custom house employes in collecting tribute from importers for false weights and a friendly reception of importers.

With witnesses Behm's and Beve's statements of accepting regularly as much as \$75 on one illegal entry of imports, it is conservatively estimated that as much as \$2,000,000 a year has been split up among these dishonest government employes as bribe money from merchants for "entering" imports illegally.

CONSTABLE LETS JURY WANDER

Murder Case in Nelson Comes to Abrupt End—Must be Gone Over Again

Nelson, B. C., Oct. 23.—(Special)—The trial of Kootenay Frank, an Indian for murder, which commenced before Chief Justice Hunter and jury, came to an abrupt end yesterday when the court was informed that the constable charged by the jury over night at the Strathcona Hotel, had allowed some of the members to go to town to attend to their affairs.

Sheriff Luck was instructed to empanel fifty jurors, from among whom a new jury will be selected and the case against the Indian will be recommenced at once again. The defence so far has shut out three alleged confessions to provincial police and others.

TO CUT LICENSES DOWN A THIRD

Brockville Will Charge Higher Fee to Make Up the Deficit

Brockville, Ont., Oct. 23.—License reduction will be the paramount question at the next municipal election in Brockville. The town council has acceded to the wish of the Minister of Finance, supported by a largely signed petition, to submit a by-law to the ratepayers, providing for the abolition of three hotel licenses, making six instead of nine.

If the by-law is carried the town stands to lose \$850 in fees, and to meet this deficiency it is proposed to impose a higher license on the remaining six, to sufficient to make up that amount. The matter rests in the hands of a committee to report at the next meeting. It is more than likely that reduction and higher license will be embodied in one by-law.

HENEY THE CANDIDATE

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—The recent of votes cast in the recent direct primary election for district attorney on the Democratic ticket, was concluded yesterday and Francis J. Heney was declared the party's candidate by sixty-five votes over Charles Ficker, Republican, and union labor nominees for the same office.

A. B. McKINNON CHOSEN HEAD OF Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION

Today's Proceedings at Fredericton—O.S. Crocket's Trip to Moncton—Turkeys for Thanksgiving Thirty Cents a Pound

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 23.—(Special)—About fifty delegates, including several ladies, were in attendance at the opening of the Y. M. C. A. convention here this morning. R. B. Wallace, president, and W. M. Kingston led in devotional exercises. The first business was the nominating committee report, which recommended the following officers:

President, A. B. McKinnon, Chatham. Vice-presidents, R. B. Wallace, Fredericton; J. M. McLean, Chatham; E. B. Newcombe, Kentville. Secretaries, A. W. Robb, St. John; Joseph Wood, Sydney Mines.

The report was adopted without discussion. The usual convention committees were then appointed. J. D. McKay, of Truro, read an interesting paper on "Elements of Weakness in the Order." He referred thoroughly to difficulties encountered in maintaining a healthy interest in the work on small committees.

Reports from several local associations, including Chatham, Campbellton Truro and Bridgetown, were read. Reports on co-operative work proved interesting and were briefly discussed. Geo. E. Johnston, of Cape Breton, reported on railroad work; B. Newcombe, of Kentville, on military camps, and A. B. McKinnon, of Chatham, on lumbering.

The report on military camps was briefly discussed by Capt. Osborne, of Fredericton; Rev. C. P. Wilson, of Gibson, and others. All agreed that the association was accomplishing excellent work among the militiamen.

Thanking turkeys were scarce in the market this morning, and sold at thirty cents a pound. The market was an exceptionally large one for the time of year. Private Brouseau, shot on the rifle range on Thursday, is considerably improved today.

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It is understood that the late Frank L. Morrison carried life insurance to the amount of \$30,000.

MOTOR TOURING IN EUROPE EXPENSIVE

Herbert A. Hoyer and Wife Home After 18 Months—Some Experiences

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 23.—Herbert A. Hoyer has just returned to Spokane after an 18,000-mile tour through the United States and Europe, which he and his wife accomplished in eighteen months.

After completing 18,000 miles in the United States, starting in southern California on the Mexican border and touching British Columbia territory, they sailed from New York on the ill-fated steamship Republic and were exposed to the elements on deck and open boats for twenty-four hours before being taken ashore. Mrs. Hoyer sustained a nervous shock and contracted a cold from which she has not yet recovered.

"Europe is a veritable paradise for reckless drivers and the so-called 'tourists,'" Mr. Hoyer said in speaking of his trip abroad. "The roads are unusually good and such a thing as a speed limit is not known; and, as a result, there are frequent head-on collisions, which often end fatally, in addition to destroying hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property annually. From four to five collisions a week on the road between Nice and Monte Carlo is not out of the ordinary."

Another thing is the system of graft by the drivers, from which there is no escape. Besides paying his mechanic \$150 a month the touring is expected to give up twenty-five per cent. commission on all purchases. A hired car costs from \$1,200 to \$1,500 a month in addition to the foregoing, and with the chauffeur's personal expenses this runs the bill up to \$2,000 a month."

LIMBERGER AS A CANCER CURE

Denver Chemist's Investigations Following Death of His Mother

Denver, Colo., Oct. 23.—Limberger cheese is the principal ingredient of a cancer cure is the announcement of Philip Schuch, Jr., a local chemist.

Following the death of his mother, eleven years ago, from cancer, Schuch began an investigation of the cause and spread, according to reports received here, and a sanguinary engagement has been fought between the insurance and the government forces at Villa Lobo.

According to these despatches, the chemist attacked the town and took it after a severe engagement.

CRISIS THREATENS NOW IN GREECE

Athens, Oct. 23.—The extreme section of the military league, fearing that should Crown Prince Constantine succeed to the throne of Greece, he would be revenged on them for his present humiliations, has demanded his renunciation of the rights of succession in favor of his infant son. It is believed not to be unlikely that this agitation will bring about a dynastic crisis.

SEVEN KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Richmond, Ind., Oct. 23.—Seven persons were killed and many injured in a head-on collision between a Pennsylvania south-bound passenger train and a north-bound freight which stood on a siding at Collinsville, Ohio, yesterday.

The bodies were those of victims of a terrific typhoon. Many were lashed to spars and were in an advanced state of decomposition. One waterlogged sampan thirty bodies were counted.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES HOT FIGHT

In New York Election Hears and Bannard Supporters Concentrate Fire on Tammany Hall

New York, Oct. 23.—Although the managers of the majority candidates claim that the campaign entered its final stage indicating one of the closest contests ever in New York City.

Although the chains advanced in behalf of William H. Taft and Otto T. Bannard are less sanguine than those of Tammany Hall, both their camps have concentrated fire on the Tammany candidate, Judge Gaynor.

The former majority jurist, in addition to being attacked last night by William H. Taft, was also assailed by Bannard's attorney, Job E. Hodges, speaking for the Republicans. His judicial record, a well known lawyer, who gained prominence at the time of the overthrow of John McLean as political boss of what was then the town of Greenvale.

The sailing, for New York today, of Richard Croker, long the ruler of Tammany, was not taken generally as having any particular bearing on the local situation. Mr. Croker is due to arrive next Thursday, but is not expected to take any part in the campaign.

PLAN BANQUET FOR NEW JUDGE

Appointment of Hon. R. F. Sutherland to Bench is Popular—Liberal Candidate for His Seat

Montreal, Oct. 23.—(Special)—News of the appointment of Hon. R. F. Sutherland to fill the vacancy on the bench of the Superior Court, Toronto, was received here with great satisfaction by both Liberals and Conservatives. Mr. Sutherland has long been one of Windsor's leading citizens.

Arrangements are now being made by a committee of citizens to tender to Judge Sutherland a complimentary banquet, before his removal to Toronto with his family, which will probably occur about the end of the month.

The government has appointed Nov. 10 as the date for the election in North Essex to choose a successor to Mr. Sutherland. The name of W. J. McKee, ex-M. P. P., is most prominently mentioned as the Liberal candidate.

VANDERBILT MAKES HORSE SHOW SWEEP

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 23.—Atlanta's horse show, the most brilliant and successful in the history of the Atlanta Horse Show Association, came to a close tonight, the first performance being marked with an interest and attendance surpassing those of the four previous performances of the annual exhibition.

Again Alfred G. Vanderbilt, of New York, was to the fore in the prize winning making a record with his fine Oakland Farm entries perhaps never before equaled at a horse show in this country.

FORMER MAYOR COMAN OF NEW YORK DEAD

New York, Oct. 23.—After an illness of less than a month, Thos. Coman, who twenty-five years ago was one of the leading political figures in New York city, died in his residence in West 70th street yesterday, of pneumonia.

He was born in Ireland in August, 1836. He came to America twenty years ago, and was Mayor of Manhattan in 1887, and when Mayor Hoffman resigned in 1898 he became mayor, serving about a year.

INSURGENTS CAPTURE SAN DOMINGO TOWN

Cape Haitien, Oct. 23.—The revolutionary movement in San Domingo continues to spread, according to reports received here, and a sanguinary engagement has been fought between the insurgents and the government forces at Villa Lobo.

According to these despatches, the insurgents attacked the town and took it after a severe engagement.

JENNINGS WANTS \$30,000 THIS YEAR

Detroit, Oct. 23.—Although Manager Jennings' salary from the Detroit Baseball Club is a secret, something of his relations with the club has become known. He draws a percentage of the earnings and in the three years he has been manager has taken down in salary and profits \$41,500—\$10,000 in 1907, \$14,000 in 1908, and \$17,500 this year.

For 1910 he wants enough to total him \$30,000 provided he wins a fourth pennant. An official announcement places the earnings of the club for the league season at \$196,000 and, including the home series, profits about \$200,000.

NICHOLAS IN FRANCE ON WAY TO ITALY

Chamber, France, Oct. 23.—The train carrying Emperor Nicholas to Italy, arrived here early today, stopping long enough to take water for the locomotive. The station was surrounded with troops, and the entrance to the place had been closed. The train proceeded to Modena between solid lines of soldiers.

SOCIALISTS' VICTORY

Coburg, Germany, Oct. 23.—Socialists won another seat in the Reichstag in yesterday's election in this city, which has been regarded as a stronghold of the National Liberals. The turnover is attributed to dissatisfaction with the new taxes.

The passenger train was said to be running forty miles an hour when it entered the open switch and crashed into the freight.

BODIES OF TYPHOON VICTIMS FLOAT ABOUT

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—The Japanese liner Nippon Maru which arrived here yesterday, reported that before leaving Hong Kong the British steamer Kwanying arrived there and told of having passed many human bodies at the entrance of Hailan Straits.

The bodies were those of victims of a terrific typhoon. Many were lashed to spars and were in an advanced state of decomposition. One waterlogged sampan thirty bodies were counted.

HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN A VANCOUVER ISLAND TIMBER SALE

Will Revolutionize Coast Export Trade—Records Go Smash at Intercollegiate Union Sports in Toronto—Boy Killed in Mill

Port Hope, Oct. 23.—(Special)—The sale of Vancouver Island timber involving half a million dollars and 30,000 acres, has just been consummated by H. H. Jones, of Victoria, B. C., once of Port Hope.

Mr. Jones says the sale will revolutionize the coast export trade, as the mills will be on Esquimaux Island, and in touch with a billion feet of lumber.

Belleville, Ont., Oct. 23.—(Special)—The eleventh annual sports of the Inter-Collegiate Union were held on the Varsity Toronto University grounds, and resulted in a record yesterday afternoon, and resulted in a record yesterday afternoon, and resulted in a record yesterday afternoon.

Belleville, Ont., Oct. 23.—(Special)—Charles Burke, aged 17 years, employed in the tire keeper's department, of the Belleville Iron and Horseshoe Mills was killed yesterday afternoon by being caught in a tire straightening machine, and terribly crushed. No one saw the accident.

BELIEVE ANARCHIST MEANT MURDER

Noted One Arrested on His Way to Meeting Place of Czar and Emmanuel

Rome, Oct. 23.—It is reported that Carlo Modena, the young Spaniard who was arrested near Spezia on Sunday while on his way to Raconchi, where King Victor Emmanuel and the Czar are to meet, has been recognized as an Anarchist who recently arrived from the United States for the purpose of making an attempt on the life of either the Czar or the King. The man, who was well dressed and had a number of medals on his chest, had a revolver in his hand when arrested.

The Messenger prints a remarkable natural son of a deceased European monarch. Up to a short time ago he was in receipt of an annual allowance of \$6,000. Recently he asked to have the amount of this allowance increased and when his request was refused he started for Raconchi, presumably for the purpose of making a scandal or committing some act of folly.

BRINGS TURK TO DETHRONE GOTCH

Another Successor to Yousof Being Brought to States to West's

Chicago, Oct. 23.—Antonio Pierr, importer of foreign sewing machines, is coming back to America with another Turk with whom he expects to dethrone Frank Gotch from his position as world champion.

Pierr was the man that brought Yousof, the mighty Turk, who swept the boards clean many years ago, and last winter he brought Yusoff Mahmut here to beat Gotch. He failed by a wide margin, but when he left, said he would get a man to beat the cow farmer. Now he writes that he is bringing Maxout Nurat, with the hope that he will dethrone Gotch.

BURGLARS AT WORK IN LUNENBURG

Lunenburg, Oct. 23.—(Special)—A bold robbery took place yesterday morning when Mrs. Carrie Betts was robbed of \$23. The man coolly walked out of the front door to the street with his booty and all that is known of him is that he was wearing a blue suit and bowling shoes.

Beits thought she heard someone in the cellar but she did not investigate. Two more attempts were made last night to forcibly enter houses.

CENT PER CENT FARM IN WEST

London, Oct. 23.—Miss Minnie Clark, who is agitating an extension of the Canadian free land grant to spinsters, and has worked 330 acres for three years, told the National Union of Women Workers at Portsmouth that at the end of the fourth season she made cent per cent profit. Subsequently she advocated domestic service in Canadian households as a good employment for Englishwomen.

AUTO ROAD RACES TODAY

Oakland, Oct. 23.—Seventeen automobiles started at intervals of a few minutes today, over the twenty-one and one half mile circuit in the Oakland-Portola road races. Although the machines started almost simultaneously, they were entered in three contests. The first race, over seven laps of the course, for an approximate distance of 150 miles, was for cars of 231 to 450 cubic piston displacement. The second race is covered approximately 125 miles, by making the circuit ten times. These cars were of stock chassis, with a piston development of 451 to 650 inches.

The third race, constituting the grand prize event of the day, was for racing cars and machines having a piston displacement in excess of 600 inches. This race also was open to cars which qualified in the foregoing events. The distance was approximately 238 miles.

Among the well known drivers in the race were Harry Hanshue, who broke a world's record with the Apperson "Jack Rabbit" at Santa Monica; Harry Michener at the wheel of the Lozier, with which he has won a number of notable races in the east, and Charles Soules, who also has made a name for himself on road and track tests at the wheel of the Stearns.

A FINE LABORATORY

Princeton, N. J., Oct. 23.—Last night at Princeton University the formal dedication of the Palmer laboratory, the finest physical laboratory in the collegiate world, took place.

"DRUNK" THE PLEA TO SAVE LIFE

Trial of Walter Blythe for Murdering Wife With a Poker is Begun in Toronto

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 23.—(Special)—Walter Blythe, the Agincourt section hand, who killed his wife with a poker last January, and who, after being sentenced to the gallows through the efforts of his counsel, T. C. Robbette, was placed on trial for a second time in criminal sessions yesterday.

As the ground upon which Blythe was given another chance of life, was that Justice Riddell, in charging the jury which convicted him, had stated that Blythe was drunk at the time he committed the crime.

Practically all the witnesses said the prisoner had been drinking, though some expressed the opinion that he was not so intoxicated, but that he knew what he was doing.

LEE TELLS OF THE CAPTURE OF CLARKE

Identity of Second Man in Charge of Stealing Deals Not Yet Disclosed

In the police court this morning Clay Clarke was brought before Judge Ritchie on a charge of stealing deals on Thursday morning last. He was defended by Daniel Mullin, K. C., and Cyrus F. Inches appeared for the prosecution in the interests of Alexander Gibson of Marysville.

The only witness examined this morning was Policeman William R. Lee, who testified that on Thursday morning, between 3 and 4 o'clock, he was standing near the old market house in Carleton, and hearing the dipping of cards into the water, he walked over to the mill-race and stood behind a pile of driftwood on the wharf. It was very dark, but on the deck of the boat he saw two men, one of whom he distinguished a rowboat containing two men. He heard a sound of cards being thrown into a boat. And saw two men get out of the boat and walk toward the wharf. One man got down in the boat and commenced to shove up a deal from the craft to the wharf where the other man was standing. When the policeman came in sight, the man on the wharf jumped back into the boat and the occupant of the boat shoved a deal into the water. Lee shouted, "Hands up, boys, I have you now."

At that time two men cast themselves into the water, each of them grabbing a deal, evidently to sustain his weight. Lee got into the boat and advanced toward the boat. One man seemed to have little or no control of his actions in the water, but allowed the current to shape his course. The witness said that he extended out to him, advising him to catch hold of it and be pulled ashore, but the answer was, "No, I can't; if I do I will go under, as I can't swim." Finally the man drifted ashore and the policeman recognized him as Clay Clarke and placed him under arrest. The prisoner rowed the boat, accompanied by the policeman, to King street slip and on the way down, Clarke said that he did not steal the deals but had got them in the "pots" in the falls two days previous.

The witness said that he did not know who the other man was but would get his name later.

At the time of the arrest, the policeman said that the tide was very high, when the "pots" would be in a dangerous condition for boats. In the boat there were thirty-eight pieces of deal but only two that were in the water were wet—the others showed no signs of being in the water.

This concluded the evidence of the policeman and the case was adjourned until 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. Mullin made application for bail but it was refused.

STRANGE ACTIONS OF MAN IN FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 23.—(Special)—A stranger named Ellis Rossen, hailing from New York, was arrested by Sergt. Phillips, this morning on charge of abusive language. He appears to labor under a hallucination that lady friend of his was recently murdered here, and her body thrown into the river. Last night he was found wandering about Victoria Hospital peering into the windows. The authorities are communicating with United States Immigration officials with the view of having him deported.

WEDS OLD SWEETHEART

Johnston, Pa., Oct. 23.—Fifty years ago David R. Pennel left the Keystone State to conquer the west. This week in the office of Alderman Lamero, Pennel, now a well-to-do ranchman at Elk Point, S. D., was married to Mrs. Susie Lucas, of Everett, Bedford county, sweetheart of his youth. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Miller, son-in-law and daughter of the bride, were attendants.

When Pennel left Everett he was twenty and the bride of today was seventeen. Each married, but were left alone by death. They have gone to their South Dakota home.

BUFFALO CLUB MANAGER

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 23.—The management of the Buffalo baseball club of the Eastern League, has signed a contract with William A. Smith, of Springfield, O., formerly manager of the Atlanta, Ga., club of the Southern League, to manage their team for season of 1910.

HUNDRED KILLED

Calcutta, Oct. 23.—Complete details have not as yet been received from the interior, but the best information is that the effect that the total deaths during the recent cyclone in Eastern Bengal did not exceed 100 and that the fatalities included no Europeans.

OTTAWA IS GROWING

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—The population of Ottawa, according to the annual statement of the assessment department is \$3,269, an increase of 3,074 over last year. The assessment totals \$33,348,814, an increase of \$4,840,800.

RUMOR DENIED

St. Petersburg, Oct. 23.—It is denied today that there is any truth in last night's rumor to the effect that the powers had addressed a joint note to Russia, concerning affairs in Manchuria.