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## Cronin Grand Jury.

A Sensational Incident in Their Investigation.

### WESTERN UNION TELEGRAMS.

**They Are Handed Over to the Grand Jury**  
By Order of the Court—The Winnipeg Arrest is Believed to Be a Very Important One.

CHICAGO, June 19.—The sensational incident of the Cronin grand jury yesterday was the refusal of William E. Bell, of the Western Union Telegraph company, to obey an order of the jury to produce messages passing between Alexander Sullivan, Dan. Coughlin, P. O. Sullivan, John J. Maroney and G. W. Melville.

Mr. Bell maintained that it was against the rule of the company to produce such messages and that the statutes of the state of Illinois imposed a fine of \$5,000 upon a telegraph company for disclosing the contents of any personal or business message passing over its lines. After all attempts to induce the witness to obey had failed, the jury, headed by State's Attorney Longenecker, repaired to Judge Shepard's room, and appealed to his honor to issue an order directing the witness to answer, under pain of contempt and commitment.

Charles S. Holt, attorney for the Western Union, appeared in behalf of the witness, and stated that while the company desired in every way to assist the ends of justice, it did not desire to voluntarily violate the statutes of the state and disclose the message of its patrons upon the mere request of a grand jury. If the court thought fit to issue an order directing the witness under pain of contempt to produce the messages, the company would then consider this a bar to any possible civil prosecution by patrons and the witness would obey the order. He thought, though, the jury should more explicitly describe the messages wanted, their present request being more in the nature of a general drag net.

State's Attorney Longenecker held that the jury could not definitely describe any particular messages, because they were not yet acquainted with the contents of the messages sent. What the jury desired was the right to examine any and all messages that might have passed between any of the suspected parties since March 1.

The jury alone could be the judge of their relevancy to the case. Mr. Holt objected somewhat to an order of such sweeping nature, but the judge fully sustained the state's attorney, and an order was spread upon the record directing the witness under pain of contempt and commitment to jail to produce any and all messages, cablegrams or copies thereof in the Chicago office passing between Alexander Sullivan, Daniel Coughlin, P. O. Sullivan, John J. Maroney, C. W. Melville and Charles McDonald, either under their true name or any alias, or between either of these men and any other person or persons, since the 1st of March last. The officers of the Western Union stated that five men had been employed two days searching among the records for originals or copies of the messages desired, and that they would now be promptly spread before the jury.

The grand jury spent over an hour in the afternoon in going through twenty or more telegraphic dispatches and cable dispatches produced by the Western Union officials and supposed to have a bearing on the case. All the members of the body, however, had taken a special injunction of secrecy regarding the documents, and not a hint of what had been developed could be obtained.

**Burke Believed to Be the Right Party.**

"The arrest of Martin Burke at Winnipeg is the most important yet effected. He is deeper in the plot than any of the men now in jail," so said Chief of Police Hubbard last night. From other sources a summary of the evidence affecting the suspect and which will be submitted to the grand jury within forty-eight hours has been obtained. A prominent North Side Irishman will testify that but a few weeks before the murder Burke remarked in a public place that Le Caron should have been killed before he had a chance of leaving for England, and that there was another fellow who would get it before he was many weeks older.

It will be shown that Burke and ex-Detective Coughlin were frequently seen together in saloons on the North Side, and that the former was a frequent visitor at the cottage of Ice Man Sullivan. But the most important witness will be old Mrs. Philiben, Burke's aunt, and in whose house at Erie and Sedgwick streets he boarded. By her it will be shown that he lost his position in the city sewer department last December, and has since had no employment. Up to February he was short of funds, ran in debt for his board and borrowed an occasional dollar wherever he could get it. From that time on to his sudden flight from the city he had plenty of money, more, in fact, than when he was working. On the day of Dr. Cronin's disappearance he was absent from home. He didn't return all night. Sunday morning at 8 o'clock he put in an appearance, heavy and sleepy, and in reply to questions said that he had slept all night at the ice man's house. It will also be shown that he was an active member of the inner circle of Camp 29 of the Clan-na-Gael.

An officer will leave for Winnipeg as soon as the necessary papers can be prepared.

**Turning State's Evidence.**

CHICAGO, June 19.—An afternoon paper says: A sensational development in the Cronin case is being prepared by

the officers, and is liable at any moment to reach that stage where use of it must be made in such a manner as to compel its publicity. It is nothing else than the turning of state's evidence of one of the tools of the conspiracy, and a revelation by him of all he knows of the plot and the surrender to the police of the names of the principals and instigators of the crime so far as he knows or has reason to suspect.

It is said that this man cannot be held as more than an accessory after the fact, as his knowledge of the diabolical intent of the men for whom he, as he thought did common-places and apparently innocent favors did not come to him until he learned of Cronin's death through the newspapers and the manner of his assassination. Then fear of the penitentiary or the gallows sealed his lips. Then, too, he was seen by certain persons supposed to have been the chief conspirators, and assured not only of their innocence, but of ample protection for himself, and as a consequence he has kept silent.

The discovery of the man Burke has unnerved this man, and he is about ready to talk. It is claimed he knows all about the renting of the Carlson cottage; how the men who lured Dr. Cronin to his death knew of the Sullivan contract and other details. It is said that the men who rented the Carlson cottage were made known to him as persons here on a mission, at least not so foul as the assassination of Dr. Cronin, and that he had no idea that Dr. Cronin was the victim aimed.

His confession, the authorities think, is a matter of a short time. Up to this time he has been hesitating and protesting his ignorance of any detail of the crime, but as the circumstances pointing to his guilty knowledge crowd together day after day, he is becoming worried and the end is not far. No hint of his identity can be given at this time.

### Burke Held for Ten Days.

WINNIEP, Man., June 19.—Burke was arranged before a police magistrate yesterday and remanded for ten days at the request of Chief McRae, who submitted telegrams from the Chicago authorities to the effect that papers and copies of photographs tending to show that he is the mysterious Williams were on their way here. Burke was very nervous and urged his lawyer to institute habeas corpus proceedings without delay. The latter, however, after looking over the dispatches concluded that it would be useless to comply with the request and the prisoner went back to jail. Two mysterious individuals, strangers in town, were in court and endeavored to engage in conversation with the suspect. They were, however, prevented. It is surmised that they are here in the interest of people who are anxious that Burke shall not be returned to Chicago.

### DEFEAT FOR PROHIBITION.

Pennsylvania Votes on the Question After an Exciting Campaign.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—The people of the state of Pennsylvania yesterday voted on the question of incorporating an amendment prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the state constitution. Probably no political campaign in the history of the state has been more vigorously conducted than has that of the advocates of temperance. Nightly meetings have been held in every county running up into thousands weekly for the entire state, and eloquent speakers have been brought from near and afar to impress upon the people the advantages of total prohibition.

The liquor interest has been equally active, and between the two parties a good many barrels of money have been spent. The campaign has had the active aid of Postmaster General Wanamaker, who has worked vigorously on the side of the prohibitionists, and the cause of the latter has also been championed by tens of thousands of the gentler sex. The latter had proposed to invade the polls yesterday, but the law forbids women taking part in elections, and hence they had to keep away. An amendment abolishing the poll tax qualification for voters was also voted upon.

The election passed off very quietly, no disturbance having been reported from any place. The complete returns from every one of the sixty-seven counties in the state are as follows: For the Prohibition amendment, 189,710; majority against the amendment, 135,193.

Forty-two counties give a 525 majority for abolishing the poll tax, but the rural districts voted against this amendment and it is probably lost.

### A Valuable Mortgage.

CHICAGO, June 19.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway company recorded a mortgage yesterday in the county clerk's office for \$150,000,000 to the United States Trust company of New York. The mortgage is executed for the purpose of taking up all other indebtedness of the road, leaving the trust company sole creditor, in order to secure a lower rate of interest, thus saving a large sum annually, and for the further object of double tracking between given points, and other needed improvements. The railroad company gives every particle of its property to the United States Trust company.

### A Big Fire in Jersey City, N. J.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 19.—Fire originating in Cushing's machine works yesterday evening destroyed that building and Cooker's sugar factory, a large six-story structure, and damaged other property in the vicinity. The loss is about \$100,000.

### An Anti-Prohibitionist Suicide.

PITTSBURG, June 18.—Louis Krueger, Jr., secretary of the South Side Anti-Prohibition society, of this city, committed suicide Monday night by shooting himself. He had been drinking heavily for some weeks.

## Rebuilding the Town.

One Hundred Houses to Be at Once Erected in Johnstown.

### PUBLIC SQUARE TO BE USED.

**These Buildings to Be Ready for Occupancy in Thirty Days—More People Become Raving Maniacs—Governor Beaver's Commission En Route to the Scene of the Great Disaster.**

JOHNSTOWN, June 19.—The city council has granted the lumber committee the right to use the public square for the erection of business houses, and workmen will commence the erection of one hundred buildings to-morrow morning. These structures will be ready for occupancy in thirty days, and are to revert to the city at the end of eighteen months, when the holders are expected to have their own houses ready for business.

Council unanimously adopted resolutions requesting railroads not to get up excursions to visit Johnstown during the present condition of affairs. Eight hundred people came in on the Baltimore and Ohio yesterday very much to the annoyance of the officials and workmen.

The council was reorganized yesterday. M. C. Lewis was elected borough treasurer, and J. M. Rea clerk of council.

Gen. Hastings is arranging to turn over the relief measures to the citizens themselves. This transfer will probably occur to-morrow evening.

A woman whose name could not be learned was taken to the Bedford street hospital yesterday evening raving mad. She had lost all of her family and when her son's body was recovered at noon yesterday, he brain let go. She will be removed to Dixmont. A man who went daff yesterday was taken to the Warren, Pa., asylum.

The remains of a lady about 20 years of age, was taken from Stony creek yesterday evening. The body is thought to be that of Miss Jennie Paulson, of Pittsburg.

It has been determined to erect two wagon bridges over Stony creek opposite Kerrville and one across the Conemaugh near the Pennsylvania railroad. When this is done the detail from the regular army engineer corps now here will return to West Point, taking their pontoon bridges with them.

It is reported that a pack of about 100 dogs invaded Prospect Hill cemetery, where about 500 victims of the flood are buried, dug up a number of the bodies, and were tearing them limb from limb when they were discovered by the militiamen and chased away.

Four bodies were blown from the debris above the bridge yesterday with the first shot of dynamite. They were burned and decomposed to such an extent that they could not be recognized. The stench was so bad that the bodies were ordered to be buried without being taken to the morgue.

### No Children for Adoption.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—A. Solomons, vice president of the Red Cross, has received the following dispatch from Johnstown: "There are no children in Johnstown for adoption. They mainly perished in the flood unless carried through the waves of death by mothers or fathers who cannot give them up. The people of the whole country have offered homes, not realizing fully the fact named. So far we have heard of but one child adopted from this place. 'CLARA BARTON.'"

### Governor Beaver's Commission En Route.

ALTOONA, Pa., June 19.—Governor Beaver and the commission appointed by him to distribute the monies received for the flood sufferers of Johnstown, arrived in this city last night on a special train. The party go from here to Cresson, where a conference will be held on the subject of the distribution of the funds. They will then go to Johnstown.

### THE LAIT SPIKE DRIVEN

And the Potomac and Mississippi Rivers are Linked by Rail.

WINONA, Miss., June 19.—The last spike was driven here yesterday in the Georgia Pacific railway, a leased line of the Richmond and Danville Railroad company, thus linking the Potomac and Mississippi rivers by one continuous rail line of 1,110 miles, from Washington, D. C., to Greenville, Miss., via Lynchburg, Danville, Charlotte, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham, Columbus, Miss., West Point, Winona and Greenwood, from Greenville to Huntington, opposite Arkansas City.

The Georgia Pacific has secured the use of the existing track of the Louisville, New Orleans and Texas railway thus making the entire mileage under one management from Atlanta, 480 miles, and from Washington, D. C., 1,130 miles, to a connection with the Missouri Pacific system.

### WRECK OF A WORK TRAIN.

Two Men Killed and a Hundred Injured. The Company Held Responsible.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 19.—A railroad wreck, resulting in the death of two men and injury of one hundred others, occurred at about 7 o'clock yesterday morning near Pratt Mines, six miles from this city. The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company runs a train every morning to carry the miners and other workmen from the town of Pratt Mines to the different shafts and slopes where the men work. The train yesterday morning consisted of eight cars, and there were about 200 men on board when the accident occurred. The train was running backwards at the rate

of ten miles an hour, when it struck two cows lying on the track. Six of the eight cars were thrown down the embankment and piled on each other.

Henry McCauley and Walter Beasley, carpenters, were instantly killed. Both were young white men and unmarried. On one of the cars were about thirty convicts chained together, and strange to say they were about the only persons who escaped injury. About one hundred men were injured, the worst injuries being broken legs and arms. As quickly as possible the injured men were removed to their homes and physicians from the city summoned. Owing to the hasty removals and the company's orders about giving out information, it has been impossible to obtain a list of those seriously injured.

The coroner went out in the afternoon and impaneled a jury, which found that the company was guilty of gross negligence in not keeping the road bed in good repair, and that the conductor of the train was guilty of criminal negligence. The conductor will be arrested.

### FOREIGN TOPICS.

Comments on the Samoan Conference and Other Cable Dispatches.

LONDON, June 19.—In the absence of any official intimation either from Berlin, London or Washington, as to the contents of the Samoan treaty just signed, there is considerable diversity of opinion on the part of the European press on the subject. The London newspapers seem to take it for granted that America carried off all the plums at the Berlin conference, and left for Germany only just so much as the United States representatives saw fit to leave her. This view is far from finding sanction in the German press, which, with the exception of a few opposition organs, express entire satisfaction that the government at Berlin has secured through the conference all that Germany was entitled to.

The Cologne Gazette scolds the claims made by the English and American press that Germany was worsted in the conference, and severely condemns the tone of the opposition organs at home, which it says are unable at any time to rise to the height of patriotism. The organs of Herr Richter, the leader of the opposition, says The Gazette, persist in slandering the Fatherland in the eyes of the world, and their unpatriotic comments on the subject are so marked as to call for the interference of the foreign office.

### Might Get Fooled on That.

BOSTON, June 19.—A fortnight ago Count Von Waldersee, commander-in-chief of the German armies, handed to the emperor a memorial showing that Russia was actively increasing her armament and beseeching his majesty to ask the czar what his intentions were. The emperor was greatly irritated at the representation contained in the document, but was persuaded by Prince Bismarck that Russia's preparations had no warlike significance.

### Effects of the Hail Storm.

BERLIN, June 19.—Railway traffic suffered severely in many parts of Germany from the terrific hail storms which prevailed and great damage was done otherwise. The storms were in most cases accompanied by lightning. In a town in Silesia a procession passing through the streets was overtaken by a thunderstorm, and five of the paraders were killed by lightning. Forty others were prostrated by the shock, but recovered.

### Fine Horses Bought for America.

LONDON, June 19.—A very large number of Shire horses of the best breeding and quality have been purchased during the last few weeks for exportation to the United States, including five splendid animals from the celebrated stud at Dursmere and Lord Ellesmere's well known horse Everton. Mr. Hart, of Connock, has sold in one week no fewer than eighteen Shire horses, all for breeders in the western states.

### Switzerland Determined.

BERLIN, June 19.—The note recently sent by Germany to the Swiss government on the subject of Herr Wohlgenuth's expulsion, and which closed with the significant statement that Germany reserves the right to take action has brought a reply from the Swiss government. This reply reaffirms the neutrality of Switzerland, and boldly disputes the right of any state to question it or violate it.

### Expecting Trouble.

LONDON, June 19.—The newspapers in London regard the European situation as extremely grave. The Standard says that a gigantic struggle in the east is slowly but surely maturing, which no human foresight can prevent. The Pall Mall Gazette says this language of The Standard is inspired by the government and condemns it as altogether too strong.

### The Seaman's Strike Still On.

LIVERPOOL, June 19.—There is little prospect of an early settlement of the seamen's strike, the ship owners of Liverpool having refused unanimously to grant the advance in wages demanded by the strikers, and the latter reiterate their determination to not resume work until the increased pay is allowed.

### Stanley's Intention.

LONDON, June 19.—The Times prints a letter from Uji, in which it is stated that at the time it was dispatched it was Stanley's intention to force his way, with Emin Pasha, through the Masai country to Bamboosa.

### Schooner Seized.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 19.—The schooner Warrior, from Boston, has been seized by the customs authorities here for having on board a barrel of oil not on her manifest. The penalty of \$400 can be imposed, and in lieu of this the vessel and oil can be confiscated. The Warrior is owned here.