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M'MURTRY OIL LAND SUED BY EX-PARTNERS

Promoter Gave N. Y. Group $500 Each for Land Entered in Their Names; They Sue for Share

U. S. ALSO HAS INTEREST

If These Men Were Dummies the Land Is Illegally Held; if Locators, He Must Share

L. B. McMurtry, oil promoter, was made defendant in a suit yesterday in the United States District Court, any outcome of which may mean the loss to him of a good-sized fortune.

The plaintiffs are a New York "group" of oil land "locators" who gave McMurtry their power of attorney to act for them in oil property locations. They include Edwin L. Powell, Frank D. Taylor, George A. Mansfield and Julius P. Harder.

The question before the court will be to determine if these men were the actual locators or were "dummies."

If it be decided they were actual locators, McMurtry will have to share with them the proceeds of the sale of the lands. If they were "dummies" the United States Government, the owner of the oil lands, on the ground of their having been fraudulently secured, in violation of the public land laws.

LOCATED IN KERN COUNTY.

The properties in question, valued in millions, are located in Kern county. McMurtry secured power of attorney from the defendants in 1907 and subsequently filed on the lands in their names. They were paid $500 each for their services according to his statement, while he did all the work of development.

The lands later were sold to numerous oil companies, McMurtry making the sales. Emil A. Hoegnier, McMurtry's partner, is said also to have profited. He is made a subsidiary defendant in yesterday's suit.

The Government's action asserts that United States patents of the lands involved, claiming they were filed on subsequent to the filing of oil lands withdrawal order. These cases still are pending.

McMURTRY'S TESTIMONY.

In one of these cases, recently heard by U. S. Judge Robert S. Beck, McMurtry testified (according to a report by Frank Hill, special agent for the Government) in these cases. McMurtry's testimony included these statements:

"These locators spent five minutes signing their names to powers of attorney. I spent about eleven years in getting what we began in 1907 and 1908 in Kern county, and filed the locations in 1909. From the time of location to the construction of derricks on every quarter section, it was a constant fight. I have had to fight—literally, not theoretically—to hold these lands. I have spent money. I consider that my time is worth $10 a day. I have spent $10 a day. I wouldn't go through it again for what I have made out of it."

The plaintiffs in yesterday's action are represented by A. I. McCormick of Los Angeles and the local firm of Nelson, Dove & McKenzie.

Foreigners to Meet In Democratic Jubilee

A mass meeting of jubilation over the overthrow of autocracy in Russia, and the success of the revolutionists, will be held at the Exposition Auditorium next Monday night. Mayor Rolph will be asked to act as chairman.

The editors of the foreign press in San Francisco are arranging the meeting. Speeches in eight languages will be made, brief preliminary remarks by each speaker, whose main addresses will be in English.

Shay and Scandinavian, Finnish and Italian, Orientals and Americans are expected at the meeting, whose slogan will be "Long Live the Russian Republic, Long Live Democracy!"

Those in charge are:

L. Ray, editor of "Echo del Sonat," the French paper; F. P. Akatch, editor of the "Jutjen," Slavonian, who is chairman of the organization; Carlo Dolphino, associate editor, "L'Italia"; Omar Cosgi, editor "La Voce del Popolo"; V. P. Popovich, editor Serbian "Herald"; A. P. Cherback, editor of the Russian "Kolokol."

Admission will be free. A band will play the national airs of all countries.

Woman Held Charged With Illegal Operation

Mrs. Bryce Kingston, known also, the police claim, under the names of Emerson, Lewis, Harris, Somerville and Peabody, appeared yesterday before Police Judge Oppenheim on a charge of performing an illegal operation on Mrs. Angelina Bernardis. The court set the hearing of the case for April 1. Mrs. Kingston was arrested by Mrs. Catherine O'Connor, policewoman, after the latter had made a search for several days for the woman, who, she alleges, abortion of Mrs. Bernardis, who had disappeared from her home in Daly City. During the past month the police have arrested several physicians on a charge of violating the law in performing illegal operations.

Vessel Is Fined $200 For Crew Violation

Judge M. T. Dooling yesterday imposed a fine of $200 on the steamer Siamese Art, for signing a sailor without taking him before the United States Shipping Commissioner.

Port Captain Jennings, of the Government, had the ship was blocked. Mrs. Annette Abbott Adams, assistant United States Attorney, asked that a decree be entered, as the Kempa was leaving port. The ship is owned by J. R. Hanify & Co.

Divorcee's Effort To End Life Leads To Reconciliation

George S. Carpenter and Former Wife to Remarry, He Says; Attorney Makes Charges.

George S. Carpenter, department manager in a local business house, and his divorced wife will remarry, Carpenter said yesterday. Mrs. Carpenter's attempted suicide, following a court order which separated her little son and daughter, led to the reconciliation, he stated.

On the other hand, T. L. Christiansen, attorney for Mrs. Carpenter, charged yesterday that Carpenter kidnaped the little girl, whose custody the court had awarded to the mother, that an officer of the Oakland police department was an accessory to the alleged theft of the child and that he promises to ask the court to punish Carpenter and the policeman for contempt. He says he is drawing up the papers in the case and only awaits the return of Mrs. Carpenter from hospital where she now lies taken from her mother following her attempted suicide.

Carpenter says he took the little girl with the mother's consent.

"Mrs. Carpenter wrote and asked me to take the little girl, who was pining at the separation from her brother, who is in my custody," said the father.

"I agreed to do so and took the policeman in confidence. I knew she would be worried beyond a point and I feared she might attempt to harm herself or the child when the moment of separation came. My fears were not groundless, for she took poison."

Embargo on Freight To Gulf Is Ordered

An embargo on all eastbound freight over the Sunset-Gulf Route was ordered yesterday by G. W. Luce, freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific Railroad. The embargo is effective on Wednesday. In his announcement Luce said:

"Now receiving freight for movement eastbound via the Sunset-Gulf route, we have shipments for the United States Government. Explain to shippers that freight has been accumulating at the gulf ports from various sections of the country, including the Pacific Coast, in such volume that it cannot be handled by the steamers. If we continue to accept freight for these ports it will tie up equipment, greatly aggravating the present car shortage."

Body of a Suicide, Dead Months, Found

The body of George Denison, whose home is in Denver, was found yesterday at Mossel Rock, San Mateo county, hanging from a tree by a large rock. An empty bottle of poison revealed that death was due to suicide. According to Dr. W. A. Brooke, San Mateo county coroner, the man has been dead several months. A commercial bank book revealed the identity of the deceased, who was about 60 years of age.

Bandit Holds Up, Robs Grocery and Gets $220

S. Morino, a grocer at 110 South Park avenue, was held up in his store last night by a bandit who made his loot amounted $220 from the cash till and escaped without leaving any clue. The bandit was apparently a Mexican.

S. F.-MANILA SHIP LINE IS PROMISED

Rossiter of Pacific Mail Tells the Philippine Chamber of Commerce It Will Start Soon.

That the Pacific Mail Steamship Company is planning the establishment of a direct line between San Francisco and Manila, without touching at other points, was the burden of an address recently delivered before the Manila Chamber of Commerce by President John Rossiter of the Pacific Mail, who is on a tour of the Orient.

This is the statement of Frederick C. Fisher, attorney at Manila, who arrived on the Siberia Maru en route to Washington, D. C., where he will plead a numbered of Philippine cases before the Supreme Court of Appeal. Fisher, who is at the Cliff Hotel, says he was present when President Rossiter made his address.

"Rossiter was cheered to the echo when he made the statement," Fisher said. "He also declared that he had made a minute investigation into the chances of the success a Manila-San Francisco passenger and freight line would have, and that he was more than satisfied. The merchants in attendance, he said, had given him a guarantee that sufficient freight would always be obtainable to send the ships loaded to San Francisco.

"Rossiter pointed out that such a line of steamers would give a regular quick service, and that the Philippines are in fault communication with America, owing to the fact that vessels at present calling at Manila merely make the Philippines a port of call on their long Oriental voyages. Rossiter added that he was going to Washington to see President Wilson, Monds direct, by way of an experiment."

Lillian Russell Is True to California

Alexander P. Moore, Pittsburg editor and husband of Lillian Russell, would lose his wife if he ever said anything asked about California, according to his own admission in a letter to Herbert Newton Lynch, manager of the California Development Board, received yesterday.

Moore's letter is a reply to one from Lynch calling attention to a Miami newspaper clipping in which Moore is quoted as saying that he (Moore) wish Florida, "California is good."

"I assure you I could not possibly say anything detrimental about California," Moore says. "If I did, I am sure that I would take a chance on losing my wife, who believes that California is the greatest place in the whole world."

National Prohibition Fight Is Renewed

DALLAS (Texas), March 26.—With a view to urging national prohibition at the coming session of Congress, Dr. J. A. Barton of Dallas, chairman of the committee on prohibition of ministers which has charge of the "dry" forces' resolution for an amendment to the constitution providing national prohibition, issued a call to-day for the commission to meet in Washington Wednesday night. Dr. Barton left for Washington to-day.

Possibility of war with Germany, Dr. Barton indicated, will be made the basis for renewal of the prohibition fight. Summary of the liquor traffic will be urged as one of the most essential features of preparedness.

New Refinery at L. A. Harbor, Plan Of Union Oil Co.

Directors Authorize Sale of $3,409,220 Shares of Capital Stock at Par.

LOS ANGELES, March 26.—Extensive improvements, the principal one being the long planned oil refinery at Los Angeles harbor, are contemplated by the action to-day of the board of directors of the Union Oil Company of California in authorizing the issuance and sale of 3,409,220 shares of capital stock. The entire issuance is to be offered to the stockholders of record next Saturday at par, or at a figure between $35 and $40 per share below the present market price.

The acquisition of new shipping facilities, the extension of oil stations and the purchase of new oil territory are among the other improvements planned by the management, to provide for the expenditure of capital stock in amount equal to the entire amount of the total outstanding capital stock, as determined upon by the directorate.

Girl Aide to 'Dr.' New Seeks Citizenship

Katherine Berger, native of Germany and former secretary of Naomi New, New, "Archbishop of the World" and founder of "Newthet," who was convicted in the United States District court for using the mails to defraud, applied yesterday for her first citizen papers.

Miss Berger told Deputy United States Clerk T. L. Baldwin that she feared war with Germany and she wished to avoid being placed in a detention camp.

Baldwin said he was sorry to her application claiming that her religion would not permit her to do so. She affirmed it instead.

Russian Jews Given Their Full Rights

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Another blow was struck at Russia with all others to own property, to reside in any place, to serve in the army and navy, to participate in educational advantages and at the polls has been officially proclaimed, my advices received at the Russian embassy.

Therefore, it is understood there will be no further restrictions upon the issue of passports to Russian or American Jews who desire to visit Russia than those common to other persons.

Asks for Auto Ride And Robs Driver

While Bertrem Flahavan, 20 years old, 2236 Vallejo street, was driving his auto on Twenty-fourth avenue near Fulton street last night, a man jumped on the running board and said: "Give me all the money you've got."

Before Flahavan could reply the man jumped on the running board and said:

"Give me all the money you've got."

Flahavan handed over $4.15 and a silver watch.

Policemen Under Charges.

Charges of neglect of duty were filed yesterday with the Board of Police Commissioners against Patrolmen Thomas Lehane and Edward Howard Trinity of the Potrero station. Asking Captain Ingham aware to the complaints. They are accused of failing to discover two burglaries that occurred on their beats on March 18.

HAEGERTY'S IS DENIED LICENSE

Police Commissioners Refuse to Let George H. Connolly Reopen Employer's Saloon.

The Police Commission last night denied the application of George H. Connolly to open a saloon under a transferred license at the old Golden Gate Hotel, Waller and Stanyan streets, formerly run by Harry Heagerty.

This ended a victorious fight made by the clubwomen and improvement clubs of the neighborhood.

Connolly was Heagerty's bartender at the time Heagerty lost his license through an attack which was made on a 17-year-old girl in the hotel annex to his bar.

Connolly asked to transfer the license from the old Stadium saloon. He applied a week ago. The commission at that time notified protestants to appear. A number of clubwomen, led by Mrs. Mary C. Bell of the Alpha Neighborhood Club, went to the meeting last night prepared to protest. Attorney James Brennan made a plea for Connolly. Then Commissioner James Woods shut off further discussion by announcing that the commission in executive session had decided to deny the application.

Hillsboro Hounds, Reared in Luxury's Lap, Put to Shame

Rabbits Have Great Sport at Expense of Blue-Blooded Canines; Owners Chagrined.

High living has affected the "form" of the blue-blooded dogs owned by millionaires of Hillsborough. They have been tried out on rabbits and found wanting.

Jack rabbits have invaded the aristocratic colony, overrunning the big estates, the links of the golf club and polo club. Some of the peninsula set have arranged parties in motors to watch the dogs chase these fourfooted pests. And their dogs always lose. They haven't a catch to their record.

The rabbits play with them, tease them, hope along at a gentle pace just beyond reach of the dog, and then suddenly disappear into the big go into the high and thick cover.

The Hillsborites are discouraged.

Pedone Placed on Trial for Murder

Joseph Pedone, charged with the murder of Gaetano Ingrassia on Thanksgiving Day, was placed on trial yesterday before Superior Judge Farlee of Inyo county, sitting for Judge Cabaniss. Testimony will be taken to-day.

SHADOWED, SAYS HINDU LEADER

Editor, Writer to Appeal to U. S. Attorney for Protection; Followed Everywhere, Charge.

Ram Chandra, Pacific coast leader of the Hindu nationalists and editor of the "Hindostan Gadar," their official organ, is preparing to make a formal protest to United States Attorney John W. Preston against being kept under surveillance, presumably by the British authorities here.

"For about a fortnight past," he said yesterday, "my wife and myself have been continually shadowed day and night by two or three men.

"If I were in present-day India or Russia before the revolution there would be no difficulty in understanding the situation. But I refuse to believe that the United States, which has led the world in democratic education, should tolerate this.

"I am a citizen of India, because I had a social conscience, a sense of duty and some education. The same powers that bounded me out of my birthplace must be responsible for the maintenance of a costly surveillance here."

Chandra denied allegations that he has participated in intrigues to violate the neutrality laws of the United States.

Spy Sent to Jail.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Sentence of a year and a day in the United States penitentiary at Atlanta and a fine of $1 was passed in the Federal court here to-day on George Vaux Bacon, American newspaper man who pleaded guilty to going to England as a spy for Germany.

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