

PRESIDENT IN MIDNIGHT TALK

Defended the Sherman Anti-Trust Law at Banquet Given by the Chamber of Commerce.

WOULD CUT OFF HAND

Declares He Would Sooner do That Than to Injure the Business Interests of America.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 1.—President Taft defended the Sherman anti-trust law last night in answer to an address by Congressman Martin W. Littleton of New York, who earlier in the evening had attacked provisions of the law at a banquet of the Pittsburgh chamber of commerce.

"This question has been eloquently considered by my friend, Littleton," said Mr. Taft, "and I regret that the matter has come up. It savors of harshness to have a difference of opinion on an occasion of this kind. But I must say what I think."

"The Sherman law has been on the statute books for twenty years and has been construed, and construed and construed, and finally by the supreme court. The two decisions last spring, in my judgment, give it definite meaning that any combination in restraint of trade with the purpose of controlling prices and stifling competition, is a violation of the statute. Men know they intend to stifle competition and control prices and all that is necessary in a court of law is to prove the combination and the intent. That is all that is needed for the enforcement of any criminal statute."

"It is not pleasant to be engaged in what may seem to be an assault on business, but business men thought this law could not be enforced. Now the law can and is being enforced and because of this we hear that it is to be repealed."

"I would cut my hand off before I would injure business. But what has my dear friend Littleton to offer? Only one course is open. Either we will have individualism or we will have combinations in restraint of trade going to that point where the people will demand that the power of men engaged in such corporations be transferred to the government and then we will have state socialism."

"Now we can disintegrate unlawful corporations, and put them under injunction. If they operate they must compete."

"I know I am speaking against the trend of many of you, but I can not help it. The law is on the statute books and must be enforced, and this stifling of competition and this control of prices must cease."

"I didn't want to get into this discussion, but I want you business men to face this problem."

There was frequent applause during the president's remarks. At midnight the president was taken to the Shadyside Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad where plans had been perfected for his trip to Morgantown, W. Va.

TAFT WILL WIN ON FIRST BALLOT

And Will Also Win at the Polls With New York Leading the States.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Representative Richard Bartholdt since returning from Europe has been discussing the political situation and has reached a definite conclusion. He puts it under five heads as follows: 1. President Taft will be re-nominated in the next republican national convention.

2. Mr. Taft will receive his re-nomination on the first ballot.

3. La Follette will not run as an independent candidate for president.

4. The republican insurgents will come in on one after the nomination of the national tickets, praying for fair weather.

5. The republicans will carry the state of New York and win the national election.

Mr. Bartholdt thinks there will be very little money, comparatively speaking, available for use in the next national campaign. This will be particularly true, in his opinion, of the democratic side, in case either Champ Clark or Woodrow Wilson should be the nominee, but he thinks there would be an abundance of funds if Judson Harmon were nominated, because of Wall street support.

The banquet to Mr. Bartholdt, he has been advised, will be given on November 11.

DYING MINER KEPT DIARY

Jotted Down a Paragraph Each Day Until Death Relieved Him of His Terrible Suffering.

PRISONER SEVEN DAYS

Body Found Pinned Against Shaft From Fall of Rock Which Killed Him by Inches.

BRIDGEPORT, Calif., Nov. 1.—An old assay certificate, found on the body of J. J. D. Miller, who died in the shaft of his mining claim, twelve miles north of here, told two stories when it was deciphered in the coroner's office here. One side told of gold in Miller's shaft. The other bore the penciled record of the man's seven day imprisonment, ended by death at noon Friday, Oct. 13.

The body was found last Saturday, with the left leg pinned against the side of the fifteen-foot shaft by a mass of rock. Miller stood upright with his head thrown back. The shaft is slightly inclined and he must have seen the sun, which stood on the meridian, as he wrote the last line of his diary: "Friday—Noon—The thirteenth day—no hope."

The certificate was folded and had been replaced in his pocketbook. The daily record follows: "Oct. 6.—Frank Yarraguirre, Sweetwater: If help does not come, send this message to M. C. Miller, wife, Harrisonburg, Va., and write what to do with the body.—J. J. D. Miller."

"This occurred Friday morning, Oct. 6. It is now Saturday noon."

"No help yet. Why did Dick come?"

"Sunday night—It is cold and long. God help me. I forgive mother."

"Monday—It is noon. Why did Dick forget? A drink of cold water would taste good. Am getting weak."

"Tuesday night—The end is near. Don't see how Dick can forget me."

"Wednesday night—Guess tonight will be the last; no hope; the end is near."

Thursday's record is almost illegible.

"Friday—noon—the 13th—no hope."

The "Dick" referred to is Richard Barnes, a teamster on the Yarraguirre ranch, where the two men had been employed together. The body was found by Barnes.

Miller came to California a year ago from Virginia. An unsuccessful attempt was made by the authorities to communicate with his widow in Harrisonburg.

COCAINE FIEND BEGS FOR DRUG

Lies Dying in One Room While His Victim is Passing Away in the Next.

MASON CITY, Nov. 1.—Shackled to the bed on which he lay, his life slowly ebbing away, Robert Gable, known in this city as "Fuzzy" pleads piteously for cocaine, while only two rooms away from him is the victim of Gable's bullet, shot through the abdomen and the liver with a bullet buried in the back bone, young Alex Kibbling. Since the tragic course of scene of Friday when the shooting occurred, the doctors have held out no hopes for the recovery of either and surgeons are surprised that their lives have been spared so long. Gable's home is at Wapello, and he is the son of Thomas Gable.

That cocaine was the cause of all this trouble is now universally believed to be true. Upon searching the clothing which had been taken off Gable when he was taken to the hospital there were found several capsules of this drug. This was while he held the three officers at bay in the police court the night before, awed Policeman Snyder at the point of a revolver in one of the pool rooms and that it finally promptly him to shoot his pal Kibbling without the slightest provocation.

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STRIKERS KILL INNOCENT MAN

Assault Bank Employee Who Was Walking to Work to the Depot and Him Probably Fatally.

THREE ARE ARRESTED

"There Goes One of the Scabs" They Cried and Then Jumped Out and Assaulted Man.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 1.—Walter Allen, president of the American National Bank of Tyrrell, Tex., was terribly beaten by three strikers of the Illinois Central railroad here this morning and it is thought that he will die from the wounds.

Mr. Allen, who is a warm friend of Gov. Colquitt, and who has been in this city to attend the conference of southern governors, was quietly on his way to take a train back home this morning when the three strikers lurched out of an alley, shouted "there goes one of the scabs" and made for the bank president, who, seeing that he was in danger, tried to expostulate with the men, but they seized him and beat him badly about the head and shoulders.

Pasersby came to his aid and the assailants were captured. When Allen was taken to a hospital it was found his condition was very serious. It is feared he will die from concussion of the brain.

HAVE PICKED KNOX FOR THE POSITION

Gossipers in Washington Now Have a New Candidate to Succeed Harlan.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Philander C. Knox for associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, and Dr. David Jayne Hill, former ambassador to Germany, for secretary of state.

This is the suggestion made in Washington by one who is familiar with the details of the situation developed in the state department, the white house and in Germany by the differences which led to the retirement of Dr. Hill as United States ambassador to the court of Emperor William. Dr. Hill's retirement from his diplomatic post was due to Secretary Knox, and the succession of Hill to the premiership of the state department would seem the irony of fate for Knox, who has been credited with an overzealous disposition to place Leishmann in Hill's post at Berlin, largely as a matter of Pennsylvania politics. It is known that Dr. Hill feels somewhat bitter toward the secretary of state. His feelings were diplomatically expressed in beautiful English and skillfully turned diplomatic phrases in his reply to the president early in September at the time of his recall from Germany.

It may be recalled also that President Taft, in his letter to Dr. Hill, showed that so far as he was personally concerned, the latter's record as a diplomat was all right. There were differences, however, which unfolded in the course of correspondence and personal interviews showing that all was not so congenial between the secretary of state and the ambassador to Germany. The official correspondence was published widely at the time. Dr. Hill stood high in the esteem of Emperor William, who was sincerely sorry to see him leave Berlin.

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Saloon License Not Raised. ROCK ISLAND, Nov. 1.—At a special election a proposition to increase the city saloon license from \$600 to \$1,000 per annum was defeated two to one.

OUR MARINES LAND IN CHINA

Almost One Thousand American Sailors Are Headed for Hankow to Protect U. S. Interests.

NEW PREMIER ON JOB

Emperor of Celestial Kingdom is no Longer in Command and Gives Up His Power.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 1.—Yun Yul Kal was appointed premier of China today. Other cabinet appointments will be subject to his approval. The emperor has surrendered practically all of his power by the edict of last Monday and the new premier becomes head of the country.

Eight hundred and fifty American marines were landed here today from warships sailing from Manila. They will proceed immediately to Hankow to protect American interests there.

CRAZED NEGRO ON FERRY BOAT

Fatally Wounded Three Officers and Shot Five Citizens Before Killed.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 1.—An unidentified negro, crazed with drink, ran amuck on a ferry boat in the middle of the Mississippi river this morning, shot and fatally wounded three policemen and seriously wounded five citizens. The black then took refuge behind a pile of freight but was shot to death by a fusillade from the revolvers of half a dozen men who were pursuing him. It is feared that this may precipitate a race war and police reserves have been called out all over the city.

COMMANDER IS TAKEN BY TURKS

Tripoli News States That Head of Italian Force Has Been Captured.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 1.—Official telegrams received here today from Tripoli state that Gen. Geneva, commander-in-chief of the Italian army of occupation has been captured by the Turks after a desperate fight on the outskirts of the city.

THE WEATHER

For Keokuk and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Colder tonight.

For Illinois and Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Colder tonight, with the temperature several degrees below freezing.

For Iowa: Generally fair tonight and central portions tonight.

WAS SHOCKED BY TELEPHONE

Electrician Knocked Over and Had to be Taken to the Hospital.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 1.—George Wharton, an electrician, 27 years old, of 4123 Kennerly avenue, employed by the Union Electric Light and Power Co., was severely shocked while attempting to repair a telephone for Engine Company No. 21 at 3417 Market street.

Wharton is in the city hospital, where he was taken immediately after the accident to have the burns on his right hand, arm and back treated. He was knocked unconscious by the shock and did not recover until morning.

Loses \$12,000 Claim. GREGORY, S. D., Nov. 1.—According to information given out by Assistant Superintendent Frank L. Wood of the Rosebud land opening, Miss Freida Gudath of Fairfax, who drew claim No. 19 at the recent drawing will not be allowed to file in the spring. The young woman will not be 21 until May 18, and the filing begins April 1. Her number will be called the first day and as the proclamation specifically states that all those filing must have attained the age of 21. She will lose her claim, which when patented would have been worth from eight to twelve thousand dollars.

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Local Observations. Oct.-Nov. Bar-Ther. Wind-Weather. 31, 7 p.m. ... 30.25 39 NW Clear 1, 7 a.m. ... 30.48 39 NW PtCldy

Mean temperature, Oct. 31, 39. Highest temperature, 45. Lowest temperature, 33. Lowest temperature last night, 30. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

BURGLAR SHOT AND KILLED HIM

Edward H. Farer Pursuing Suspicious Couple, Met His Death When Men Turned on Him.

SON OF BAR HEAD

Home Had Been Robbed the Day Before and Owner Thought He Recognized the Men.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 1.—Edward L. Farer, Jr., son of the president of the American Bar Association, was shot and fatally injured this morning by burglars who had been attempting to break into his house.

Farer's home had been entered yesterday morning and several articles of value taken. This morning as he was coming out of his house he saw two men prowling about the neighborhood. Thinking that he recognized them as the burglars of the night before he gave chase and was just overtaking them when one turned and fired, the bullet entering Farer's head, death following.

A rigid search is being made for the men.

COL. DAVID J. PALMER SLATED FOR GOVERNOR

Much Speculation Caused by Action of Washington Press in Booming the Veteran for Nomination.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 1.—There is much speculation in political circles as to whether the action of the Washington County Press in bringing out Col. David J. Palmer for the republican nomination for governor is official or only a friendly boost for the veteran railroad commissioner.

Be that as it may, the action of the paper in making its leading editorial last Thursday a half column of praise for the former commander of the G. A. R. has stirred the politicians.

Those who have been following the trend of events feel confident that Colonel Palmer could give the other aspirants for the nomination a merry race, despite his three-score years and ten. Colonel Palmer is being urged by the veterans as the last chance which the people of Iowa will have to elect a veteran of the civil war as governor of the state. Many influences are at work seeking to bring about the nomination of Col. David Palmer. His friends are also pointing to his big vote for railroad commissioner last year as evidence of his popularity in the state.

His entrance into the race would make things merry in the gubernatorial fight.

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When found by her sister, she suffered apparently from the effects of a drug. She said she had been attacked by a man and forced to drink from a bottle. The girl later confessed to the police that her actions had been prompted by the stories of the Knabe case.

OLDEST PRISONER RECEIVES PAROLE

Was Past Fifty Years and Had Spent Over Fourteen Years Behind Bars.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 1.—Wm. Raifson, one of the oldest prisoners in the penitentiary, both in age and for length of incarceration, was paroled by Gov. Hadley to his brother, Charles Raifson of Hannibal, Mo. He was convicted in Marion County, in January, 1897, of felonious assault, and sentenced for 52 years.

Raifson was past 59 years of age when he reached the prison, and has been an inmate of that institution 14 years and 9 months. He is broken in health.

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FIVE CHARGES AGAINST MINISTER

Grand Jury Brings in Blanket Indictment Against Boston Preacher Charged With Murder.

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BOSTON, Nov. 1.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, Cambridge, was indicted on five counts charging murder in the first degree by the Suffolk county grand jury for the alleged poisoning of his former sweetheart, Miss Avis W. Linnell. The grand jury reported their finding to Judge Sanderson in the superior criminal court after hearing more than twenty witnesses during four day's consideration of the case. By the returning of this true bill, the necessity of holding a hearing in the municipal court is obviated. In connection with this latter proceeding, Rev. Mr. Richeson appeared in the lower court but the case was continued formally without action and the clergyman taken back to jail. By a coincidence the day had been fixed for the marriage of Mr. Richeson and Miss Violet Edmands of Brookline.

The minister as he stood in the dock, looked somewhat haggard and pale. Despite the fact that he wore the same ministerial garb in which he appeared before in court he was scarcely recognized. His raven black hair was combed in the same neat way which assisted in giving Mr. Richeson the distinguished air everywhere remarked prior to his arrest. The indictment which is said to be almost unique in the annals of homicides in which poisoning has figured, is of the so-called "blanket" type, the five counts being so worded as to permit the introduction of evidence by the government as to any of several methods by which the poison may have been conveyed to the dead girl.

As worded, the indictment indicates that the government as yet is without knowledge of what means were employed to hand the poison to Miss Linnell and is uncertain also as to the exact form in which the poison was taken.

The date of Mr. Richeson's trial still is tentatively set for early in January but neither the district attorney nor Attorney Dumbur would say whether any agreement had finally been reached in the matter.

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Then marshalling the clerks in front of them so there might be no chance of attacks from the rear they entered the express car, tied the messenger and blew open the safe. Having blown the safe, one of the robbers remained in the car covering the clerks and messenger while the others made their way forward to the engine, forced the engineer to back the express to a siding and all the men made their escape almost before the sleepy conductor and porter knew a robbery had taken place.

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MYSTERY CASE AT MT. PLEASANT

Woman Found in Blood Soaked Bed With Her Throat Gashed.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Nov. 1.—Mrs. Zeel Jordan, 45 years old, was discovered by her children lying across her bed in her home here, with her throat cut from ear to ear, and the bedding literally soaked with blood. The woman was expected to die. The police believe indications point to an attempted murder, though no clue to the perpetrator is available.

Zeel Jordan, the husband of the woman, who is employed at the local ice plant as fireman left home at 5 o'clock. About two hours later his children heard groans from the mother's room and entered, finding the bloody and unconscious form on the bed.

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SENSATIONAL HOLD-UP

Train Was Flagged, Bandits Climb on Board and Try for Money From Mail and Express Cars.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 1.—One of the boldest train robberies ever attempted in the history of the south-west occurred here early today when two men held up the express train on the Rock Island railroad and after successfully gaining entrance to the express car sought to blow the safe which was known to contain nearly a half million dollars. The robbers however, blew a smaller safe containing nothing and then fled without tampering with the strong box containing a fortune.

After the first alarm had been sent out stating that the express car had been looted, the crew returned to the train, released the bound messenger and then discovered that the robbers had blown the wrong safe. Poses started in pursuit but failed to find any trace of the robbers. They found several persons who claimed to have seen some strange men crossing the river early this morning. It is hoped that the robbers will be located before night.

The attempt to rob the train delayed traffic for more than an hour, for the entire car was wrecked by the explosion.

The man on guard at the safe was easily overpowered, bound and gagged by the robbers who then skillfully blew open the safe, forced the engineer to back the train down a siding and dropped off, disappearing before pursuit could be organized.

The holdup was one of the most sensational that has occurred in this section for years. Just as the big train rounded the curve on the opposite side of the river the engineer saw a man waving a red flag in front of the engine. Thinking that there might have been a washout on one of the bridges, the engineer brought the train to a sudden stop, only to be met with the sharp command: "Up with your hands!"

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