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FIGHT OF PLATT'S LIFE

DEVERY GIVES ALBERTSON A JOLT IN POLICE TRIALS.

Charges the Captain with Not Standing by His Men but Throwing Undue Blame Upon Them.

Crowds Attend Hearings to Hear Words of Wisdom Drop from the Lips of Devery.



"SOLOMON" DEVERY IN ACTION.

The police trials at Headquarters are humorous affairs. There is always a full house, though the court-room is mostly crowded with policemen who have failed to perform their duty properly and with the roundsmen, sergeants and others that are complainants against them. Many are the ingenious and unique excuses given by these patrolmen.

"Getting a cup of coffee," and "I was taken with cramps," seems to be the favorite excuses of these men. Not the least humorous portion of the trial is the Solomon-like wisdom of Deputy Commissioner Devery. His remarks as the presiding officer are couched in homely English, strong and forceful and very much to the point.

One of the first men brought before Judge Devery to-day was Charles W. Brunet, of the Fourth Precinct. He was charged by Mrs. Mary Doremus with using threatening language to her in the corridor of Police Headquarters. Mrs. Doremus said she was trying to collect a debt. Judge Devery listened to the testimony, while his neck began to swell.

"Now, look here," said the Commissioner, "you officers have got to pay your debts. Now this woman don't come here except to get money. I'll give you three days for the panhandlers and seven days for being in a liquor store."

"Well," said the Commissioner, "be-ween panhandlers and the liquor store I don't think you want to stay on post. I'll give you three days for the panhandlers and seven days for being in a liquor store."

Albertson in Trouble. Detective Richard L. Jackson and Patrolman August Feigel were charged by Capt. Albertson with failing to notify him of the existence of a pool-room at No. 43 Mercer street. Jackson said he had made an arrest there, but the case had been dismissed for insufficient evidence. It developed during the examination that while Jackson and Feigel were watching the pool-room it was raided on evidence secured by the Committee of Fifteen.

"You have something to do besides watching a pool-room all day," asked the Commissioner of Jackson.

"Yes, I'm the detective for the precinct."

"Do you think the Captain has any reason for this complaint?"

"No, sir."

"Neither 'No I' burst out Devery. Then he faced Capt. Albertson in a way that made the Captain wince.

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MAYOR NAMES 4 ON ELECTIONS BOARD

Michael J. Dady One of the Republicans Appointed to \$5,000 Place.

Mayor Van Wyck to-day appointed the following four men as Commissioners of Election for a term of two years, ending Jan. 1, 1903:

JOHN R. VOORHIS, Democrat. JOHN M'GUIRE, Democrat. CHARLES B. PAGE, Republican. MICHAEL J. DADY, Republican.

The appointees will receive a salary of \$5,000 each.

The men were all recommended by the county organizations. John R. Voorhis, the Tammany appointee from this borough, is a former Police Commissioner.

John Maguire is a former Assistant District-Attorney of Brooklyn and is leader of the Twenty-first District of that borough.

Michael J. Dady is one of the Republican leaders of Kings County and Chas. N. Page is a prominent Republican in this borough. All four men were at the Mayor's Office and were sworn in.

The Board met at Police Headquarters and made the temporary organization permanent. John R. Voorhis was elected President and Charles B. Page Secretary of the Board.

Henry Stedeker, the reputed proprietor of the Parole Club, in which "John Doe" Holahan was seeking his wayward boy when it was raided, surrendered himself to Justice Jerome to-day and was admitted to \$1,500 bail.

Since the memorable raid Stedeker has been missing, and the warrant for him could not be served.

Mr. Stedeker said he was fifty years old and lived at 16 East Fifty-third street. Asked his occupation, Mr. Stedeker said:

"I am a commissioner engaged in laying odds at the race track. I am only an employee of the club."

The significance of his statement is that in the defense of the case the pool-rooms men will claim that all the money wagered was placed by their agent at the track, and that, as betting at the track is legal, they violated no law.

NO AMBASSADOR TO POPE. King Edward Will Notify Leo of His Accession by Letter.

LONDON, March 21.—In the House of Commons to-day A. J. Balfour, the Government leader, replying to a question on the subject, said a special Ambassador had not been sent to the Pope, but that the notification of the death of Queen Victoria and the accession of King Edward would be sent to the Pope in a letter.

6 FIREMEN INJURED, 100 TROLLEY CARS BURNED IN BROOKLYN FIRE

The fire destroyed the Sea Beach terminal dock at the foot of Grand Street, Brooklyn, at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, and a fire engine was required to haul away the wreckage. The fire was caused by a gas leak from a gas pipe in the terminal. The fire spread rapidly and the terminal was completely destroyed. Six firemen were injured and 100 trolley cars were burned.

MAY INVESTIGATE HOSPITAL CASE. The Board of Health to-day ordered an investigation of the case of a patient in the hospital who died of a disease which is supposed to be contagious.

BIG EXPLOSION IN TRANSIT TUNNEL.

Dynamite Hurls Men in All Directions and Four Are Injured.

An explosion of dynamite in the Rapid Transit tunnel at One Hundred and Eighty-first street and Eleventh avenue at 1 o'clock this afternoon held 60 men prisoners in a cave 120 feet deep, filled with smoke, flame and foul gases, for over an hour.

Thirty sticks of dynamite exploded with an awful crash, and rocks and earth were hurled high in air, but by some seeming miracle none of the entrapped men was fatally injured.

The tunnel is being built for the Rapid Transit contractor, John B. McDonald, by L. B. McKissack & Bro. They first dug a shaft twenty-five feet deep, and from this ran the tunnel, about seventy-five feet having been already constructed. It is the deepest excavation on the entire system, and is through solid rock.

The men were at work drilling and blasting when William Smart, one of the foremen, chanced to glance behind him and saw that a box of powder was afire. Only a foot away was a box containing thirty large sticks of dynamite.

Realizing that an explosion was inevitable, he shouted to his companions to run toward the shaft. He was not a moment too soon with his warning, for by the time the last man had reached the shaft the explosion occurred.

So great was its force that nearly all of the men were thrown to the ground, and many were covered with falling debris and stunned. The shock broke the ropes of the buckets used for lowering and hoisting the men at work in the tunnel, and it was an hour before they half buried in dirt and stone, could be brought to the street.

It was found that only four men had been severely injured. They were taken to the J. Hood Wright Hospital. None of them will die. They are: FRANK DUFFY, a mucker, leg crushed by flying rock. JAMES BUTLER, driller, skull fractured by flying rock. PHILIP NEARY, a machinist, ear split and head cut. MOSES LEITWICH, colored, leg bruised and cheek cut.

A good deal of hoisting apparatus was damaged. What helped to save the men was the compressed air blown through an eight-inch pipe. The men threw themselves face downward and the air blew the smoke up the shaft at One Hundred and Eighty-first street.

Timothy Hayes, the foreman, called for volunteers to take a run down the shaft. J. S. Byers, James Lorenz, Michael Sullivan and Patrick McGowan responded. They went down the shaft and rescued their comrades.

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CARNEGIE LAUDS MAN BEHIND TRUST



Says the Chances for a Young Man Are as Good To-Day as Sixty Years Ago—Tariff a Back Number, but to Be Used When Necessary.

LONDON, March 21.—To an English interviewer, after his arrival in London, Mr. Carnegie talked freely concerning the Steel Trust, which, he thought, would not affect Great Britain.

"I think there is no fear," said Mr. Carnegie, "that the Trust's surplus stock will be sold abroad at less than cost, or that the Trust hopes to slaughter the steel trade of Great Britain."

Asked whether the existence of trusts did not tend toward national bankruptcy or whether they might not prove a step in an evolution toward socialism, Mr. Carnegie said:

"The man behind the trusts is just as important as ever. Consultations are the tendency of our age and will prove beneficial. The chances of Andrew Carnegie, if he landed a penniless boy in New York to-night, would be as bright as in 1848, and he would have even a wider field."

When asked whether the people of America were not likely to pass stringent anti-trust legislation, Mr. Carnegie said no. He thought the tariff was a back number for many things, having done its work. "But," he added, "where it is still needed you may rely it will be freely used."

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Delegations of polite beggars, who wanted checks for schools, libraries and charitable institutions, hovered in the background.

"Well, I am surprised by the interest you tell me my library gift has aroused in New York. I supposed greater attention would have been paid my gift to the Carnegie workmen. Why, they were equal in amount.

The fund for the Carnegie employ-

Republicans Realize that the Veteran Boss Is at Bay and that the Conference on Saturday Will Show Who Is Master.

All Party Leaders Except Odell and Goodsell Will Attend—The Governor Reiterates His Defiance of the Senator.

ALBANY, March 21.—It is recognized here by Republicans that Senator Platt is making the fight of his life to hold the control of the party machine. The result of the conference on Saturday will show whether he is master of man.

Every Republican leader in Albany has received a summons to meet Senator Platt on Saturday and confer on the Police bill, and every leader will obey, with the possible exception of Senator Goodsell, of Odell's own home county.

To inquire as to the situation at noon Gov. Odell would only say:

"There is a difference of opinion between Senator Platt and myself on the subject of police legislation. That is all there is to say."

When told that the enthusiasm aroused by his library gift had led to the mention of his name in connection with the Mayor's nomination, Mr. Carnegie laughed heartily.

He pointedly evaded the question whether he would accept if the nomination were tendered him, but he gave the impression that the very mention of his name was unpleasant to him.

"I will say, however," continued the millionaire, "that New York treats her public men shamefully. They are not half as well as paid. It is a great pity, and you will have to go a long way to find a better one."

"That's what Mr. Croker maintains," suggested a New York man, who was present.

"Well, Croker isn't so," commented Mr. Carnegie, but checking himself he said, "I mustn't talk politics. I only want to say that I am glad to be able to contribute anything to the welfare of the great city of New York."

Pushed Odell to the Wall. At first the Governor tried to discuss the thing in an argumentative mood, but Mr. Platt kept insisting on a direct answer to the two direct questions.

Finally, the governor said: "I will not act upon any such measure. Legislation has been enacted, and that is as far as I shall go in the matter."

He then called attention to his message and the approval that had been given it, so far as a police recommendation were concerned, and thus ended the interview.

PLATT TO REPLY TO STATEMENTS. Crimsoned with Anger When He Is Shown Odell's Latest Ultimatum.

When Senator Thomas C. Platt was shown Gov. Odell's statement that he would not act upon any such measure to the Assembly and that he would not meet the Senator in conference Saturday, his face turned crimson with anger.

Twice he read the statement, and then he said: "It seems to me that an effort is being made to stir up trouble between Governor Odell and myself."

"We have had no serious disagree-

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