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CHURCH FOLK IN FIST FIGHT AFTER SQUABBLE IN COURT; PASTOR'S BEARD IS PULLED

Evangelical Lutheran Members Wage Free-for-All in Courthouse Corridor.

WOMAN BEGINS MIX-UP.

She Says Rev. Von Hollen Started Things by Calling Her Friend Names.

Some anonymous Evangelical Lutheran brother kicked over the vessel which contained the congregational milk of human kindness in the corridor of the West Side Court this afternoon, and for a brisk fifteen minutes Faith, Hope and Charity were clinching all over the corridor floor in the finest free-for-all that has been witnessed in those judicial precincts for many days.

About fifty past and present members of the congregation jammed the court-room to hear the case brought up by the bitter division in the church and centering about the summons served on Harry Weinberg, former treasurer of the congregation, by the Rev. Von Hollen. The latter charged that when some of his flock severed their connection from the church and established a dissenting communion at No. 440 West Fiftieth street the treasurer had stolen the signboard from the front of the church and taken the altar decorations with it over to the insurgent fold.

FISTICUFFS FOLLOW HOT VERBAL SQUABBLE.

The Rev. H. J. Frayer, who had become the spiritual head of the dissenting branch, and the Rev. O. C. Mees, claiming to represent the Ohio Synod of the German Lutheran Church in this country, were present to swear that the Rev. von Hollen had been duly expelled from the pastorate and that the signboard and the altar ornaments rightfully belonged to the new congregation.

"Liar! Impostor! Black sheep!" were some of the English equivalents of the German comments that were boomed through the court room, while the various clergymen were giving their testimony. Men and women of the rival camps glared at one another and shook their fists under each other's noses, without respect for the dignity of the court.

"I hear that this is a mission church," the Magistrate finally interrupted. I think that if I give you a week's time to exercise a little of the missionary spirit you may avoid having someone going to jail."

Magistrate Appleton then postponed the case until next Thursday and both factions veered toward the door, with low, Germanic clouds of trouble hanging over their heads.

MRS. WOLNER'S HANDS FIND PASTOR'S BEARD.

On the way down the narrow stairs the war parties of Christian soldiers were forced into near proximity and something started.

Mrs. Burgomeister of No. 535 West Fiftieth street alleged afterward that the Rev. von Hollen had called her an insulting name. Mrs. Wolner of No. 561 West Fifty-second street, alleged she heard the reverend lips frame that insult and that she acted accordingly.

However that may be, Mrs. Wolner sank her ample hands into the flowing, patriarchal beard of the Rev. von Hollen; the pastor, so it was afterward told in court, did not turn the other cheek, but smote Mrs. Wolner fairly in the eye with his fist. Then the brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Church followed the injunction of Holy Writ to "fight the good fight."

They did!

After the court attendants had pried them apart and herded them all back before Magistrate Appleton no madder assemblage was ever on public view. Fifty voices started at once in German and English to hurl charges and defend them.

The distressed Magistrate finally ordered one faction to stay in the courtroom until the other had left, and the aide of peace requested that some one send in an emergency call for an ambulance.

STRIKERS PARADE, WAVING OLD GLORY, IN FLAG'S DEFENSE

Hoboken Workmen End Strike When Investigation of Insult Is Promised.

The Hoboken strike in the boiler shops of the A. & W. Fletcher Shipbuilding Company over an alleged insult to the United States flag has a patch of the spectacular plunged into it to-day when a handsome woman, handsomely gowned, appeared on the streets carrying a silken American flag bigger than herself. She said she was Vice-President of the New York chapter of the D. A. R., and it was her understanding that the firm had put insult on the American workingmen through their country's flag.

During the parade the men wore miniature American flags in their buttonholes, and many of them carried flags in their hands.

The handful of striking boilermakers hailed her as a new angel of deliverance—a Joan of Arc or a Gurley Flynn. They greeted her with cheers, and proudly marched down behind her to the office of Andrew Fletcher, President of the firm. With the Stars and Stripes still flung to the breeze, the woman descended upon Mr. Fletcher and demanded to know if he were a foreigner. He courteously offered a chair and politely informed the Daughter of the Revolution that he was an American, and a pretty good one at that.

After a conference with President Fletcher the committee decided to report in favor of returning to work. Mr. Fletcher declined to discharge the man who started the trouble, but promised to make a very thorough investigation into the charges made against him by the men.

Joseph Fletcher—who is not related to the owners of the company—has been tool keeper for the concern for nine years. He is a Canadian. According to the men, he has always been a sarcastic critic of this country and its institutions. Three months ago he went to Canada but was not successful there. When he came back he was re-employed at his old work. The hands say he was more free with his slurs on the country than ever, and a number of them say they heard him say "to hell with the United States flag." The word was passed around and a meeting was held, at which it was decided a strike should be declared until Fletcher was discharged.

"I know nothing of this trouble except as the superintendent has reported it to me," said W. A. Fletcher to-day. "I do know that Joseph Fletcher has been a mighty good tool keeper and that he has been very strict in making the men pay for tools they have lost or have failed to return. This has made him highly unpopular with the men and very popular with me.

"I have a letter from him in which he is as loyal to the United States and the flag as any man on our roll; that he has had a hitch in being naturalized, but means to be a citizen. He says he never said anything against the flag and has a boy who has been taught to worship the flag. Unless the men can show evidence to me supporting their charge I shall not discharge him."

$200,000 BANK SHORTAGE.

ST. LOUIS, June 6.—A special to the Post-Dispatch says the Pemiscot County Bank at Caruthersville, Mo., has closed its doors and is in the hands of the State Bank Commissioner as the result of the discovery of a shortage. The shortage, according to John H. Cunningham, president, is at least $200,000, and may reach $250,000.

When the bank's books were audited by a company last April a shortage of $44,000 was found. It was also discovered that Pemiscot County was credited with about $200,000, though the deposits by the county treasurer were said to have been $400,000. The investigation which resulted from this audit climaxed into the closing of the bank.

GIRLS IN A PANIC FORGET FIRE DRILL, CLOG THE ESCAPES

Forewoman Pushed Through Grating of Balcony as Others Fight on Ladders.

STAIRWAYS WERE SAFE.

All the Frightened Workers Rescued Unharmed From Laight Street Establishment

Blind fire fear, such as has possessed all foreign workers in loft factories since the horror of the Triangle tragedy two years ago, gripped nearly a hundred girls and women in the wool clipping works of D. Kaplan & Co. at No. 28 Laight street, in Greenwich village, early to-day and an unthinking panic resulted in a narrow escape from death for many of them.

The wool clipping establishment occupies the three upper stories of a five-story building, which runs through to No. 7 Vestry street. The management of the company has enforced strict fire drills ever since the Triangle fire and, theoretically, the three lofts could be emptied of their workers in less than five minutes.

But under the first real test the elaborate fire drill was no proof to-day against the frantic instinct for self-preservation on the part of the eighty-five workers who were driven mad by fright at the smell of smoke.

FLEE AS FLAMES BURST FROM BALE OF WOOL.

The third floor of the building is given over to the purposes of a receiving room, and there the heavy bales of clippings are stored. At 8.30 o'clock A. M. to-day several girls went down to this floor to open some new bales. When they undid the tightly binding cords about one bale and it fell apart a burst of flame and a heavy jet of smoke jumped out into their faces. The fire must have been engendered by spontaneous combustion, a not unknown occurrence in bales of woolen cloth.

The girls on the third floor screamed and started for the fire escapes without thought of the fire drill they had been taught to heed in time of danger. The panic spread quicker than the smoke to the two floors above, and in an instant all three floors were boiling with excitement. Women and girls, mostly Italians, paid no heed to the stairs, which were not even threatened by the little fire, but rushed to the fire escapes and began slipping and sliding down the steep stairs on the outside of the building.

Mrs. Rose Telatz, forelady of the workers, tried to force some order out of the panic on the third floor and headed the descent down the fire escape on the Vestry street side of the building. At the second floor balcony she tried to halt the press behind her in order to have time to lower to the street the detachable fire ladder suspended there.

PUSHED THROUGH FIRE ESCAPE BALCONY GRATING.

Allen Friedman, a bookkeeper at work in the second floor offices, did not know about the fire until he heard the screams of the women and saw the fire escape ladders outside his window clogged with the clawing, fighting forms of those from the floors above. As he tried to open the window to go to the assistance of Mrs. Telatz, still swaying above the street by the grip of her hands, a woman's body crashed through the glass and the falling slivers cut his wrists and hands.

Nevertheless he forced his way out onto the platform and got a grip on Mrs. Telatz's wrists. He held her up until Policeman O'Connor ran through the building and out of the window on the second floor; the policeman helped the bookkeeper, who was bleeding from the cuts of the falling glass, pull the forewoman to safety.

Jimmy Kelly, a truck driver, had witnessed the panic from the seat of his dray across the street on the Laight street side of the building, and had climbed up the grating before the front windows of the building until he could reach the fire balcony on the second floor. Then he lowered the ladder and the girls crushing down the fire escape got to the street in safety.

No Extra Charge for It.

Advertisements for The World may be left at an American District Messenger office in the city until 8 P. M.

McLoughlin and Rice Playing Tennis Match Before Crowd of 4,000 on the West Side Courts

JERE KNODE COOKE NOW FREE TO WED FLORETTA WHALEY

Wife of Minister Who Eloped From Hempstead Gets a Divorce.

Jerry Knode Cooke, the unfrocked Episcopal clergyman of Hempstead, was made free to-day to marry Floretta Whaley, the girl with whom he eloped in 1907, when she was in her teens. At the special session of the Superior Court, civil side, of Connecticut, at Hartford to-day Cooke's former wife obtained a decree of divorce with permission to resume her maiden name of Miranda Clarke.

Cooke and Miss Whaley went from this city to San Francisco when their flouting of all social regulations made them the subjects of too much notoriety here. Gossip followed them there and they were again in the public eye. Cooke was earning his living as a house painter. Two children were born to them. They moved from one city in California to another and two years ago returned to the East and went to live in Brooklyn, moving from time to time until they settled in the home in Washington Heights where they now are.

After Mrs. Keziah Whaley, Floretta Whaley's grandmother, who was joint guardian over Floretta Whaley with the Rev. Mr. Cooke, announced a little more than a year ago she had forgiven her niece, but would never admit Cooke to her house, Mrs. Miranda Clarke Cooke began to relent from her determination never to get a divorce from Cooke and give him the legal right to marry Floretta Whaley and give his name to his boys.

Mrs. Cooke entered suit in Hartford, where she had gone to live April 17 of this year. Cooke, when the papers in the case were served on her here, wept for joy. He explained the situation to the children, Paul and Chester, and the whole family knelt on the floor while he offered up prayers of thanksgiving for Mrs. Cooke's generosity.

Cooke, while declaring that his life with Floretta Whaley has been an ideal romance and a sacred trust, has admitted that he did wrong not only to humanity but to her. Miss Whaley has told the public that while she was happy with Cooke, she would never advise another girl to do as she has done.

$12 Men's Blue Serge Suits, $5.95

The "BUZ" Clothing Corner, Broadway, cor. Barclay St., opp. new Woolworth Bldg., will sell to-day and Saturday 2,000 Men's Blue Serge Suits, all wool, fast color guaranteed; also Worsteds and Cheviots, in pencil stripes, grays, browns, black and mixtures, all sizes 34 to 44; worth $12 in any other stores; our special price to-day and Saturday, $5.95. Open Saturday night till 10.—Adv.

M'LOUGHLIN WINS; DOUST IN BATTLE WITH HARVARD MAN

Californian Easily Vanquishes Opponent in Opening Tennis Match for Chance to Figure in International Game for Davis Trophy.

Williams defeated Doust in the second match 3 to 1.

Maurice McLaughlin of California won the first clash of the New York preliminaries to the international tennis games to be played in England this afternoon. He defeated Horace Rice of the Australian invading team in three straight sets.

N. Norris Wliams of Harvard clashed wth Stanley N. Doust, captain of the Australians, in the second encounter, and the pair, remarkably evenly matched, played a game which kept the 4,000 persons at the West Side Tennis Courts on their feet thrilled with excitement.

The winner of the elimination games goes to England to take part in the international matches for the Dwight F. Davis Cup, the highest prize in the tennis world.

Long before game time the huge stands built around three sides of the courts began to fill with early arrivals. Steady streams from the subway quickly taxed the capacity of the stands.

AUSTRALIAN PLAYER WORE KNICKERBOCKERS.

The weather was ideal. A brisk wind softened a hot sun and made it comfortable for the contestants in their dashes about the court. Rice and McLoughlin, who were to play in the opening game, lost little time getting out on the courts after the two teams were photographed. The Australian in his knickerbockers, the only racquet wielder in the world who still wears the old European uniform, drew many comments from the gallery as he cavorted around. But the crowd soon gave its attention to the warming up practice of McLoughlin. The California comet was in excellent form and ruled a strong favorite over the Antipodean.

The two players finally got into action with McLoughlin serving. The American won the first game in dazzling style—40 love. Rice was helpless returning his fast serves. The second game also went to McLoughlin 40-15 and the third was also easy.

Rice rallied and won the fourth game, after the American lost 30 points with out-of-court shots, but the next two went to the American, so that McLoughlin captured the set, 6 to 1.

Changing positions McLoughlin quickly ran up a two-game lead in the second set. Then he went into the net four times, giving the Australians the third game 40 love. The American came back strong and won the fourth game 40-15.

Placing the ball beautifully Rice got the next game, 40-30, but the Californian won the next game, after Rice went to 30, with a smashing drive to base line.

M'LOUGHLIN'S SPEED TOO MUCH FOR RICE.

McLoughlin's speed was terrific, and the Australian could get only one ace in the next game, McLoughlin winning, 40—15. The American so far was playing the best game of his career, and Rice was powerless against him. Rice got one more game, but the set was McLoughlin's, 6 to 3. Rice braced in the ninth game, and ran the score to deuce, but the American smashed the ball across court and got the next two points.

Rice showed improvement in this set, but so far he was entirely outclassed by the brilliant young Westerner.

Starting the third set McLoughlin quickly pulled off a love game. Rice with fine work at the net got the next one, 40—15. The American won the third game, and Rice evened the score on the fourth. McLoughlin, serving speedily, captured the fifth game, 40—30.

The Australian began playing with a harder stroke, and McLoughlin was kept to the back court.

The next game went to the Antipodean, after McLoughlin rallied gallantly. On his serving the American captured the seventh game, 40—30.

Wonderful work on the base line won for McLoughlin in the next game, 40—30.

Rice in desperation rallied in the game set, after McLoughlin ran to 40 love and made it deuce. The American then placed the ball on the sides where the Australian could not reach it, and captured the next two points and the set, making a clean sweep for America in the first contest of the series.

WILLIAMS GETS BIG START ON DOUST.

After a half hour intermission N. Morris Williams and Stanley N. Doust, the invading captain, met in the second match. The young Harvard star showed his nervousness at the start, when he continuously smashed out of bounds, allowing Doust to win the first game 40—15. Williams was still unsettled and the Australian got the next game.

The American, getting command of his strokes, won the next three games in sensational style, forcing the Australian to give ground. Doust evened the score in the sixth when Williams killed three returns over the base line.

The American, mainly on his serves, won the next game 40—30. The two players were evenly matched, and Doust got the eighth game with two great shows down the side. Williams, now in superb form, won the next game after Doust had a lead of 30 points.

The Harvard youngster also got the next in 40—30, giving him the first set 6—4.

The playing of the nineteen-year-old boy in this set, after he overcame a two-game lead of the veteran Australian, was one of the greatest exhibitions of tennis ever seen in this country.

William steadied down in the opening game of the fourth set and showed his older opponent the way to the tune of 40—30. In this game the American ended a long volley with a ground bunt that brought a roar of approval from the gallery. The American won the second in quick order, while Doust pulled i nthe third on his serving.

WORLD WANTS WORK WONDERS.

ALDERMEN STAY AWAY, BLOCK CURRAN AGAIN, TIE UP POLICE REPORT

Head of the Investigating Committee Unable to Get a Vote Upon the Findings That Criticise Detective Bureau.

'WORTHY OF CROOK'S TALENT,' DOUGHERTY'S HOT COMMENT.

"Aldermen Lined Up With Convicted Thieves" to Get Malicious Material, Says Deputy.

The Curran Aldermanic Police Investigating Committee failed to-day to get a quorum to consider a section of the committee report, and so Part 3 of the findings, dealing with the Detective Bureau, which it arraigns in scathing terms, was made public without the formality of a vote of adoption. Just four Aldermen appeared in Chairman Curran's room. They were Aldermen Curran, Shipley, who made his reappearance to-day, Folks and Hamilton. Alderman Downing, whose presence would have established a quorum, again absented himself, and Alderman Esterbrook is still confined to his bed by illness.

The Tammany members of the committee, Aldermen Dowling, Smith and Kenny, refused to attend the meeting on the same ground on which they have based their former refusals—that copies of the report had not been supplied for their consideration.

MAY VOTE ON WHOLE REPORT NEXT MONDAY.

Another meeting of the committee has been called for to-morrow morning to consider Section 4 of the report, but the indications are that it will draw together no greater proportion of the committee than appeared to-day, and as a result the whole report will be voted on Monday. Then both Esterbrook and Downing are expected to be present, and it is presumed that the six Fusion members will vote for the adoption of the report. It will be presented to the Board of Aldermen the following day and then set over for a week for final consideration.

The Tammany members of the committee have fully decided on a minority report which will suggest a number of changes in the police administration but will endorse the work of Police Commissioner Waldo, so there seems to be no doubt that the real fight will come when the question comes before the entire board June 17.

When the time approached to-day for the meeting of the committee, the chances of a quorum seemed good. But as 10 o'clock came and passed there appeared only Aldermen Curran, Shipley, Folks and Hamilton. They went to Chairman Curran's room, where they conferred, and when they came from the room again Alderman Shipley was tucking a copy of Section 3 under his arm.

SHIPLEY DECLARES HE'S "NO MAN'S MAN."

He was asked to explain his absence from the meeting on Wednesday and exclaimed:

"Now, I want it distinctly understood that no influence other than that of my family has kept me away. I had planned to take my family to our country place at Meadowmere Park on Wednesday and I did it. No man has got anything on me. No member of the Tammany minority, Dowling, Smith or Kenny, has got to me, either. I am going to use my own judgment in the whole matter. I am not prepared to say how I shall vote on the whole report on Monday. I may change my mind, one way or the other, before we are called on to vote."

Alderman Smith was the only one of the Tammany members of the committee in the City Hall in the morning. He said that he certainly should be present on Monday, and when he was asked what might be expected from the members who so far had declined to attend the committee meetings he replied that they might be expected to "do anything."

That section of the report made public

Baseball Games To-Day

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