

WILLIAMS MAY FACE CHARGES ON 95-CENT GAS

Demand for His Removal Awaits Result of Move to Oust McCall.

EVIDENCE AMPLE, COMMITTEE BELIEVES

Massachusetts Court Covers Trail of Alleged "Yellow Dog" Fund There.

Governor Whitman will be asked to remove Public Service Commissioner George V. S. Williams as soon as the charges against Chairman McCall are disposed of, if the present plans of the Thompson committee are carried out. The committee, it was learned yesterday, considers that it has ample evidence in its possession on which to base a demand for the removal of Williams.

Among the charges contemplated against Williams is his handling of the Kings County Light and Power Company rate case, his opinion in this case holding that no reduction in the present rate of 95 cents a thousand cubic feet should be given to the consumers.

Williams spent several hours before the Thompson committee yesterday, during which Deputy Attorney General Lewis quizzed him minutely to find out what process he used to arrive at his decision. Williams admitted that an exorbitant oil contract the gas company had made was a controlling factor.

He admitted that the price per gallon that the Kings County company paid for oil was much higher than any other gas company in Brooklyn paid. At a previous hearing Commissioner Hayward testified that this contract did not look just right to him, because, among other things, it was made eleven months before it went into effect.

"Yellow Dog" Trail Lost.

The attempts of the Thompson committee to get on the trail of an alleged "yellow dog" fund in connection with Interborough contracts for third tracking the "L" roads received a setback yesterday by the decision of Judge Pierce, of Massachusetts. He held that Charles E. Coting, executor of the estate of the late Gardner Lane, could not be compelled to produce certain papers left by Mr. Lane, telling of what had happened at the meeting of the Interborough directors when the Stevens 12 per cent profit contract was under consideration.

An earnest protest had been made by Mr. Lane, and when outvoted he resigned. A memorandum giving the inside history of the transaction to which he objected was believed to be in the possession of the executor.

Frank L. Polk, Counselor of the State Department at Washington, will appear before the committee tomorrow morning to testify in regard to his connection with the approval of the sale of the 122 shares of Amsterdam Light to the Edison Company.

The Public Service Commission, at its meeting yesterday, ordered its counsel to institute a penalty action against the Third Avenue Railway Company for its failure to carry out the orders of the commission issued on May 21 last, which called for general repair of tracks and switches. The company is liable to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 a day for every day it can be shown it disobeyed the orders.

Action Against Third Avenue.

The action of the commission gives first blood to Commissioner Hayward in his fight with Chairman McCall. When the case was brought up at the meeting of the commission on Friday McCall told Commissioner Hayward

that if he were a judge and Hayward came before him to complain about the Third Avenue Company he would take him by the "scruff of the neck" and throw him into the middle of the street.

McCall reluctantly cast his vote in favor of prosecuting the company yesterday. Before doing so he put himself on record as not believing that there was sufficient evidence to justify such a proceeding. The chairman had no alternative, however, because George S. Coleman, counsel for the commission, had given an opinion that this was the proper course to pursue. Mr. Coleman said in his opinion:

"After examination of the record and after reading the report of November 18, 1915, submitted by Mr. Wilder, electrical engineer of the commission, and after consulting with Mr. Wilder, I am of the opinion that there has been such failure to obey, observe or comply with certain portions of the order in this case as to justify a penalty action under Section 86 of the Public Service Commission law.

A mandamus proceeding would accomplish a useful purpose, since it could hardly be terminated before the repairs desired would be made on the ordinary course of the railroad maintenance.

Mr. Coleman also advised the commission that if it could be established that the failure to comply with certain provisions of the order was "intentional, deliberate and avoidable," a prosecution for misdemeanor would be possible against the company. However, he took no action to proceed against the Third Avenue company criminally. When Commissioner Hayward was asked if he would initiate criminal proceedings against the company he said:

"I said some time ago that if no one else would bring criminal proceedings I would, and I still stand by that statement."

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY AIDS RECRUITING

Army and Navy Rolls Since 1853 Have Been Increased by 7,000 of Its Charges.

More than 7,000 orphans and deserted children have been placed in the army and navy by the Children's Aid Society since 1853, according to the annual report. At a meeting held yesterday at 80 Broadway the society re-elected as its officers William Church Osborne, president; Edwin T. Merrill, treasurer, and Charles Loring Brace, secretary. The trustees are William Church Osborne, Arthur Curtis James, William H. Wheelock, Eugene H. Pool and Thomas W. Lamont.

The society placed during the year 656 orphan and homeless children in family homes, assisted 803 boys and girls with their parents to emigrate and returned 659 runaway boys and girls to relatives. In addition 1,978 children were placed in family homes under oversight, 6,194 boys and girls and 400 homeless mothers and children were sheltered in lodging houses, 9,667 children were enrolled in the industrial schools of the society, 1,613 children were treated in school dental clinics and 5,790 were given from one to ten weeks' outings. The society gave day outings at the seaside and in the country to 15,303 children, and 7,873 were helped by the Sick Children's Mission.

The activities of the society cost \$517,025.58. The receipts for the year amounted to \$501,572.37, leaving a deficit of \$15,453.21.

In the annual report the summer charities committee recommended that the work of caring for sick children be continued throughout the year, and subscriptions were asked to meet the additional expense.

Nearly 1,000 boys were admitted to the farm school during the year, and after two months' work \$20 were advanced to be sufficiently trained to be placed with farmers at wages.

The report stated that increased gifts enabled the society to enlarge the scope and improve the quality of its school lunches.

Miss Ella G. McCall to Wed.

Miss Ella G. McCall, daughter of Edward E. McCall, chairman of the Public Service Commission, and William R. Maloney obtained a marriage license yesterday. Mr. Maloney is a lawyer, thirty-seven years old, and gave his address as 120 West 42d St. Miss McCall is twenty-seven years old, was born in Albany and lives at 321 West Eighty-sixth Street.

48 MAY LOSE AUTO LICENSES

Speeders, Drunken Drivers and Hit-and-Run Offenders on Woods's List.

MAGISTRATES ASKED TO HELP CAMPAIGN

Swann Plans Crusade for Safe Streets—Reckless Driving Is Murder, Says Mulqueen.

Police Commissioner Woods, in his campaign against reckless automobile driving, has asked for the revocation of forty-eight licenses of drivers and owners who are old offenders. Names are withheld, but of the forty-eight, eleven are owners who were convicted three times for speeding, and five were convicted for running their cars while drunk or running away after violating the motor vehicle law.

Commissioner Woods has made his first move against these offenders through the medium of Secretary of State Hugo, Chief Justice Russell of Special Sessions, Chief Magistrate McAdoo and Commissioner Bell, of the Bureau of Licenses. To each of these he has made written requests for cooperation in his attempt to rid the streets of the drivers by depriving them of their licenses.

In the cases of the sixteen owners, the commissioner has written to Chief Magistrate McAdoo asking him to request Secretary of State Hugo to deny a renewal of their registration numbers when the numbers expire. Mr. Woods recommends that those who have been convicted of speeding more than twice be deprived of the use of their cars for a month or two at least. No clemency is urged for those who have been caught driving while intoxicated.

There are nine city licensed taxicab chauffeurs on the commissioner's blacklist. They have been convicted of operating their cabs while drunk or attempting to escape after running down persons in the street. Also there are eight regularly licensed chauffeurs, drivers of private cars, who have the same bad record. In addition, there are six taxicab drivers who have been on three times for driving while drunk. Their cases have been referred to Commissioner Bell with recommendations that their licenses be revoked for all time, in the case of those convicted of intoxication, and for a reasonable period at least in the speeding cases.

In all these cases Chief Justice Russell of Special Sessions has been asked by Commissioner Woods to furnish Commissioner Bell with the court records.

District Attorney-elect Edward Swann announced yesterday that he is making preparations for a vigorous campaign against drivers of automobiles and others who are a menace to the safety of persons in the streets.

Judge Swann is studying the situation and already has pretty definite ideas as to what should be done when he assumes office. In order to enforce his ideas, Judge Swann wants to be able to suggest to the next Assembly some amendments to the present laws.

Booker T. Washington Memorial.

A memorial meeting in honor of Booker T. Washington will be held on the evening of February 11 at Carnegie Institute. The Hampton Association, the Tuskegee board of trustees, the Urban League and other negro organizations issued a call for the meeting yesterday. The speakers will include William H. Taft, Seth Low, Dr. H. B. Frissell and Major R. R. Moton.

BARONESS NEWIE ARRESTED

Says She Sold Papers in Biltmore to Aid War Orphans.

Charged with disorderly conduct for selling newspapers in the main vestibule of the Hotel Biltmore, a well-dressed woman, who said she was Mrs. Leonora Hunt, seventy-three years old, a baroness, was arraigned in the women's night court last night. She was discharged when she admitted selling last night's evening papers. She said the proceeds were to support war orphans in Europe.

Detective Charles Manning, of the house staff of the hotel, arrested the woman. He said he had warned her that she was annoying the guests. When arrested she had more than \$200 in her handbag. She told the probation officer of the court that she was the widow of a railroad magnate, who died a few years ago, after losing most of his fortune.

Her first husband, whose name she still retains, she said was killed in the Civil War. Her father was a Holland ship owner, who married an Indian princess.

WESTERNERS BID FOR CONVENTION

Three Cities Put Up Bid to Guarantee Entertainment.

William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said yesterday that he expected a full meeting of the national committee in Washington on December 7. He said he had received a large number of acceptances in reply to his call for the meeting to decide upon the time and place for the national convention next year.

Chicago, St. Louis and Dallas have put up \$100,000 each to show their good faith in bidding for the convention. There is also a strong sentiment for the convention in San Francisco, Mr. McCombs said. The national chairman declared that most of the national committee members would attend the meeting with open minds in regard to the place for the convention, but would favor an early date, probably during the first two weeks of June.

Homer S. Cummings, vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee, declared recently that the majority of the committee would probably favor Chicago as the place for the convention. Asked what the Democratic issues in the coming national campaign would be, Mr. McCombs said they would be determined largely by what Congress did at the next session. The national chairman intimated that President Wilson was bound to be renominated at the national convention.

BRYAN HEADS A CHAUTAUQUA

President of New Winona Bible Conference with \$200,000 Capital.

Indianapolis, Nov. 23.—The Winona Association and Bible Conference, with headquarters at Winona Lake, Ind., filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State here today. The association succeeds the old organization, which failed financially.

The capital stock of the concern is \$200,000. William J. Bryan is president; W. P. Carmichael, of St. Louis, vice-president, and E. O. Excell, of Chicago, chairman of the board of directors.

MISPLACED PAGE IN \$1,500,000 WILL

'War Babies' Held by Film Man May Bring Total Up to \$6,000,000.

SMALL INVESTMENT RETURNED FORTUNE

Story Revealed in Lawyer's Suit Against Samuel Long's Widow for Fee.

The will of Samuel Long, president of the Kalem Company, who died on July 25 last, will never be filed for probate. Mr. Long left an estate valued at \$1,000,000 to \$6,000,000, of which his wife, Mrs. Alice M. Long, has been appointed administratrix.

Before Surrogate Fowler it was revealed yesterday that through an inadvertence it was said, the first page of Mr. Long's will was replaced by a sheet which had been merely a draft of the instrument, and which changed the most important provision of the will.

Details of the trouble over the will of Mr. Long came to light through a proceeding brought by Charles L. Craig, a lawyer, to collect \$30,000 for services rendered to Mrs. Long in connection with the estate. Mrs. Long, through William M. Seabury, her new attorney, objected that the fee was too high, that the proceeding of Craig should have been brought in the Supreme Court, and that the lawyer was not entitled to a lien on her property to satisfy his claim.

Lawyer Sues for Fee.

The widow said that Craig at one time had offered to accept \$15,000 for his services, and that really he was not entitled to more than \$500. Surrogate Fowler gave the lawyers a week to file briefs.

Mrs. Long discovered \$70,000 in cash in a safe deposit box, \$47,000 at the Garfield National Bank and a balance of \$175,000 with the Stock Exchange firm of Post & Flagg, largely represented by investments in "war babies" that have since become of great value.

Mr. Long was president of the Kalem Company and owned 49 per cent of the stock. He had been receiving an annual income of \$100,000 from the concern. Frank J. Marion was secretary and held 99 per cent of the stock. The value of the estate of Mr. Long is placed at \$1,500,000 in cash and securities with a tentative value of \$6,000,000.

Craig said in an affidavit that while search was being made for the will he received a telephone message from

Frank E. Clarke, a lawyer of White Plains, who said he had a draft of the original document. Clarke read its provisions, which disposed of the income of Mr. Long's moving picture interests.

Thought Will Unsound.

When the will was found Craig decided that it would not hold in law, because it failed to dispose of the principal of his holdings in the moving picture enterprises. Mr. Long put his movie business in trust with Marion, who was to have the income from one-tenth, while Mrs. Long was to receive the income from the remaining nine-tenths. At the death of Mrs. Long two brothers of Long were to receive her share of the income.

With the original will was found a carbon copy, which figured importantly in the decision for probate. The story was told in affidavit form yesterday that while Mr. Long was on his deathbed Marion came to his home, at 137 Riverside Drive. Mrs. Long refused to admit him to the sick chamber. The wife was called away. On her return, it was alleged, she learned from the nurse that Marion had visited Long and that some sort of a document had been made out.

After the funeral it was arranged to have the will read. Clarke had the instrument. But it did not match with the carbon copy of the original. It was learned that the first page of the will had been taken out and the first page of the preliminary draft had been substituted.

Craig advised Mrs. Long not to accept the will in that form and told her to talk the matter over with a friend. Accordingly, she called on R. R. Schwerin, an official of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

Former Justice Augustus Van Wyck was consulted, and at his office, in the presence of Craig and Schwerin, the

will was produced by Clarke. He was asked about the changes made in it. He explained that the changes were unimportant and were made to correct technical faults. Then he was confronted with the carbon copy. S. Alton Ralph, a brother-in-law and law partner of Clarke, then explained that in putting a new cover on the will he had inadvertently put in the first page of the preliminary draft instead of the first page of the completed will. Craig said that Mrs. Long was appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband on October 19, since which time he had not seen or heard from Marion. The latter, through his attorney, former Justice A. F. W. Seaman, notified Craig that he was guilty in the mistake. Mrs. Long has settled with the brothers of her husband, who have accepted \$55,000 each for their interest, which gave her entire control of the estate.

U. S. AEROS LOST IN TEXAS HAZE

Four Army Machines Land Far to West of Destination at Austin.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 23.—The aero squadron of the United States Army encountered and solved many new problems in its flight to-day from Waco to Austin, part of the "cross-country" trip from Fort Sill, Okla., to San Antonio, Tex. All six of the machines reached Austin safely, but four of them were lost for nearly two hours in a haze which caused them to drift far west of their course.

TRAIN BLOCKS HUDSON TUBE

Broken Axle Makes Many Jersey Commuters Late to Dinner.

A broken axle and resulting short circuit in a stalled train in the Hudson & Manhattan tube between Cortlandt and Exchange Place yesterday afternoon delayed dinner for several thousand commuters, who hurried into the Hudson Terminal Building to be confronted with huge signs reading, "Trains Not Running."

Many took ferries, while others rode to Christopher Street on the Ninth Avenue "L" and went home by the uptown tube. A shuttle train was later operated on the west track on a ten-minute schedule between Cortlandt Street and Exchange Place.

Late last night the company announced that regular traffic would be resumed this morning.

A strong upper air current carried the machines to the west, and about 11:30 o'clock, the time when the aviators knew they should be due in Austin, they began coming down in small towns northwest of here to get their bearings. Two aeroplanes landed at Lammas, about sixty miles northwest, having followed the wrong railroad track in the haze. Another dropped in on Kinsland, a small town a little nearer Austin, to take a new reckoning.

The first aviators to reach Austin were Lieutenants T. D. Milling and T. S. Rowen. Next came Lieutenant C. F. Chapman, Captain B. D. Foulais and Lieutenants J. E. Garberry and L. A. Rader.

Three of the machines were forced to land in unmarked territory to get their bearings. The aviators accomplished the landing successfully, a feat which was regarded as of special value.



Cappy Ricks Takes an order for grape stakes

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"IF YOU show up at this office inside of six months, I'll fire you on sight!" cried Cappy Ricks, the ancient live wire who heads the Ricks Logging and Lumber Company. So Skinner, the general manager, left for a holiday, and two of the brightest young men in the lumber trade got ready to slip something over on his aged boss, who thought he knew it all.

Going Up! By Edwin Lefevre

Tidal waves of speculation, sky-rocket antics of recently obscure stocks, tales of sudden fortunes, crowded brokers' offices and million-share days on 'Change make timely Mr. Lefevre's inside articles on "The Greatest Boom Ever." For twenty years the author has been meeting market leaders and gathering the anecdotes and data that enliven these notable papers on the epidemic of speculation.

Blacker Than Sin By Irvin S. Cobb

Mysterious Major Foxmaster and the unknown Woman in Black who kept just twenty paces behind him year in and year out, are the central figures in the strangest story that has ever come from Mr. Cobb's pen. A startling dénouement turns the light on the mystery.

Among other features in the number

The Other Side of the House, a splendid railroad love story, by Sinclair Lewis; The Bolivar, a tale of the Screaming Larkins, by Bozeman Bulger; Naughty Henree, a new Henri Girard story by, George Pattullo; How Turkey Speeds the Going Guest, by Eleanor F. Egan; and a Blue Sky Story, by Will Payne.

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