

Whitman Shatters Cropsey Boom and Indorses Mitchell

After a Conference Assurances Are Given That Justice Will Withdraw

Colloquy in Theatre

Jurist Accuses Governor of Bowing to the "Money-Bund"

Without wishing it to appear that he was meddling with the local political situation, Governor Whitman yesterday put a large dent in the boom of Justice James C. Cropsey for Mayor. After conferring with William Hamlin Childs, chairman of the executive committee of the Fusion Committee for 1917, and other Fusion leaders, the Governor made two flat significant declarations. He declared that he was for Mayor Mitchell, mentioning the Mayor's name for the first time, and the entire Fusion ticket, and that he did not think Justice Cropsey would run in the Republican primaries against Mayor Mitchell.

It was quickly assumed in political circles that the Governor's special visit to the city yesterday was to clear up the Brooklyn Fusion situation. It was strongly intimated that the Fusion leaders had assurances that Justice Cropsey would withdraw from the fight and leave the way clear for a united Fusion against Tammany in the coming municipal election. In return for pulling Cropsey out of the running, it was understood that Jacob A. Livingston, chairman of the Kings County Republican Committee, and Eugene M. Travis, State Controller, would be permitted to name all of the Kings County candidates on the Fusion ticket without interference from the Mitchell forces in Brooklyn headed by Senator William W. Calder and Commissioner F. J. H. Knicker.

"Tammany's Defeat Only Issue" It was thought likely that Mr. Livingston and his associates would be willing to withdraw their candidate under those conditions. Governor Whitman was known to have been in touch with some of the Brooklyn leaders during the day. With all due respect to Justice Cropsey, Governor Whitman let it be known that he ought not to enter the Republican primaries. Mr. Childs declined to discuss his long conference with the Governor except to say that they had gone over the Brooklyn situation thoroughly.

"There is only one possible issue in the coming municipal campaign," said Mr. Whitman, "and that is the defeat of Tammany. That should be accomplished through Fusion. I am for Fusion and the election of all the Fusion candidates from Mayor Mitchell down. I don't think, in the last analysis, Justice Cropsey will run at all. The Governor explained his attitude by saying that he did not like to be put in the position, as Governor of the state, of meddling in local politics. He said that he had the highest regard for Justice Cropsey, and that it was no adulation upon the justice to ask him to keep out of the mayoralty race at this time. Some of the Brooklyn Republican leaders, who have been working hard for Mayor Mitchell, declared at the start of the Livingston-Cropsey boom that the Kings County chairman was using it as a means to strengthen his power as a local leader and to get certain places on the Fusion ticket.

Ransom for District Attorney Ex-Judge William L. Ransom, counsel to the Public Service Commission, has been decided upon as the Fusion candidate for District Attorney. Judge Ransom conferred with Governor Whitman and Mr. Childs yesterday at the St. Regis. The Fusion committee wanted the Governor to name the candidate for his old office. At first he favored Robert W. Bonnyne, president of the Republican Club, but afterward turned to ex-Judge Ransom as a younger and perhaps more vigorous candidate. The Governor has been well pleased with the way in which ex-Judge Ransom requested the legal staff of the Public Service Commission, and he told him yesterday that the same thing was being done in the staff of the District Attorney's office.

Ex-Judge Ransom expects to have Judge Swann, the present District Attorney, as his Tammany opponent in the coming election. Tammany had been talking of nominating District Attorney Swann for the Supreme Court bench, but Judge Swann recently announced that he would be a candidate for reelection. Evidently Judge Swann has anticipated that he would be completely exterminated by the charges brought against him by the City Club. Some of the Democratic leaders have got the impression, however, that the report of Justice Ingraham, who was appointed a special commissioner by Governor Whitman to hear the charges, while not recommending the removal of the District Attorney, will severely censure him.

They are said to be awaiting the filing of the report to determine whether he should run for reelection. Justice Ingraham called upon Governor Whitman at the St. Regis, yesterday. It is understood that the report will be in the hands of the Governor before the end of this week.

Governor Sure of Food Bill George W. Perkins and Governor Whitman talked over the food legislation situation at Albany yesterday. The Governor declared that he expected to win his fight in the Legislature and obtain the food regulation he wanted. The Governor said that there were few things he would insist upon the power of municipalities or the state to buy and sell food products, the right of the new food commission to condemn foodstuffs held for speculation and the naming of the three food commissioners.

Hangs "Mr. Booze" in Effigy Machinery Club, of New York, Has Drinkless Outing LONG BRANCH, N. J., Aug. 11.—Members of the Machinery Club of New York did two things at its annual outing here this afternoon. One was to hang "Mr. Booze" in effigy. The colors were unfurled by Captain Remer, U. S. A., after a march around the field, while Chester Anderson was playing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

William H. Van Winkle, chairman of the outing committee, informed the 500 diners that they were going to have a "Mr. Booze" without "booze," and "Mr. Booze" was duly hanged. There was some incoherence, however, when George A. Post, president of the Railway Business Association, presented Past President Charles A. Bennett, of Brooklyn, with a punch bowl.

Two N. Y. Lepers Found at Syracuse

Greek Chefs Who Had Worked Here Victims of Dread Malady

SYRACUSE, Aug. 11.—Demos Vassos, thirty years old, and his brother Nicholas, twenty-eight, Greek chefs from New York, were discovered by Dr. Schuyler P. Richmond to-night to be suffering from leprosy. They had visited him for treatment for what they thought was a minor ailment. The diagnosis was confirmed by two city health officers. The elder Vassos is critically ill at Joseph Hospital, while the other has been isolated.

The men came to the United States eight years ago and had worked in St. Louis, Chicago and Philadelphia. For the last year they had worked in New York and Brooklyn, coming here a few weeks ago and living in a West Genesee Street rooming house.

Talk of City Hall

It may be that the open season for summer politics is drawing to a close. In any case, the interesting and rather exciting diversion introduced by Messrs. Livingston and Cropsey into an otherwise cut and dried situation shows signs of exhaustion. The Governor, the official head of the Republican family, has been down from Albany to get the row with a "There, there, boys; it's almost time to get down to business." And apparently he has succeeded.

At least he has been able for the time being to restore outward order and decency, which, as the late Mayor Gaynor was fond of insisting, is the first duty of government. But it is intimated that below the surface the triumph lies not so much with Fusion and its recent ally, Mr. Whitman, as with "Jakety" Livingston, the Brooklyn prodigal. Mr. Livingston, in return for abandoning the Cropsey candidacy, is to eat of the fatted calf of Brooklyn patronage, so the story runs—he and his condjutor, Eugene Travis, the State Controller. Though the details of the feast have not yet been arranged, these two, it is said, may name the county ticket.

And Justice Cropsey, who has never said so much as "Barkis is willin'," who can pretend now that he never dreamed of running for Mayor, that Livingston never had the slightest sanction for using his name as a patronage club, that it was all a midsummer's nightmare disturbing the slumber of William Hamlin Childs and the other wealthy and distinguished leaders—Justice Cropsey seems bereft of political support for his low, rumbling boom. Will he retire while the retiring is good, or will he cut loose on his own hook and invade the primaries in defiance of a united organization?

As a justice of the Supreme Court it is not an enviable position he occupies. His very caution has betrayed him, it would seem, since a public announcement that he would or would not run for Mayor would have committed Livingston to a definite course of action, would have prevented him from suiting his own convenience and leaving a member of the Supreme bench to be run independently for election, despite the primary verdict. He is known for his perseverance and disregard of opposition and for his enjoyment of a fight. Hearst might come to his rescue. Who knows? Certainly, the third ticket bogey must not be buried until its death has been definitely determined.

Meanwhile speculation is rife regarding the arguments which induced Governor Whitman and Controller Travis to line up uncompromisingly for Mitchell. The Governor was originally an ardent supporter of the proposition that a straight Republican ticket, Martin Saxe was his candidate for Mayor, and during the spring and early summer he seemed bent on doing what he could to embarrass and discredit the Mitchell administration and to give aid and comfort to Hearst.

The Controller, too, though a thorn in Whitman's side, was a passionate advocate of the straight Republican ticket idea and, more openly than the Governor, he gave encouragement to the Cropsey boom. It was even supposed that the Republican district leaders in Manhattan who held jobs under him would refuse to obey Sam Koenig's ukase to support Mitchell in the primaries and vote instead for Cropsey, just to please their employer. But now, it appears, the employer is wed to Fusion, and by the same token so are they.

Some say the Governor was won over by the willingness of the Fusion Committee to name William L. Ransom, counsel to the Public Service Commission, rather a small price to pay for a Governor's favor. Similarly, there are those who contend the State Controller was placated with a share of political autonomy controls a vast amount of patronage with which political authority may be purchased with less effort or risk than the Cropsey boom involved.

Did they succumb to pressure from the Childs-Dodge-Wickersham-Perkins battery now functioning for Fusion or was Sam Koenig finally able to convince them of the truth of the United States Marshall McCarthy's statement that the Republican organization had been strengthened 1,000 per cent by the Mitchell administration? The answer will have to wait.

In the meantime how readily, it seems, a municipal election in this town may be won or lost in Albany!

Victor Adler Near Death COPENHAGEN, Aug. 11.—Victor Adler, leader of the German Socialists in Austria, is dangerously ill, according to advices received here from Vienna. He is the father of Dr. Friedrich Adler, who, in October, 1915, shot and killed the Austrian Premier, Count Karl Starck. Victor Adler has been a supporter of the Austrian government since the war broke out.

Asks Wilson Critic to Resign LANSING, Mich., Aug. 11.—W. H. Stewart, of Kalamazoo, has been asked by Governor Sleeper to resign as a member of the district appeal board in that city because Stewart in his weekly paper criticized President Wilson. Governor Sleeper said to-day that if Stewart does not resign, President Wilson will be asked to remove him.

Castro May Come Here MEXICO CITY, Aug. 11.—Cipriano Castro, former dictator of Venezuela, who has landed at Vera Cruz, is reported to have engaged passage back to New York, but it is announced by the government that it has no objection to his remaining in Mexico if he desires.

Enemies Within

War the Pretext for Inciting People to Begin a Class Struggle.

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The Socialist party has sent broadcast millions of leaflets and pamphlets counseling people to put themselves in conflict with the law of the land. The following is an example of a Socialist pamphlet headed "Down with Conscription":

"Conscription is the worst form of involuntary servitude. The conscription law which the Wilson Administration intends to put into effect proposes that the young men of this nation shall be taken from their homes against their will and sent to the trenches of France to murder and be murdered in a war over the commercial interests of the capitalist class.

"Every man who is determined to uphold the dearest right of personal liberty, every man who refuses to become a victim of the war declared by the government to protect the millions loaned the Allies by the capitalists of this country should REFUSE TO REGISTER FOR CONSCRIPTION.

"The Socialist party of Cleveland has shown the way in the fight against conscription by adoption of this resolution:

"Resolved, by the Socialist party in joint meeting assembled, that we denounce the law proposing 'involuntary servitude,' in violation of the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, in the form of conscription to murder our fellow human beings in other lands, and recommend to and urge all members of the party and the workers generally that they refuse to register for conscription, and pledge to them our financial and moral support in their refusal to become the victims of the ruling class."

This leaflet bore the signature "SOCIALIST PARTY OF OHIO, 1291 Cook Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio."

For Sale at the Job Office

The Appeal (Socialist), of Girard, Kan., got out two varieties of envelopes with highly inflammatory matter, printed in red ink on the backs. One was headed "A Pledge," and the pledge was:

"I refuse to kill your father. I refuse to kill your mother's son. I refuse to plunge a bayonet into the breast of your sister's brother. I refuse to slay your sweetheart's lover. I refuse to murder your wife's husband. I refuse to butcher your little child's father. I refuse to wet the earth with blood and blind kind eyes with tears. I refuse to assassinate you and then hide my stained fists in the folds of any flag.

"I refuse to be flattered into hell's nightmare by a class of well-fed snobs, crooks and cowards, who despise our class socially, rob our class economically and betray our class politically."

The other, entitled "Those Who Want Blood," and signed by G. R. Kirkpatrick, said:

"If the masters want blood, let them cut their own throats. 'We don't want other people's blood, and we refuse to waste our own.' 'Let those who want great victories GO TO THE FIRING LINE AND GET THEM.' 'If war is good enough to VOTE for or PRAY for, it is good enough to go to—UP CLOSE, where bayonets gleam, swords flash, cannon roar, rifles crack, flesh rips, blood spurts, bones snap, brains are dashed—UP CLOSE, where men toil, sweat, freeze, starve, kill, groan, scream, pray, laugh, howl, curse, go mad and die; UP CLOSE where the flesh and blood of betrayed men and boys are ground and rounded into a red mush of mud by shrieking cannon balls, by the iron-shod hoofs of galloping horses and the steel-bound wheels of rushing gun trucks.

"They say 'WAR IS HELL.' 'THEN LET THOSE WHO WANT HELL GO TO HELL.'"

A small notice at the bottom told that these envelopes could be obtained at very low prices from the job printing department of The Appeal.

Enters Army Camp Helvering, of Kansas, 40, to Seek Commission FORT RILEY, Kan., Aug. 11.—Guy T. Helvering, representative in Congress of the 6th Kansas District, will enter the second reserve officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Mr. Helvering is forty years old.

Argentine's Wheat Crop Reports from the Argentine state that weather conditions are ideal for the growth of wheat. The official preliminary estimate is for a crop of 249,000,000 bushels, and the 1916-'17 was 173,000,000 bushels, and the average for the five preceding years was 149,000,000 bushels. Domestic requirements are about 70,000,000 bushels. The large crop growing will be available some time after January 1 if transportation is furnished.

The Argentine oats crop is estimated at 88,000,000 bushels, or 12,000,000 bushels more than the crop of 1915, of which 57,000,000 bushels were exported.

18 Hurt in Head-On Crash BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 11.—Two trolley cars, one empty and the other filled with employees of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company, met head-on on a curve this afternoon. Eighteen passengers went to hospital.

The Weather Report WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The weather conditions have not changed materially in the last twenty-four hours. The speed of high and low has diminished and the conditions are now quite stagnant. No rain has fallen in any part of the country, except in Florida, South Alabama and South Dakota.

Generally fair weather is indicated for Sunday and Monday in all parts of the Washington forecast district, except in Florida and the upper Lake region, where occasional thunder showers are probable.

The temperature will be moderate in all districts.

Forecast for Special Localities.—East Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North and South New England, West New York and West Pennsylvania.—Fair to-day and Monday, not much change in temperature.

East New York.—Fair and slightly warmer to-day; Monday fair.

German-Americans Bitter in Replies To Loyalty Letter

"Profession of Faith," Sent Out by Security League, Stirs Resentment

Wilson Called Selfish

"President, Greatest Autocrat, Fighting for Morgan," Says One Answer

German-Americans throughout the country are expressing bitter resentment over the attempts of the National Security League to induce them to sign pledges of loyalty to the United States. The league recently sent out a "profession of faith" which it asked German-Americans to sign. Answers to the request were made public yesterday.

John A. Wals, president of the Massachusetts division of the German-American Alliance, replied: "No power in the world will force me to indorse a statement which I know to be untrue. The present German government is neither an autocracy nor barbarous. The Roman Church may demand a 'sacrificium intellectus' of its clergy, but no temporal power, least of all a body of irresponsible individuals, can force a man to sacrifice his intellect."

"I consider the resolutions of the executive committee of your organization to be an attempt, as insidious as it is impudent, to undermine the foundations of American democracy and liberty and to disrupt still further the unity of the American people."

Many Replies Unsigned The league's mail was burdened with many anonymous replies. Some of these said: "I believe that the aims of Wilson in this war are selfish and opposed to the principles of human liberty."

"There never was a more unjust war." "Why ask the German people to revolt? Every citizen admits that its form of government is superior to our own. It has delivered the goods, and that is what counts."

"I must choose between a progressive, up-to-date nation which has fought a game, brave fight against the greatest odds and a lot of weak-kneed degenerates who we call Allies, and I certainly know who to side with, even if it does at present look like treason."

"I believe that Wilson is not fighting for humanity, for civilization against barbarism, militarism or autocracy, but for J. P. Morgan's money."

"I believe that Woodrow Wilson is a world; that the Representatives at Washington are cowards, and did not represent the people by voting for war. 'Any nation that has made the world copy it, even down to its food, clothing, and I am one of its admirers.'"

One Thousand Letters Sent Out In line with its campaign to arouse public opinion with the government, the league sent letters to one thousand prominent men. The letter said, in part:

"There is one grave danger that we must look out for, and that is the efforts of the pacifists. The People's Council claims 1,200,000 members. We have a bare 100,000. The pacifists and the few half-wits in Congress are running amok, embarrassing the President, delaying the work on Administration bills, endangering the whole war, and imperiling the lives of the brave who defend them from the results of their own stupidity."

I. W. W. Responsible For Pier Strikes, Says Union Official

Southern Pacific Longshoremen Latest to Go Out; Settlement Expected Soon

Scouts of the I. W. W. are responsible for strikes of longshoremen on several piers yesterday, according to Richard Sassen, secretary of Local 395 of the Longshoremen's Union. Southern Pacific, Mallory Line, Metropolitan Line and Pennsylvania Railroad piers were affected, although at none of them was the work seriously hampered, and at all of them the trouble is now thought to be past.

"Whether or not German agents are back of the strike agitation I cannot say," said Mr. Sassen, "but I do know that I. W. W. agitators have been busy along the waterfront for some time, and it is my belief that they were responsible for this strike."

Try to Embarrass Gompers "The I. W. W., I am convinced, is trying to start strikes of the longshoremen for the purpose of fighting the American Federation of Labor, which is trying to obtain agreements for the men and reduce strikes to the minimum so as not to hamper or embarrass the government. The Mallory Line had agreed to a settlement of a difficulty which had been under discussion for some time. The I. W. W. instigated the strike in an effort to halt the negotiations with the Mallory and other companies, but the plot did not succeed; the negotiations were brought to a successful conclusion, and the men agreed to return to work, letting the committee of the union settle all differences.

Five non-union companies, Sassen declared, had voluntarily increased the wages of 6,000 longshoremen, and some of the men who were striking for an increase of 20 per cent had received an increase of five cents an hour.

1,200 Men Were Out About 1,200 men in all were out. Their wages were 20, 40 or 60 cents an hour, depending upon the nature of the cargoes they handled. Representatives of the Southern Pacific Railway met with strikers and James E. Hughes, a Federal mediator, but, it was said, failed to reach an agreement. No strike breakers were hired, as the company was certain that the men would be back at work on Monday.

Traffic with the Allies was not affected by the strike.

Senate Is Asked To Check I. W. W.

Western States Seek Federal Aid in Combating Organized Lawlessness

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Many petitions from Western states asking Congress to take some action to check I. W. W. activities were presented to-day in the Senate.

Senator King, of Utah, said he had received a great many letters and petitions requesting legislation by Congress to end lawlessness by the I. W. W., and also to have naturalized citizens participating in the disorders summoned before the Federal courts to have their naturalization papers revoked and to be deported.

Senator Poindexter, of Washington, declared the state governments ought to use all their powers to check the lawlessness by the I. W. W., and similar organizations, but said it was the duty of the Federal government to intervene should the state governments not be able to cope with the situation.

Senator Poindexter referred to petitions he had received from the Clearwater Lumber Company and its employees in his state in which the employees said they did not want to strike, but were threatened with violence by the I. W. W. should they not do so. Senator Hollis said that, while state and municipal authorities were expected to handle ordinary violations of law by the I. W. W., the Federal government should help.

Shark Wins Jousting Match With Policemen

A boy paddling in the water of a channel between South Beach and Midland Beach, Staten Island, hastily splashed back to shore yesterday, yelling lustily. In the deeper water a few rods beyond where he had been wading the rakish fin of a buccaneering shark cleft the waves.

Six policemen who are occupying one of the South Beach bungalows ran out at sound of the boy's shouts, each flourishing his revolver. They lined up and blazed away, while the accommodating shark cruised to and fro like a duck in a shooting gallery. A crowd gathered and the marksmen, explaining without embarrassment that bullets had no effect on the shark, put up their weapons.

Two of them seized a long pole, lashed it like a lance and charged knee deep into the bay, challenging the shark to a jousting match. The vorpal jaws of the intelligent and alert creature went snicker-snack; the lance shattered Ivanhoeishly, and the two valiant shark jousters vanished ignominiously, heels over head, beneath the waves.

They reached shore in haste, still clinging to the remnant of their weapon, which had been snapped off where it was an inch or two in diameter. The policemen spent the rest of the day pointing out teeth marks on the lance to awestruck visitors, and planning a shark hunt for to-day. They said the fish was ten feet long. Bathing were not daunted by the incident, and there was no diminution in their numbers.

Prosecutor Doubts De Saullès Conviction MINEOLA, L. I., Aug. 11.—Although he is satisfied that the state has a good case against Mrs. Bianca De Saullès, who, on August 3, shot and killed her divorced husband, John Longer De Saullès, District Attorney Charles R. Weeks made no secret of the fact that he is not at all certain of a conviction.

"I think there is no doubt," he said, "that the murder was premeditated. I think we have a strong case, too. But I am too old a campaigner to predict a victory. Remember, she's a woman."

Mr. Weeks announced to-day that a deposition had been taken from James Donner, the chauffeur who drove Mrs. De Saullès and her French maid, Suzanne Monteau, from Roslyn to The Box, at Westbury, where the shooting took place.

The District Attorney would not make Donner's story public. He said, however, that the chauffeur's testimony strengthens the state's theory that Mrs. De Saullès fully intended to kill her former husband when she started on her ride to The Box.

Physicians who examined Mrs. De Saullès in the Nassau County Jail to-day reported that her condition is improved. "To-day for the first time I feel optimistic about Mrs. De Saullès," said Dr. Cleghorn. "She is eating a little, and seems to be throwing off the deadly apathy which has borne her down since last Friday. But she is still very ill."

The members of the De Saullès family, according to George Gordon Battle, their attorney, are contemplating no steps toward securing the conviction of John L. De Saullès's wife. Mr. Battle said he had been retained, not to take part in the prosecution, but merely to look after the murdered man's property interests and those of little Jack De Saullès. He refused to discuss the plans the De Saullès family has in mind for the boy.

To Teach Sailors French CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—An optional course in French was instituted at the Great Lakes naval training station to-day. Professors from the University of Chicago, Northwestern University and Lake Forest College give their services as instructors.

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