

Craig Ordered Before Grand Jury To-day

Whitman Subpoenas Comptroller, Who Must Produce All Records in His Coal Contract Inquiry

"Interference" Resented Official Says Special Prosecutor Has No Right to Hamper Him in His Duty

Comptroller Charles L. Craig was served with a subpoena to appear yesterday by ex-Governor Charles S. Whitman to produce all the information and records in the possession of the comptroller in connection with the latter's investigation of city coal contracts for the public schools and police stations last winter in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The comptroller has held up vouchers amounting to \$1,200,000 on payments for the coal pending his inquiry. The subpoena directed the comptroller to present the information to the special grand jury, which Mr. Whitman is conducting an investigation of the city administration.

In a statement issued by Mr. Craig last night he said he would appear before the grand jury to-day, but he did not feel that Special District Attorney Whitman or the special grand jury had any right to interfere with the comptroller's investigation.

"Up to the present," said the comptroller, "it does not seem to me that the results attained by Governor Whitman as a special assistant district attorney justify any such interference in the work of the Department of Finance. Any information that Governor Whitman might obtain in a grand jury proceeding would be of no aid whatever to the comptroller in the performance of his duty in the disbursement of public funds. On the other hand, when the comptroller's examinations are finished they are public property and are available for any proper purpose."

"I intend to appear before the grand jury to-morrow," continued the comptroller, "in response to the subpoena. Governor Whitney today notified me of this matter until after the newspapers had published the question of quantity and quality and price of coal delivered to the Board of Education was under investigation by the comptroller and payments of large amounts were being withheld from certain coal companies pending the conclusion of such examinations."

"This examination has been somewhat delayed because of the fact that information requested from the coal companies by the comptroller has been refused, but that refusal has not continued. The charter imposes upon the comptroller the duty of examining under oath any person, or persons, who seek the payment of money out of the public treasury in regard to matters concerning which the comptroller has any question, or doubt. It does not seem to me that the penal law which provides for the imprisonment of a person who refuses to answer questions under the legislation passed at the instance of Samuel J. Tilden, in 1873, is the result of five transactions of the so-called Tweed ring, which were interfered with, or obstructed by a general, or special, or extraordinary grand jury of any kind, or by the District Attorney, or any of his deputies or appointees."

Ruth Kemper Shows Talent

Ruth Kemper, who gave a first recital here last night in Aeolian Hall, showed a very pretty talent for the violin, well started in the way of artistic growth. She is not yet a well rounded player. In matters of style she is still immature, and her tone is not one of great beauty, but she is well schooled in the groundwork of her instrument and of evident sincerity. The difficulties of bowing seemed to give her little concern. Her left hand was less sure, especially in double stopping, but her bow arm had a delightful suppleness and agility.

An interesting feature of her program was a sonata for piano and violin by Edwin Grasse, in which she had the assistance of the composer at the piano. It is an agreeably written work in four movements, of which the first two, an allegro moderato and allegro scherzando, are the most interesting, and which has throughout its length many ingratiating passages for both instruments. In her other numbers, which included the Bach concerto in E major, short pieces by Cadman, Stoessel, Kramer and Burleigh and the Saint-Saëns "Rondo Capriccioso," she was accompanied by Francis Moore. The audience was a large one and showed much enthusiasm.

Cornell Sun Defies Faculty in Defense of Student 'Lynch Law'

Hazing That Inspired Professor's Threat to Resign Based on Unwritten Statute Enforced by Tradition, Declares University Organ

Special Dispatch to The Tribune ITHACA, N. Y., April 25.—"Lynch law is not a part of Cornell tradition and never will be, but the enforcement of law written or unwritten must continue."

That was the answer made to-day by The Cornell Daily Sun to the statement before the university faculty by Professor George Lincoln Burr that the hazing of Fred Morelli, a Cornell freshman, for refusing to wear a freshman cap, was a manifestation of lynch law, and that because thereof he contemplates resigning from the faculty. "Open defiance of a rule which the students conceive to be well grounded by a tradition of long standing," the Sun continues, "the Sun, which was criticized by Professor Burr for playing a large part in Morelli's punishment, is credited with reflecting the opinion of the great majority of the undergraduates in its defense of the hazing incident."

Woman Remarries On Miller Divorce Now Called False

First Husband Asks Decree Be Set Aside; Employee of Lawyer Said to Have Played Part of Defendant

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., April 25.—The divorce activities of Herbert F. Miller, of New York, who is under indictment on four counts charging forgery, resulted in at least on of his clients unwittingly committing bigamy, it is asserted here to-day.

This was revealed when Leon Levine, a lawyer of 192 Broadway, representing Harry H. Freeman, appeared before Supreme Court Justice Platt and asked that the judgment of divorce obtained against Freeman by his wife, Caroline, be set aside as fraudulent.

The court was told that Mrs. Freeman, after having been given a "final decree," which is declared to have been false, decided that she was free to marry again, and did so. She became the bride of F. T. Kelly October 20 last and went with him to live at Little Ferry, N. J. Freeman, according to his attorney, was never served with papers and did not learn that his wife had obtained a "divorce" until he heard that Miller was a fugitive from justice.

According to affidavits submitted to Justice Platt, Mrs. Freeman engaged Miller as her lawyer and obtained what she believed to be a bona fide interlocutory decree, bearing the signature of Justice Morschauer.

She was later given a piece of paper purporting to be a final decree. It was dated September 7, 1920. Miller produced a man before Justice Morschauer, who said he was Freeman. This man, it has been learned, was a bogus detective in the employ of Miller. He told the court that he did not desire to defend the suit. He has been indicted for perjury. Freeman aided in securing an indictment against Miller from the Westchester County Grand Jury.

If the decree is set aside, Kelly, it was said here to-day, must have his marriage annulled.

Justice Platt said that he would give a decision on the motion of Mr. Levine after giving consideration to the affidavits submitted.

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Oyster's Bride Reported Cut Off by Will

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left his young wife there to follow him at her leisure.

Mrs. Oyster was Cecil Ready. Her home is in Syracuse, N. Y. It was there that Mr. Oyster met her. He had taken some of his prize-winning photographs to the State Fair in that city.

Miss Ready, who had taken leading parts in amateur plays in Syracuse and had made a successful tour of a Chauvaquin circuit, was in charge of a Pageant of Nations at the fair.

The chance acquaintance formed on the fair grounds developed into apparently ardent and sincere affection between the two, despite the disparity in their ages. It was said when the engagement was announced that members of Mr. Oyster's family opposed the match strongly, and this report was called to mind by the more recent ones concerning an alleged disagreement between bride and bridegroom.

Glum Without Haywood, I. W. W. Depart for Cells

Chicago Reds Leave to Begin 5 to 20 Years Sentences in Leavenworth

CHICAGO, April 25.—Dispirited and leaderless in the absence of William D. "Big Bill" Haywood, now a fugitive from justice, ten I. W. W. members departed to-night for the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., to complete their sentences for obstructing the nation's war work.

They were the Chicago contingent of the forty-seven I. W. W. who recently had been denied a new trial by the United States Supreme Court and who were ordered back to prison for terms varying from five to twenty years after having been at liberty on bonds.

Mr. Flaggler's fortune has been estimated at \$25,000,000. He said he met Mrs. Flaggler at the home of her father, William Wencker, of Brooklyn. A man by that name, listed in a directory as clerk, lived formerly at 610 Flatbush Avenue, but has not been there for three years.

Mrs. Flaggler, according to the marriage license, was born in Holland. Her water colors have been admired at several exhibitions here. Mr. Flaggler's second wife, whom he married secretly in England in 1897, was Mrs. Alice Mandelick, a contralto soloist in the Church of the Ascension.

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Collection Formed by Buddhist Traveler Includes Double-Stem Floral Pattern

An unusual group of antique Oriental silk brocades, woven rugs and tapestries is being exhibited this week at the Anderson Galleries from a collection formed by Kosen Sato, a Buddhist traveler in northern China and Mongolia.

Included are some rare double-stem brocades composed in floral pattern, while of great importance is the panel of Inkin silk, showing a gold stencil design of storks on a deep purple background.

An exceedingly rare example of the work of the Chinese imperial loom of Suchow also shown is a blue hawthorn brocade depicting a frozen lake surface and an early flowering plum tree.

Soldiers' League Commander Denies Critics' Charges

George H. Gillen Asserts Every Cent Collected Has Been Accounted For; Supported by Four Affidavits

Specific denial of the charges made against his administration of the National Disabled Soldiers' League by former officers and members of the league is contained in a letter received by The Tribune from George H. Gillen, national commander.

Mr. Gillen says publication of the charges of mismanagement of the league's affairs has done the organization much harm "and also caused embarrassment to the national officers thereof."

Mr. Gillen says it would be impossible to prove any mismanagement on the part of the national officers, "and, further, that every penny that has been collected by this organization has been passed through our books, which have been audited and properly accounted for; that the books have always been open for public inspection and as proven by affidavits, which we have since obtained from past commanders and which can be proved by members of the Women's Auxiliary, who have always had access to the books."

Every cent raised by the league, the national commander continues, has been raised for the following stated purposes: "To organize all the disabled men throughout the country; to bring about beneficial legislation; to take care of compensation and Federal board cases for the members of the league and all disabled men."

Four affidavits, attesting to Mr. Gillen's satisfactory management of the league's affairs and saying that access to the league's books was never denied them, are submitted with the letter. These affidavits are signed by George Edward Kretzer, commander of the Jersey City post of the league; James Hussey, commander of the Metropolitan post; Harry Resnik, James Hussey, Fred E. Lemming and Anthony R. Perciere, chairman and members respectively of an investigating committee, and Max Popkina.

Leavenworth, Kan., April 25.—None of the forty-seven I. W. W. scheduled to begin penitentiary sentences for obstructing the government's activities during the war had reported at Leavenworth Federal prison to-day.

Women Now Tote Handbag Flasks, Says Mrs. Kildare

Tells Antis at Dinner It's in Defiance of Blue Laws, and League Is Launched to Stop 'Clique of Zealots'

Persons prominent in the political and professional life of the city who think the United States is well enough off without the passage of any blue laws attended an anti-blue law dinner last night at the Hotel Commodore. An

on the program denounced the blue laws in the name of personal liberty. A resolution of the American People's League to fight the blue laws, it being stated in the resolution that those in attendance at the dinner had become convinced that every citizen has a right to the defense of his rights and rights of the great mass of the American people against efforts that are being made by a clique of zealots to subjugate the regulation of the daily lives of all citizens to their despotic control."

Herman A. Metz was toastmaster. The speakers include Governor Edwards of New Jersey, County Judge Reuben L. Haskell, of Brooklyn; Comptroller Charles L. Craig, Mrs. Owen Kildare, Theron Akin, Mayor of Amsterdam, N. Y., and Miss Elisabeth Marbury.

Mrs. Kildare said the assembled guests would be surprised to learn how great a number of women are carrying flasks in this city. "The women," she said, "are not bothered with big hip pockets like you men. We carry our flasks in our handbags on our arms, where they are always handy." She said it was a spirit of bravado that caused women to carry flasks rather than a fondness for whiskey itself. She declared that women refused to be controlled by the minority.

Governor Edwards declared that the blue law propaganda was threatening personal liberty. "Judge by little," he said, "personal liberty is being encroached upon until by and by it will be entirely crowded out of life unless a halt is called." He added that much of the so-called corrective legislation of the last twenty-five years had failed utterly to produce the expected benefits.

Miss Marbury said that she was confident the support of the women of the country could be had in the movement to halt the blue law campaign. Telegrams and letters were read from many persons of prominence interested in the fight against the blue laws. Among these persons were David Belasco, Congressman Ogden L. Mills, Samuel Gompers, United States Senator James W. Wadsworth jr., Thomas A. Edison, Secretary of the Navy Denby, General Pershing, Rear Admiral William S. Sims, Dr. Ernest M. Stires and Father Francis P. Duffy.

"Sliding" Billy Watson Offers Two Lively Acts of Burlesque

"Sliding" Billy Watson and Charlie Ahearn headed the burlesque company that are presenting "Hits and Bits" at the Columbia Theater this week. The production was arranged by I. H. Herk and Arthur Pearson, who have provided two acts of lively fun with many vaudeville features and musical numbers.

In the company supporting Watson and Ahearn are Margie Coate, Eleanor Harter, Jay C. Flippen, Walter Morrison, Edna Knowles, Thomas Sprague, Charley Evedland, Jim Lucas, James Marks, Sam Klein and Paula Ahearn. The Ahearn Troupe of comedy bicycle riders is the chief act of the vaudeville part of the program.

Ruyts's French Bride May Yield to Belgian Wife

Antonie Ruyts, of 312 Fifty-third Street, Brooklyn, the Belgian ornament-iron worker who is charged with living with two wives, at that address, was held for further hearing next Monday on the bigamy accusation by Magistrate Walsh in the Fifth Avenue Court, Brooklyn, yesterday. His bail of \$1,000 was continued.

Samuel Liebowitz, of 50 Court Street, counsel for Ruyts, said that he would fight the case, for neither the Belgian wife, Mrs. Charlotte Ruyts, formerly of Antwerp, nor the French wife, Mrs. Marie Perrier-Lebon, formerly of Paris, would testify against his client. Liebowitz wanted the man released in his custody, but Magistrate Walsh refused on the ground that the charge was a felony.

The French wife said yesterday that she was willing to leave Ruyts and go back to Paris. The Belgian wife said she was not anxious to live with Ruyts any longer, but wanted support from him. She added that she did not want him to go to jail.

Liebowitz's plan to straighten out the tangle is to have the marriage to the French woman annulled, send her back to Paris and have Ruyts and his first wife continue to live together with their two daughters, who are thirteen and fifteen years old. The two wives came to court and left together yesterday.

Two More Assassinations In Barcelona Labor Strife

BARCELONA, April 25.—Two more assassinations took place in Barcelona yesterday. Jose Pique Raa, a member of the executive committee of the metal workers' syndicate, was shot and instantly killed at a public ball, while Jose Camacho was shot dead in a cafe.

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