

Water Meter Grab Denied By Aldermen

'What's the Use?' Exclaims Kennelly When Asked About Disclosures at the Lockwood Hearing

'Slur' Blamed by Collins

Says Insult to Tammany Defeated Resolution to Admit Cheaper Machine

William P. Kennelly, vice-president of the Board of Aldermen, and William T. Collins, Tammany floor leader for the board, hastened yesterday to deny all connection with the alleged water meter monopoly in this city.

They were charged by witnesses before the Lockwood housing committee on Thursday with aiding the continuance of a rock-ribbed combination of eight water meter manufacturers who constituted one of the so-called 'open price' organizations run by Albert A. Ainsworth.

Kennelly and Collins were said to have blocked every attempt of an independent firm, the Badger Meter Company, of Milwaukee, to have its meter, which had been approved by the chief engineer of the Water Supply Department, admitted to use in the city.

'What's the use of denying anything,' said Kennelly when seen in City Hall. 'There is no redress against a man like William S. Cetti, the agent of the Badger company, who talked the way he did; you can't force him to make a retraction.'

Cetti had testified that Kennelly asserted the Badger meter would be barred because Cetti 'was one of those fellows who don't listen to reason.' Kennelly had first told him, Cetti said, that the local water meter makers had objected to the Badger meter as the product of an outside concern, according to the testimony.

'I don't know any of the water meter companies,' Kennelly said to reporters, 'and I don't know if they objected or not. As a matter of fact, I was not interested in the matter, and the records of the Board of Aldermen will show I abstained from voting on the resolution which would allow the Badger people to get into New York.'

'Did you tell Cetti you would kill the resolution because he would not listen to reason?' he was asked, referring to the resolution referred first to the Public Buildings Committee, of which he is chairman.

In reply to this question Kennelly merely repeated several times, 'What's the use of denying anything?'

Alderman Collins, chairman of the General Welfare Committee, before which the resolution came the second time, attributed its defeat to remarks made about 'unscrupulous Tammany politicians' by Alderman Robert S. Ailyn, who introduced the measure, and not to any prearrangement on the part of the Democratic majority. He didn't explain, however, how it came about that the resolution had been approved by the committee and was reported out to the board as though it had not been approved.

'The resolution was reported out of the committee,' he said, 'and would probably have been adopted by the Board of Aldermen if Alderman Ailyn had not made his slur on the committee. There was no concerted opposition until then, and that was why the resolution was defeated.'

Alderman B. C. Vladeck, Socialist, said yesterday that he and Alderman Abraham Beckerman will offer a resolution at the meeting of the board Tuesday to have a committee investigate possible connections of Alderman Kennelly with the meter combine, as suggested by the testimony before the Lockwood committee.

'This investigation ought to be welcomed by the Democrats,' said Alderman Vladeck. 'It will give them a clean slate if nothing is found indicating collusion with the combine. Every self-respecting Alderman would welcome an airing of such charges as was indicated by the testimony before the Lockwood committee.'

Mayor May Testify

It is possible that both Kennelly and Collins will take the witness stand on Tuesday to explain to the Lockwood committee all they know about the matter. There is a likelihood that Mayor Hylan may also be given the privilege of being heard.

Masquerading Male at Co-Eds' Hula Dance Causes a Riot

Special Dispatch to The Tribune LAWRENCE, Kan., April 29.—What a militant co-ed can do when enraged was demonstrated last night to about a dozen men students of the University of Kansas, who invaded the sacred realms of feminine secrecy at the annual circus of the women's athletic association, held in Robinson gymnasium.

While the entire audience of 800—supposedly of women only—was in an uproar at the queer antics of a group of 'wild and woolly' Hula dancers, one of a party of girl detectives espied a spectator in the gallery whose appearance aroused her suspicion. There was nothing about the dress of the person that was particularly unusual and even the face make-up had been put on in masterly and artistic style. But to the 'hawk-eye' examination of the student detective the wide-open mouth and piercingly glaring eyes of the fully satisfied spectator were not entirely natural. She decided to get a close-up view of the suspected one.

As the sleuth approached noiselessly, her keen, practiced eye thoroughly trained in all things cosmetic, artificial and superficial, satisfied itself that the thoroughly happy person was one of the species known as mere man. She culled in the entire police force, and with the aid of a large 'volunteer' squad they pounced upon the defenseless spectator. His wig was torn from his head, and before the entire audience he was forced to undergo the ordeal of disrobing. Fortunately he had also attired himself in his 'bona fide' man's clothes. After standing on exhibition for a period the managers of the circus felt that the mauling he had received at first and the mirth he had produced for his audience were sufficient punishment, and he was allowed to go. The other men's disguises escaped detection, and they beat a good retreat in the crowd.

23 Heroes Are Awarded Carnegie Fund Prizes

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 29.—Twenty-three acts of heroism were recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in awards announced here tonight. In two cases silver medals were awarded; in twenty-one cases bronze medals. Five of the heroes lost their lives.

Among those who sacrificed their lives was Julius Hauck, Garden City, N. Y. He died attempting to save a man and a woman from drowning at Southampton, N. Y., August 19, 1920. A bronze medal was awarded to the wife and death benefits were awarded a daughter at the rate of \$35 a month.

Bronze medals were awarded to Eugene Spencer Brooks, 1 West Eighty-first Street, New York City, seventeen years old, who rescued a fellow student from drowning at Antrim, N. H., July 15, 1917; Ella E. Bukooy, 17 Carolina Avenue, Clifton, N. J., helped to save a boy from drowning in Lake Agawam, Southampton, N. Y., August 19, 1920; William H. Closson, Three Bridges, N. J., rescued a boy from South Branch of the Raritan River, Flemington, N. J., August 6, 1918; Miss Helen F. Dodge, 6844 Won Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., eleven years old, saved a little girl from drowning in Toms River at Ocean Gate, N. J., July 18, 1919.

Kraeke and Whittle Confirmed

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The Senate this afternoon confirmed the appointment of Frederick Kraeke, of Brooklyn, to be appraiser of merchandise of Customs Collection District 10 of New York. Mr. Kraeke was confirmed at the instance of Senator Cator without opposition. Similarly Thomas W. Whittle, appointed surveyor of customs of Customs Collection District 10, was confirmed.

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Boy Spends Soap Money, Then Breaks Into Store

Lure of Motion Pictures Causes Arrest of Little Tony, Who Was Sent on Errand

Tony Jello, nine years old, of 317 East Seventieth Street, was captured at the point of a revolver by Patrolman William Rector, of the East Sixty-seventh Street police station, last night after he had broken into the Sheffield Farms dairy store, 1335 Second Avenue. Patrolman Rector dragged young Jello out of the store through a transom while several hundred persons watched the proceedings.

At the station Tony told the police he had been given 25 cents by his mother to buy some soap, but that he had wanted to go to the movies. Another boy, whose name Tony said he did not know, urged him to spend the money for soap, and he was allowed to go. The other men's disguises escaped detection, and they beat a good retreat in the crowd.

Boston 'L' Men Accept Lower Pay; Fare Cut Seen

Special Dispatch to The Tribune BOSTON, April 29.—The employees of the Boston Elevated have accepted unanimously a wage cut of 7 per cent for uniformed men and 10 per cent for mechanics and laborers. This will save the company about \$1,000,000 a year.

The Boston Elevated now announces that it is prepared to return to the 5-cent fare as soon as the present test lines prove their merit. The company now charges 10 cents, but is running a few short lines where the fare is 5 cents, as an experiment.

Fire Skirts Lake Placid

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., April 29.—A forest fire sweeping the outskirts of Lake Placid to-day called out virtually all residents in the vicinity to fight the flames, which were headed toward the Grand View Hotel.

The flames were halted finally by 500 volunteer fire fighters at the edge of Lake Placid village, which, if there had been a west wind, surely would have been destroyed. Many residents had their household goods piled in their yards preparatory to moving when the firemen, under the direction of Chief Forest Ranger J. H. Hopkins, halted the flames a short distance from the summer home of Chancellor James R. Day, of Syracuse. All schools were dismissed and places of business were closed while a fire trench, which eventually stopped the flames, was being dug.

A watch was being maintained tonight by twelve forest rangers.

Davis Quits Effort For Printing Trade National Agreement

Settlement of Dispute Over Wages and Hours Abandoned to Individual Employers and Local Unions

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Hope for a settlement by national agreement of disputes between printing trade unions and employers over wages and hours was abandoned to-day by Secretary Davis after a series of separate conferences with both sides.

Union representatives left the city without having been requested to return. Lack of an organization of printing employers authorized to sign any national agreement was given by Secretary Davis as his reason for abandoning his attempt to replace the local agreements between the men and employers which expire May 1.

Settlement of disputes is now in the hands of the various employers and the local unions, the Secretary said. Some of them have been settled by agreement on the part of the employer to recognize a 44-hour week, which is the main point at issue in most cases.

It was explained at the office of the American Federation of Labor to-day that other local agreements may be reached by the men agreeing to accept

Air Mail Pilot Dies To Avoid Hitting Others

Loses Way in Making Forced Landing and Burns to Death in Wreckage

CLEVELAND, April 29.—Rather than endanger the lives of many persons by landing in a city street, Air Mail Pilot J. T. Christensen, thirty-one years old, of Chicago, sacrificed his life to-day when he was forced to land in downtown Cleveland because of engine trouble.

Unable to see because of a fog, the pilot fell 200 feet to the Erie Railroad tracks. He was buried beneath the wreckage and burned to death when the gasoline tank exploded.

Christensen was making his first trip on the Chicago-Cleveland route. He was recently transferred to that division from the Cleveland-New York leg. He held three speed records.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 29.—Lieutenants Joseph E. Virtue, of Norman, Okla., and Hardson J. Hartman, of Reading, Pa., members of the 8th Aero Squadron, U. S. A., were killed to-day when their airplane crashed into a nose dive at an altitude of 500 feet and dashed against a tree.

Why Your Dollar Buys Less Than It Should

The Federal Trade Commission, in its recent report to the President upon the high cost of living, states that 'as a prerequisite to normal business,' high prices 'must come down,' and that 'the first move should be the reduction of retail prices, accompanied by such credit assistance as will prevent any undue financial disorders.'

In a careful survey of all angles of this question the leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for April 30th quotes the Credit Monthly to the effect that 'while wholesale prices, as reflected in Bradstreet's index-number, had declined more than 39 per cent. from the peak to January 1, the cost of living in the large cities of America decreased less than 10 per cent. on an average from the peak.' The New York Nation avers that up to the present 'retailers, as a whole, have not taken losses,' and the Brooklyn Eagle holds that 'the indictment against the retailer is that he blocks the return to normal all along the line.'

Germany's Side of the Case

Germany's Attitude Mirrored in Editorials from Her Influential Journals Which Say Entirely New Negotiations Must Be Started In Order To Save Europe

The European Advance in Asia With Full-Page Colored Map Freight Rates That Halt Freight As American Labor Sees The British Miners A Tariff to Keep Up Farm Prices For a Secretary of Welfare A Farmers' Union to Balk the Grain Gambler Mandate Perplexities French View of German Poverty Our Yap Protest as Seen in Japan Sovietizing Russia's Peasants Teamwork to Better World Trade How the Hungry Children Are Being Fed Making the Immigrant Unwelcome Nomads of the Automobiles

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