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FISHER KNEW BANK WAS TOTTERING, SAYS LAFEAN; PRESIDENT CALLS FOR INQUIRY ON RAILROAD WAGES

FORMER BANK COMMISSIONER AVERS SUCCESSOR WAS AWARE OF MUDDLE AT NORTH PENN

Asserts All Records Were in His Office at Harrisburg

WOULD GET RID OF ALL PROBERS

Successor, in Hot Retort, Raps Him and Intimates Disclosures Will Come

WILL SHOW, HE SAYS, LAFEAN'S "KNOWLEDGE"

Declares Predecessor Left Mess for Him to Clear in Wrecked Institution



DANIEL F. LAFEAN

"HE WAS A BRUTE," SAYS STRANG'S WIFE

Woman, Suing North Penn Teller for Divorce, Asserts He Spent Money Like Water

GAVE HER \$10,500 HOUSE

Elwood N. Strang, thirty-five-dollar-a-week paying teller at the North Penn bank, posed as a wealthy New York "stock dabbler," and drove five automobiles, according to the young woman who is suing him for a divorce.

The wife says she also lived for a time in an expensive suite at the Adelphi Hotel.

"No, I don't love him any more," she said this afternoon. "He was a brute and I'll never have anything more to do with him."

Mr. Fisher vehemently "came back" at his predecessor. At his home in Indiana, Pa., he said the criticism came with poor grace from Mr. Lafean in view of the fact that it concerned a condition left from Lafean's administration.

"And," added Mr. Fisher, "when the right time comes, we will show what Mr. Lafean's knowledge and interest were in the North Penn Bank."

The last examinations of the North Penn Bank were made during 1918. Mr. Lafean went out of office as banking commissioner, January 19, 1919. Mr. Fisher succeeded him.

Mr. Fisher La, He Says

Mr. Lafean declared there was no reason for Commissioner Fisher delaying action in the North Penn Bank financial fiasco.

Mr. Lafean accuses Mr. Fisher for "fixing" in continuing to ignore official statements and criticisms which he said should have long since resulted in the closing of the doors of the institution.

"Investigation of the affairs of the North Penn Bank holds no fear for me," said Mr. Lafean, emphatically. "My skirts are clean. I never borrowed a dollar personally from the bank."

Threats of reprisals, through criminal action, against individuals and others, who, he claims, have threatened him through naming his name with the wrecking of the North Penn Bank, were made by Mr. Lafean. He said he had already consulted his attorney as to the best method for redress.

"There is absolutely no justification for bringing my name into this mess," he said.

"Not only am I tired of having my good name defamed, but I have three many sons, all of whom were in the war, and they went without being drafted and were not forced to go," he said. "I shall hold every trader to a strict accountability."

Records Speak for Themselves

"Why Commissioner Fisher, of the Banking Department, doesn't take action in this North Penn Bank matter is a cause for wonderment to me. The Banking Department has the facts. All the evidence against that bank is at Commissioner Fisher's hand. I have no testimony or evidence to offer. Commissioner Fisher has. The records speak for themselves."

"What more does he want, or can he expect to get?"

"Every record of the examinations made of the books of the North Penn Bank is in the office of the State Banking Department and is, of course, available to Mr. Fisher. These records show, too, examinations of the bank made under my administration as banking commissioner; the number of visits made by the examiners, and my personal criticisms of the examinations."

Captain John W. Morrison, the first deputy of Commissioner Fisher, knows just where to get all the information needed against the North Penn Bank. He is one of the oldest men in the State Banking Department; has been there for years.

"And why should I be mentioned in connection with the depositing of \$402,000 of the funds of creditors of the Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company in

Real Looters in Wreck Are Yet Unnamed, It Is Said

DECLARE CLERKS ARE SMALL FRY

Evidence to Be "Airtight" Before More Arrests Are Made

MOYER AND PUSEY IN CONFERENCE

Chief Investigator Says Cashier Is Helping Straighten Tangle

The "real looters" of the North Penn Bank have not been mentioned.

Ralph T. Moyer, Walter Colflesh and Elwood Strang are simply the "small fry" who "got their sugar" when they saw what was going on.

The above is an epitome of the latest developments in the bank case, according to John S. Fisher, state banking commissioner.

Moyer is the cashier of the bank. He is under \$25,000 bail. Colflesh is head bookkeeper. Strang is paying teller.

"We are not saying anything just now," said Mr. Fisher at his home in Indiana, Pa., today. "We want to have our evidence airtight before we go into court."

"Is it correct to say that Colflesh, twenty-five-dollar-a-week self-confessed book falsifier, and Strang, thirty-five-dollar man, who drives three automobiles and gave his wife a \$10,000 house in Cynwyd, will be arrested?"

"If the 'big man' to be named," whose shadow still looms in the background, is not led forth by Senator Vore, then Mr. Kendrick looks a winner. Both gentlemen, the judge and the notary, are already built's eyes for covert situations as to "what is coming to them" once they get inside the ropes. Neither the emine nor the possessor of a deserved and great popularity will be spared, once the bricks and verbal missiles of the Penrose people begin gyrating in their direction.

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A. Lincoln Acker, it is manifest, is the present choice of Senator Penrose and his friends. Mr. Acker should be proud of the enthusiasm his name inspires. As a groundworker for his prospective candidacy he has acknowledged ability, a recognized position in the business world and the heritage of a good name, to say nothing of political experience. District Attorney Rotan is still a dark horse.

Thomas Raeburn White, a potential

Moyer Confers With Pusey

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Lafean and Fisher Assail Each Other

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"I never borrowed a dollar personally from the North Penn Bank. Why Commissioner Fisher doesn't take action in this matter is a cause for wonderment to me. He has all the evidence at his disposal. I have none."

"Examinations of the North Penn Bank, while I was banking commissioner, are all in the State Banking Department. All the facts are there, including my criticisms of the examinations."

"What more evidence does Mr. Fisher want, or can he expect to get?"

Bank Commissioner Fisher— "When the right time comes we will show what Mr. Lafean's knowledge and interest were in the North Penn Bank."

"Criticism of conditions left from his administration comes with ill grace from Mr. Lafean."

KENDRICK LEADING AS VARE CANDIDATE

McCain Says Tax Receiver Heads Judge Patterson as Mayor Possibility

PENROSE MEN BACK ACKER

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

As between the two conspicuous candidates on the regular organization or Vore side, W. Freeland Kendrick and Judge J. M. Patterson, Mr. Kendrick is next to the rail up to the present.

Judge Patterson has inspired somewhat his availability by the character of his announcement. This is not a time for dreams of harmony on the part of the distinguished gentleman in view of his personal political affiliations, and the fact that both factions are out of their trenches and ready to attack.

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MIDDLE-GROUND SENATORS PAVE WAY FOR TRUCE

Seven Republicans Mapping Treaty Program, Which Wilson May Accept

FIRST DEFINITE MOVE TO SETTLE DISPUTES

President's Graciousness Appeals to Baffle Muscles of Committee's 'Strong Men'

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Washington, Aug. 1.—The agreement of the seven "middle dignitary" senators upon league covenant reservations is the first sign of crystallization here.

There are now seven men of one mind upon the subject, and seven is a large number. I do not speak of the Democrats who are fairly united. For on this issue they are not minds but votes.

When the seven write their three reservations, the Senate will be that much nearer to support it and the great league issue will be ended. There are signs that a solution is approaching.

In his most uncompromising attitude Mr. Wilson is always nearest compromise. It was so while at Paris when the Republican senators were demanding changes in the league covenant. The man who gained English characterization of "talking like a major prophet and acting like Lloyd George" did not gain it by stiff and unyielding defiance.

Wilson Often Compromises

He compromises assiduously, always behind strong words and visible fists, always behind gestures, like the calling of the George Washington to Brest, which covered a multitude of gives and not many takes.

Senator Lodge, whose own position on the league is sensible enough, by accident or design, has all the responsibilities on the foreign relations committee with him. How can they get together on any program; Borah, who breathes fire at the very word "covenant"; Hiram Johnson, Moses, Knox and the rest of them?

They tell a story here in Washington which illustrates Lodge's difficulties. A man who had had an invalid wife for many years remarried. He was determined to have health and strength in his second partner. He chose a particularly buxom muscular young woman, who subsequently beat him unmercifully whenever his conduct met her disapproval.

When he remained out with the boys in a drubbing awaited him on his return. Finally one one asked him how he came to marry such an Amazon.

"Well," he said, "my first wife was always poorly, and I got tired of it. So when she died I decided to have a good, strong woman, but, boys, I think I overdone it a little."

Irreconcilables on Committee

In putting all the irreconcilables on the foreign relations committee, all the men who dislike Wilson so that they would tumble everything down to destroy him, all the "great constitutional lawyers," who can't see anything but a maze of technicalities, all the Republican candidates for President who cherish ambitions to appear before the world as political strong men, the Republicans have overdone it a "little."

The best political biceps in the world are on daily exhibition before Senator Lodge and Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, who are getting to loathe the sight of muscles.

Was the Senate a spineless weakling? Glauco, the chairman of the our foreign relations committee, the big-chested rippling muscled men, whose magnificent poses were going to restore confidence of the country in the munificent strength of legislative institutions. It was a great experiment, that of restoring faith in Congress by putting

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Protocol to Versailles Pact Laid Before Senate

Explains Methods of Executing Terms—Wilson Sends Message—Senator Lodge Presents Polish and Rhine Agreements

By the Associated Press

Washington, Aug. 1.—The protocol to the German peace treaty, defining explanations of the treaty agreed to in memorandums exchanged between the German and allied plenipotentiaries, was laid before the Senate today by Vice President Marshall.

The documents were transmitted yesterday by President Wilson, but too late for submission before today.

The protocol was accompanied by explanatory letters from President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. The protocol and the correspondence were referred to the foreign relations committee.

Must Give List of Accused

Among the provisions in the protocol is one requiring the Allies to transmit to the German Government within one month after the treaty becomes effective a list of persons who are accused of having committed acts in violation of the laws and customs of war.

Another paragraph provides for the appointment of a commission to supervise the destruction of the German fortifications on Heligoland in accordance with the German treaty.

Provision is also made that "proceedings be taken against persons who committed punishable offenses in the liquidation of German property" in the allied countries and the protocol says the allied and associated powers will welcome information or evidence the German Government can furnish on this subject.

Text of Protocol

The text of the protocol follows: With a view to indicating precisely the conditions in which certain provisions of the treaty of certain date are to be carried out, it is agreed by the high contracting parties that:

First, a commission will be appointed by the principal allied and associated powers to supervise the destruction of the fortifications of Heligoland in accordance with the treaty. This commission will be authorized to decide what portion of

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ANTI-JAPANESE RIOTS IN CAPITAL OF SHANTUNG

HONOLULU, Aug. 1.—Serious anti-Japanese disturbances are reported at Tsi-Nan-Fu, capital of the province of Shantung, China, according to cable advices received here today from Tokio by the Nippu Jiji, a Japanese daily newspaper. The cable added that the commander of the Chinese garrison had declared martial law.

MAY SELL U. S. OIL PROPERTIES IN MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Some of the American oil companies in the Mexican field are reported negotiating for the sale of their properties to Japanese interests. The state department is investigating. Officers of the American concerns are reported to have stated they were taking the step in protection to the stockholders because they say they are unable to get protection for the properties.

PATTERSON GIVEN PRAISE BY VARE

Senator Also Boosts Candidacy of Windin, Stuart, Connelly and Kendrick

PEPPER LIKELY LAUDED

The name of Judge John M. Patterson came into special prominence as a candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia today.

It was suggested in political circles that Judge Patterson's work as a member of the subcommittee that drafted the new city charter might win many independent votes and break up the factional fight in the ranks of the Republican party.

Senator Edwin H. Vore, in commenting on the statement issued by Judge Patterson yesterday, in which it was shown that he is in a "resolute mood," praised the suggested candidate highly.

The senator continued his talk and advised the suggested candidacy of John T. Windin, Edwin S. Stuart, John P. Connelly, W. Freeland Kendrick and George Wharton Pepper in return. Senator Vore ended with the remark that he would help no one in the fight until he found the sentiment of the general public crystallizing.

Boom for Acker

Action to force the candidacy of former Sheriff A. Lincoln Acker has been started by the Republican Alliance workers. Receiver of Taxes Kendrick has made up his mind just what he plans to do about announcing himself as a Republican candidate for the Mayor, but he's not ready, he says, to let the public in on his decision.

Meanwhile friends and followers of J. Hampton Moore continue to urge him to accept the nomination.

When Senator Vore was asked his opinion of the statement issued by Judge Patterson, he said:

"Judge John M. Patterson, who was one of the severest men who framed the new city charter, is a splendid specimen of American manhood and a popular man in this city. I have no doubt he would make a good Mayor."

"So would John T. Windin, the architect, who is continually helping to build up this city for private interests."

"Former Governor Stuart has had a wonderful experience and would make a fine Mayor."

"So would John P. Connelly, who probably knows more about the city's needs at the present time than any other man by reason of his four years in office."

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WILSON MOVES AS SHOPMEN OF NATION STRIKE

General Walkout Extends to Leading Railroad Centers

CABINET TAKES HAND IN HIGH COST PROBLEM

Names Special Committee to Consider Means of Reducing Cost of Necessaries

By the Associated Press

Washington, Aug. 1.—President Wilson today asked Congress to create a special investigating commission to pass on the wage increases asked by the railway shopmen and other railway employees.

The President asked Congress to stipulate that if wage increases are allowed under its award, it should be mandatory on the rate-making authority to increase railroad rates enough to meet the advances.

The President forwarded to Senator Cummings and Representative Esch, chairman respectively of the House and Senate interstate commerce committees, the proposal made originally by Director General Hines, and asked that provision be made for representation of both labor and the public on the body.

While Congress is considering the matter, a nation-wide strike of railroad shopmen was called by the Federated Shopmen's Union. It was set for 10 o'clock, and shortly thereafter hour messages received at headquarters at Chicago told of a strike at Atlanta, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla., Boston, Philadelphia, Denver and other places.

Cabinet Names Committee

A special committee to consider means of reducing the high cost of living was appointed at the meeting yesterday of members of the President's cabinet with Attorney General Palmer. The committee will compile suggestions thus far made and report to the cabinet Monday when further steps will be taken.

The suggestion made, Mr. Palmer said, was that the government sell this year's wheat crop at the market price to be determined by the law of supply and demand, and make up the guarantee to the farmers out of the billion dollar fund appropriated by Congress.

Composing the special committee is Director General Hines, of the railway administration; Federal Trade Commissioner Colver and Assistant Secretary Loffinwell, of the Treasury Department.

Mr. Palmer conferred with Secretary Tamm at the White House today and he said afterward that the work of the special committee would be embodied all suggestions into a "comprehensive program; attacking the high cost of living all along the line, by the use of the law of enforcement in cutting the cost of food 50 per cent in that country, to which the President was said to have replied that no such drastic action could be taken under the laws of the United States.

A resolution directing the federal trade commission to inquire into the increase in the price of shoes was reported out today by the House interstate commerce committee.

The resolution as introduced by Representative Igoe, Democrat, of Missouri, included sugar, coffee and clothing, but after some discussion the committee eliminated most commodities from the scope of the investigation.

Huge Profits Charged

In announcing the inquiry into the cost of food supplies, Chairman Hays of Nebraska, of the special committee, said that the committee would

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TWO SAFES BLOWN; THIEVES GET GEMS

Robbers Enter Arch Street Building—Fail to Open Vault of Waist Company

SMASH OTHER TO PIECES

Two safes were blown today in a building at the northeast corner of Arch and Arch streets. The safe blowers stole a \$500 ring and two gold watches. They attempted also to carry off several hundred yards of valuable silk.

The safes were on the third and fourth floors. The third floor is occupied by the R. S. and B. Waist Company and the fourth floor by W. A. Becker, a shirt manufacturer.

Attempts to open the safe on the third floor failed. The safe blowers managed only to crack it. The safe in the Becker establishment was much easier. It was split in halves by a heavy charge of explosives and the contents scattered all over the floor. From this they obtained the ring, the watches and the \$4 in cash.

The robbery was not discovered until 8 o'clock this morning when employees of both concerns reported for work. It is believed the thieves secreted themselves in the building before the closing hour yesterday.

None of the locks of the building were tampered with. A hole was sawed in the door on the fourth floor to gain entrance to the Becker place.

The police believe that several men were concerned in the robbery and were frightened off after piling up the silks.

CAPE MAY HANGAR ROBBED

Five Parachutes Valued at \$2300 Stolen From U. S. Air Station

Cape May, N. J., Aug. 1.—Five parachutes, valued at not less than \$2300, were stolen from the United States naval station here today. The parachutes, of the newest type, were made of the finest quality rubberized Japanese silk and were carried aboard the naval sealanes to use in case of accident. They were in the large dirigible hangar when last seen.

The commander of the station, Lieutenant Commander Richard R. Paunack, has started an investigation. It is believed by home officers that one of the number of men that received his discharge yesterday has taken the missing parachutes. Others think the applicants are still on the ground, and an effort will be made to find them.

Take 'Em as They Come

Cloudy, partly cooler, slightly tonight; and Saturday, fair. Moderate north winds pass as lightly. Let 'em! We don't care!

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BIG ARMY OF R. R. SHOPMEN STRIKE

100,000 Out in Chicago District, 30,000 in Southeast.

Lake Dockmen Quit

Chicago, Aug. 1.—(By A. P.)—Approximately 100,000 railway shopmen in the Chicago district, which embraces the territory within 200 miles of this city, went on a strike today for higher wages.

The strikers include machinists, boiler-makers and car repairers. The demand was made several weeks ago and the men have been negotiating with Director of Railroads Hines. Officers of the union now in Washington are said to have telegraphed local leaders yesterday that their demands probably would be granted today and advised against a strike.

Thirty thousand men are involved in the walk-out in Chicago and the immediate vicinity, according to union officials.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 1.—(By A. P.)—Approximately 30,000 shopmen employed on sixteen railroads in the southeastern states went on strike today in accordance with a resolution adopted at a convention.

Duluth, Aug. 1.—(By A. P.)—Dockmen at Ashland, Wis.; Escanaba and, it is said, other lake ports, not including Duluth and Superior, went on strike today, tying up ore shipping. Sixteen ore trains were cancelled at Ashland. It is reported that all trains en route to Two Harbors, Minn., were held up. The men are striking for an increase of 33 per cent over the 1918 scale.

3-Cent Fares in Camden; Sharp Rise to Suburbs

New Trolley Rate for First Mile, and 2 Cents for Each Additional One

City Residents Pleased, but Outlying Districts Hit. In Effect September 14

Three-cent car fares for short-distance riders in Camden!

A sharp increase in rates for those who ride longer distances!

The present seven-cent trolley fare in Camden and on all lines of the Public Service Railway Company of New Jersey will be suspended September 14 and the zone fare system of charging will be installed.

The lines of the company serve 164 municipalities.

The rate of fare to be collected on all lines is three cents for the first mile traveled by a passenger after boarding a car, and two cents for each mile or fraction of a mile thereafter traveled.

This order of the Public Utility Commission is tentative. The League of New Jersey Municipalities will fight to have the charge of two cents for every mile after the first reduced to one and one-half cents, or one cent, if possible.

The system greatly benefits the great

New Schedule of Fares in Camden and to Suburbs

Table with 2 columns: Present fare and New fare. Lists fares for various locations like Parkside, Pavyonia, Gloucester, etc.

majority of the residents of Camden, who are relieving. But persons living in East and South Camden and in the suburbs are up in arms over the scheme. Their fares will be sharply increased.

Short-Haul Traffic Lost

The system is to be put on trial in an attempt to regain the short-haul traffic lost during the period of high fares. If this is accomplished, it is expected that it will result in an increase in revenue.

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TRADE TREATY WITH BRITAIN

New Agreement Between U. S. and United Kingdom Formulated