

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL FAIR TO-NIGHT AND THURSDAY

Norbeck, the fugitive, will be betrayed for a price.

FORCED TO ACTION, THE MAYOR ORDERS ANOTHER "CLEAN UP"

He Issues Specific Instructions to the Chief Who Is Likely to Be Superseded if He Doesn't Act—Responsibility for Present Conditions Attributed in the Order to the Advertising Given the City by the Grand Jury and the Courts.

Influenced apparently by a realization of the exigencies of the present situation and the necessity of some measure of protection to the public from the depredations of crooks, Mayor Ames issued an order this afternoon directed to Chief Ames, instructing him to proceed forthwith to rid the city of all such characters.

In the preface to his order he puts the responsibility for the presence of such persons in the city on the recent court proceedings and the publicity given to the municipal scandal, giving the inference that previous to that time the city was wholly free from this element. It is given out that the mayor is thoroughly in earnest and that if Chief Ames does not carry out the orders successfully he will be superseded by some one who will. Here is the order:

Colonel Fred W. Ames, Superintendent of Police. Sir: Recent court proceedings and the publicity given police and municipal matters have brought into the city, I am credibly informed many crooks, thieves and other offenders, who have been operating in different portions of the city with some success. The attention of your department should be called to this state of affairs and its full strength exerted to ridding the city of all these offenders. They must be driven out at all costs and each member of the department must be made to realize that the responsibility rests upon him and any shirking of duty will be met with instant dismissal from the department.

Information has also been given to me that those interested in the sale of liquors are not complying with the regulations of the department relative to the manner of conducting their places of business. I order you to see that these rules and regulations are strictly enforced and all violations of them followed by prosecutions.

In accordance with the spirit of the above orders you will make such details from your department as will insure the desired end. You will have my hearty cooperation and in return I will hold your department responsible. The city is now looking to its police department for protection and security, for maintenance of order and enforcement of its laws and ordinances.

It will be noted from the text of the mayor's order that he directs the chief to move only on the crook and liquor fraternities, ignoring other lawless elements in the city known to be operating on much more liberal lines than under other administrations and recognized as serious sources of mischief and demoralization. Chief among these are the so-called "private" houses of ill repute. They are now scattered all over the city, having invaded even some of the best residence districts.

Complaints have been made to the police by the score by residents and property owners in their vicinity, but without result. The mayor has refused to make a move in their behalf hitherto, and now that he gladly would do so in his own interests, he finds his hands tied. Officials of the department declare that they can do nothing on this score without orders, and admit that the power that be will not dare give such orders.

The proprietors of these places hold the whip hand. Favors have been passing both ways so long now that the operators can snap their fingers at plain clothes men. It was tried in one case only a week or so ago and, following a stormy scene with the woman in charge, the police backed down completely and gave up the fight. There is no possibility of the present administration's exercising any control over this class, it is stated.

It will also be noted that the penny arcades with their picture shows and other alluring entertainments are not mentioned in the order.

AMES NEEDS RUSSELL NOW The Mayor's Friends Think He Ought to Be Here.

It bears very heavily upon the administration set that the mayor's old-time comrade and favorite, William Russell, member of the board of corrections and charities, is absent at this crisis in the mayor's affairs. Russell has been away for four or five weeks, and his friends insist that they have no knowledge of his whereabouts. It is stated that he was in town two or three nights ago, but stayed only long enough to get a change of clothes, when he left again.

Administration favorites do not like this at all. Now is the time the mayor most needs the presence, sympathy and services of his friends, they pointed out, and they think it is showing ingratitude for the benefits received in the past for Mr. Russell to keep out of sight. Rare favors have been shown Mr. Russell as a member of the board of corrections, they say, and their personal relations also

have been such that it was only reasonable to expect that in such an exigency as the mayor is now facing Mr. Russell would be among the first to offer his services.

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THE WISE SUCKER The Fish—I may be a sucker, but I don't bite on that kind of bait a third time.

SOFT COAL MEN MAY GO OUT

President Mitchell Calls a Convention to Meet at Indianapolis.

All the Coal Mining in the Country May Be Suspended.

Indianapolis, June 18.—The call for a special convention of the United Mine Workers of America, to be held at Indianapolis, July 17th next, was issued from the miners' headquarters here to-day. The call is addressed to the local unions of the United Mine Workers and is signed by John Mitchell, national president, and W. B. Wilson, national secretary and treasurer.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 18.—President Mitchell has called a national convention at Indianapolis at the earliest possible moment to consider the advisability of calling out all the soft coal miners in the United States. Mr. Mitchell says he cannot give the exact date when the convention will be held.

The date of the convention will be fixed by W. B. Wilson, national secretary at Indianapolis, who has charge of the machinery by which a convention is arranged.

The convention will be held for the purpose of discussing the advisability of involving all the soft coal miners in the United States in the struggle now going on in the anthracite coal fields.

Under the constitution of the union five districts must request action before the national president can issue a call for a national convention. The five districts that applied for this convention were the three anthracite districts, the Michigan district and the West Virginia district, where a strike is now on.

President Mitchell has had the consent of the five districts for some time but for some reason did not see fit to issue the call until to-day. The request for the convention was made at Hazleton four weeks ago last Friday.

It would be a national disaster. President Mitchell was extremely uncommunicative as to what the probable action of the convention might be. If the delegates should decide to inaugurate a national suspension of coal mining everywhere at strike headquarters believes it would have a disastrous effect on the industries of the country. The supply of coal would become so short that large and small industrial establishments would be compelled to suspend operations and many railroads would seriously suffer.

There are approximately about 450,000 coal miners in the United States. Of these about 350,000, Mr. Mitchell says, are affiliated with the union and an additional 50,000 comply with legislation of the miners' organization.

How the Men Stand. It is utterly impossible at this distance to forecast what the national gathering

LABOR FOLK HELP HARVEY

They Expect to Have His Bail Ready by To-night.

Buoyed up by the prospects of speedy release from confinement, George Harvey was in a more cheerful frame of mind to-day than any time since his arrest. His friends in labor circles have been very active in his behalf, and at noon to-day they announced that they hoped to be able to have his bail bonds ready for presentation to the court before night.

It is the understanding that men in local labor ranks having property will unite in a surety bond. It was at first planned to start a subscription paper and ask for small donations, but it was decided that the other course was more feasible. Harvey was visited by many of his old labor comrades to-day.

Gardner is still chewing the cud of philosophy in his cell and expresses but little hope of being able to secure bail bonds. Gardner has been cut down to the regulation jail menu and doesn't like the change a bit. Bread and molasses, with tea on the side, is not a very substantial supper menu, he says, but then he consoles himself with the thought that probably the slim fare is good for him and makes little complaint.

In the appeal to be taken by Gardner from the judgment in his case, it is understood, an affidavit will be filed alleging misconduct on the part of Judge Harrison.

MAIZE TAX

The British Government Decides to Reduce It One-Half.

London, June 18.—In the house of commons to-day the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, replying to John Redmond, the Irish leader, announced that the tax on maize would be reduced by one-half.

WISCONSIN PROHIBS MEET. Milwaukee, June 18.—The prohibition state convention opened in Lincoln hall to-day, with 200 delegates present. Charles J. E. Clayton, chairman of the state central committee, called the convention to order and introduced E. W. Drake, of Milwaukee, as temporary chairman. Committees on credentials, permanent organization and resolutions were then appointed and a recess taken until this afternoon, when the session was devoted to a conference of state prohibition alliances. The slate of nominations, as far as made up, is as follows: For governor, E. W. Drake, Milwaukee; for secretary of state, Dr. H. A. Russell, Superior; for treasurer, Jasper Dexter, Cambria.

CAR FOREMAN RECEIVES A BLOW. Staples, Minn., June 18.—At 12:30 this morning Night Foreman Joseph Schmeiz received a blow with a knife from some person unknown. He was inspecting a train just arrived, and hearing steps half turned, when he was struck. The blade struck his watch and glanced off without doing much injury. Simultaneously with the stroke he heard the words, "We have got the wrong man," and then he fainted. Several hoboes were arrested and locked up.

NORBECK HIDDEN, BUT HIS FRIENDS ARE FAITHLESS

An Offer Made by Telephone to Produce the Missing Detective for a Price—Bondsmen Think Him Concealed Here, for He Was in Minneapolis, Stupidly Drunk at 5 a. m. Yesterday—Now His Keepers Appear to Be Trying to Work Money Out of His Misfortune.

A Definite Clue, Maybe

Norbeck's whereabouts is believed by the state to be known to a certain saloon-keeper of Minneapolis. It is possible that he may be made to come into court and tell what he knows. The man is a warm friend of Norbeck and the belief that he knows the detective's place of hiding is based upon his general movements since Norbeck's disappearance and his evasive talk. It is stated that he was heard to say: "Norbeck will be out of the way for thirty days, at least."

For Sale—One fugitive detective. Christopher Norbeck is paying the penalty of his unfaithfulness to a trust. Without faith to others, he is now in a position where others are willing to betray faith to his further undoing. "I have Norbeck."

These were the words that came to The Journal office to-day over the telephone. Here is the incident, which may be significant. Early this morning an unknown person called up The Journal office over the telephone and opened negotiations for the exclusive publication of authentic information regarding the whereabouts of the missing detective. Before any terms could be made, this person suddenly left the phone, apparently as if afraid of being overheard at his end of the line.

Later there was another call, apparently from the same person, and the negotiations were prosecuted at some length. "What will you give if I tell you where Norbeck is?" came the question. "There's \$1,000 reward offered," was the answer. "What else do you want, and how can you prove your information reliable?"

"Of course, there's the reward," said the telephone voice, "but the story ought to be worth \$500 to you. I have Norbeck and can turn him over to the authorities at any time. But you must be quick." Here the phone was hurriedly hung up as if the speaker was in danger of being overheard.

While all this may have been the work of some practical joker, there are some things that make this situation appear probable: STUPIDLY DRUNK YESTERDAY FORENOON

Norbeck spent Monday night and the early hours of Tuesday morning in hard drinking, and he was in Minneapolis in a beastly state of intoxication between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday morning. At that time he was fast approaching the state of stupor. In this condition he sought some place where he had friends, among the habitués of the under world, probably, and went to sleep. It is characteristic of "boozers" of the Norbeck type that when they get badly intoxicated they remain drunk and helpless for a long time.

If he was blind drunk about 5 o'clock he was equally so until after court convened, five hours later. When the papers announced the disappearance of Norbeck and the offer of a reward of \$1,000, his keepers conceived the idea of securing the reward and what more could be obtained. This situation, though theoretical, is based upon more than mere guess work.

BONDSMEN THINK HIM HERE Brando Sodini and "Dick" Hill, the sureties on Norbeck's \$5,000 bond, who have offered a reward of \$1,000 for his return, are satisfied that Norbeck never left the city last Monday night, but spent the whole night in carousal until he fell somewhere in a stupor or was found, perhaps by the police, and "planted" somewhere in a place of safety. Naturally the police did not want Norbeck to be at large in the condition he then was, for he was willing to give up. The bondsmen do not hesitate to declare their belief that those menaced by the grand jury's work know where Norbeck is, whether dead or alive.

The county authorities are inclined to take the same view as Norbeck's bondsmen. They thought yesterday that he was heading for Port Arthur, Canada, or El Paso, Texas, but having made arrangements for watching these and other points, they have had opportunities for looking over the other clues and these look much more promising.

Norbeck's bondsmen seem to feel decidedly bitter against him. One of them to-day said he would sooner pay out \$5,000 reward to secure Norbeck than forfeit an equal sum on the bail bond.

ELLA HAMMOND'S STORY She Was With Norbeck Nearly All of Monday Night.

An important witness to the movements of Norbeck is Ella Hammond, keeper of a resort at 228 Second street S. She says that Norbeck was never out of her sight from 10:30 Monday evening until about 5 o'clock yesterday morning.

She recollects well that Norbeck came when she was eating lunch, which, in her house, is invariably served at 10:30 p. m., and the housekeeper informed her just after Norbeck left that the clock had struck 5 while Norbeck was putting on his coat and had preparatory to leaving.

"I was much surprised to see Norbeck," said the Hammond woman to a Journal reporter, "because he hadn't been here for about a year. He looked very bad and he had changed a great deal. A lot of his hair was gone, he was broken out on the forehead and I thought he looked miserable. Yes; he was drunk; awfully drunk."

He talked about the case, his troubles and everything. He wanted to call up the Stirling wine room in St. Paul, but was too drunk to manage the telephone, and after a while forgot all about it. First he said he was going to confess everything, and then he said that he would fight to the end.

He talked of suicide. "Oh, yes, he threatened to commit suicide, but he never said anything about leaving the city. He never mentioned Carrie Emerson's name. "I tried to get him to go to bed, or lie down, but he refused and said, 'I'll never get up if I lie down.' I've got to be in court this morning at 9 o'clock and I can't take any chances."

He coaxed me for two hours to go out with him; and finally I consented. He sent for a hack and we went down to Edith Rogers' place on Elventh avenue S. and one or two other houses, and then we came back. He spent money very

freely and seemed to have plenty. He had one roll of bills with a bank slip marked \$500 on it. There may have been \$300 in the roll. "He left here just about 5 o'clock, saying that he was going over on Second street and would be back in about fifteen minutes. But he never returned."

The Hammond woman's story is corroborated by Al Dresser, a hack driver, by Edith Rogers, an inmate of the Hammond and Rogers houses. The authorities believe the woman's story. At first, it was thought that the sporting element had arranged to tell this tale to distract the attention of the officers and thus facilitate Norbeck's escape, but the woman talks so candidly, freely and unreservedly that it seems impossible her story has been concocted.

But Where Is He Now? What, then, became of Norbeck after leaving Ella Hammond's? There is a report that he was seen trying to enter Cleo Murray's colored dive at 224 Second street after 5 o'clock, but the clue ends there. There are several theories, but all those who accept the view that Norbeck is still in Minneapolis agree that he was too badly intoxicated to have left the city of his own volition. He may have crawled away to some obscure place and fallen asleep, and on being discovered decided to lie low until he could make terms with the law's representatives. He may have been taken in tow by the friends of the indicted police officers. He may have been put out of the way for his money's sake, for he had a large roll, displayed it freely and it was a most tempting mark. And he may have fulfilled his oft-repeated threat of jumping in the river.

ECHO ANSWERED "WHERE?" Norbeck's Name Called in Court—No Answer. As a matter of fact, the case against Norbeck was called by Judge Harrison this morning. Hundreds were in the courtroom, as the rumor had been persistently circulated that the detective had simply been off on

CORN WILD

The July Option Acts Like the Fat Man Who Steps on a Tack.

Chicago, June 18.—The corn pit was again the scene of a turbulent mob of grain speculators to-day. Prices soared skyward under the manipulation of the crowd that has cornered July options, and as quickly dropped with a hub. Every trader in the pit was kept guessing as to what would be the price at the end of the day. Natural conditions were rapidly ignored. In the first ten minutes advances of 1/8c were made. In the next hour prices slumped 3c.

All sorts of conjectures were made as to the final outcome of the corner. Private elevators are making contract corn as fast as possible in order to grade in and overcome the congested condition. In three days 500,000 bushels have been made. Just as earnest is the big bull clique to keep cash stocks out of this market. Country markets are rushing corn here to take advantage of the high prices, but opposed to this movement is that of the bull operators, who are buying up cash stuff and selling it at a discount to prevent large arrivals. Efforts are even being made to ship stuff to Milwaukee to grade in that market.

July options practically control all action on the board of trade. At the opening they sold 1/2c to 1/4c higher than yesterday's closing price, the first two sales being made at 68c and 69c. From the top figure there was a constant and rapid decline brought about by a whip-sawing process of the bulls, until July flourished at 66c. September options showed strength, following July, but did not fluctuate widely.

GETTING THE WOOD

How Some Scrip Has Been Used by Lumbermen TO DENUDE THE LANDS

Attempt to Head Them Off by the Department Defeated in Committee.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 45, Post Building, Washington. Washington, June 18.—The house committee on public lands to-day voted to postpone indefinitely the bill suggested by the secretary of the interior providing that forest scrip can be located only on land of equal value with that relinquished and for which scrip has been issued.

Minnesota lumbermen are interested in this bill. Some of them have acquired scrip by purchase and have attempted to locate it on valuable timber lands in Minnesota and states further west as far as Oregon and Washington. When the applications to locate scrip reached the general land office Commissioner Hermann held them up, claiming that the holders of scrip had denuded their lands within the reserves of timber, then relinquished and sought to take up other valuable public lands with the scrip authorized by the forestry reserve act.

The commissioner and Secretary Hitchcock have advocated the passage of a bill to prevent this alleged abuse of the law, but the action of the committee to-day will prevent the consummation of their plan.

The committee also ordered Representative Martin to report favorably his bill for the creation of the Wind Cave national park in South Dakota.

—W. W. Jermans.