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MRS. BRENNAN TO TAKE THE STAND

Alleged Murderess Will Tell Her Story of the Crime in Full Detail.

STATE CONCLUDES CASE; DEFENSE IS OUTLINED

Husband's Drinking Was Real Cause of Domestic Unhappiness, Says Attorney.

Mrs. Stella Brennan will take the stand in her own defense. She will tell her story of the crime in all its details practically as she has told it to the detectives and she will thus be subjected to one of Al J. Smith's most strenuous cross-examinations.

This statement was made positively by E. S. Cary, her attorney, to The Journal today.

With the testimony of Miss Mamie Curran and L. F. Kennedy, County Attorney Al J. Smith this afternoon concluded his case against Mrs. Stella Brennan, on trial before Judge H. D. Dickinson and a jury on the charge of murdering Elizabeth Brennan, her stepdaughter.

Before the state rested Mr. Cary calle Tommy Brennan to the stand for the purpose of asking him two impeaching questions.

After the state rested, Mr. Cary moved to dismiss the case on the grounds that there had been no evidence introduced that connected the defendant with the commission of the murder. The motion was promptly denied by Judge Dickinson. Mr. Cary then opened to the jury and outlined the defendant's case.

Miss Curran's illness this morning delayed the state's case, as Mr. Smith would not call his other witnesses until the young woman had testified. This afternoon the missing witness appeared, pale but selfpossessed. She is an employee in the hardware department at a department store and is the saleswoman of whom Mrs. Brennan bought the hardware on the day preceding the murder.

An Unwilling Witness.

She was an unwilling witness, but was finally induced to testify that perhaps at the time of making these other purchases Mrs. Brennan asked her for cartridges. Mr. Kennedy testified that a woman answering the description of Mrs. Brennan had bought some 32-caliber cartridges at his store a little later on the same day. He could not swear positively that the woman was the defendant.

In opening to the jury, Mr. Cary spent a great deal of time in analyzing the state's evidence, showing its weaknesses, pointing out the parts of it that would be controverted by the defendant's testimony. He asserted that he would show the defendant had been a good mother to the Brennan children, that she had never been cruel to them and, despite the fact that they had continually annoyed her and had made her all sorts of trouble thru their difference in religion and by other means, she had always treated them as well, if not better, than most children were treated by their mothers. He said he would show that the cause of the trouble between Mr. and Mrs. Brennan was the husband's drinking, and not the children.

In Delicate Condition.

He promised to show the defendant was in a delicate condition and asserted that he would show that her condition was enough to prove puerperal insanity, and intimated thruout his talk that this form of dementia would be the real defense.

"As outlined in Sunday's Journal, puerperal insanity will be a part of Mrs. Brennan's defense," admitted Mr. Cary at noon today. "We deny that she committed this crime and contend that the state has failed absolutely to prove that she did. If she did commit that crime, which we do not believe, she does not know she did it, and was suffering from this form of insanity."

CROWD IS ENORMOUS

Corridors Are Packed with Struggling Mass of Curious Sightseers.

Never has a greater crowd of curious people struggled to get to points of vantage in a Hennepin county courtroom than packed the corridors of the third floor of the courthouse this morning in an attempt to get within hearing distance of the witnesses in the case of the state against Mrs. Stella Brennan, accused of murdering her three stepchildren.

The crowd was remarkable for the preponderance of women. The courtroom resembled a popular theater where some matinee idol was advertised to appear. Delicate feminine shades dominated the color scheme of the packed room, and many women were present in array too elaborate for ordinary street garb.

That the women came to see the pretty woman accused of murdering her little stepchildren and to study the other actors in the drama rather than to hear evidence, was proved by the satisfied expressions of those who occupied seats in the rear of the room, where no distinct word ever reached them. The women, too, removed their hats as tho at a play and where, as happened here and there, some Paris creation was too highly prized to be hidden behind the seats, there was sure to be a lot of grumbling from would-be spectators.

Enthusiasts Come Early.

The trial enthusiasts came early. By 9 o'clock—an hour before court convened—the third floor corridors were packed with a struggling mass of humans, all intent upon gaining a position nearer the unopened doors. All the deputy sheriffs were needed to form and keep the crowds in line, and the line reached about two blocks around the corridors. Some of the women evidently feared that they might waste their time, and brought their fancywork. This was brought out during the long wait occasioned by the absence of Miss Curran. Lunches were also brought by some of the more enthusiastic, and in the ladies' waiting room and in the halls there were to be seen during the noon hour several lunch parties.

The defendant has lost none of her calm self-assurance during the Christmas vacation. She appeared in the same somber garb with the long Nan Patterson black veil. She looked a little paler than usual and she did not smile. Her husband sat beside her and

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"PURITY" JORDAN STORY BASIS OF LIBEL SUIT

"JIMMY" IRSFIELD,
U. of M. Halfback, Who Brings Libel Suit Against Collier's Weekly.

J. IRSFIELD SUES ON JORDAN EXPOSE

The Minnesota Football Player Wants $1,900 from Collier's Weekly.

The Jordan "expose" of athletics at the University of Minnesota has led to the filing of a suit against Collier's Weekly by James B. Irsfield. The action charges the publication with libel and the famous gopher halfback asks that he be awarded $1,900 damages.

Jordan wrote a long article about the "commercialization" of Minnesota's sports, and in the story declared that Jimmy Irsfield and another player had taken advantage of a knowledge that a score against Beloit was to be held to a certain point in order to make a "killing." Irsfield denied the story at the time of publication and is now seeking damages thru the legal channel.

Alleged Libel Cited.

The specific charge to which Irsfield takes offense and which he quotes in his petition, is:

"It is public knowledge that football gamblers need fear no municipal man. This is all a part of the Minnesota system of athletics, a product of her alliance with the commercial Minneapolis. That this gambling spirit accentuated by the hunger for victory, has exerted itself upon the student body, and even cultivated a callous conscience among the players, is proven by the notorious 'gambling sell' in connection with the Beloit game in 1903.

"At that time, thru wagers with sporting men about the city who were allowing ten touchdowns for Minnesota, 'Jimmie' Irsfield and Earle Luce, who played quarterback and end in this game, acting on almost certain knowledge of what the exact score would be, made a 'killing.' Coach Williams, who has admitted the truth of this account, had instructed the team to make a certain score and then practice place kicks. The information was enough for a safe bet, and the money of the players was placed, together with that of several students. The cry of 'unfair play' from the gamblers went up, but a calloused collegiate conscience suffered no pang."

Irsfield declares he had no knowledge of the alleged "fixing" of the game, and denies every charge that pertain to him in the article. He cites the fact that Colliers' enjoys wide circulation and that his reputation has been damaged by the article.

Edward L. Rogers, Frank J. Morley and Owen McElmeel are Irsfield's attorneys, and the suit is brought against P. F. and Robert J. Collier as publishers of Colliers' Weekly. There is some question as to his ability to get service on these defendants with his suit in the district court.

COREY FAILED TO GO HOME TO WIFE

Steel King Did Not Spend His Christmas with the Old Folks, as Expected.

Journal Special Service.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—William Ellis Corey, president of the United States Steel corporation, did not come to Pittsburg to spend Christmas as was expected. The fact that the head of the steel corporation did not meet his estranged wife here as was expected leads to the belief that the hitch in the peace negotiations are so complete that there will be no settlement.

The interview of Miss Mabelle Gilman in Paris, in which she referred to Andrew Carnegie as being a good "domestic peacemaker," is thought here to be of more than passing meaning. It is supposed to mean that it was Mr. Carnegie who forced Corey to break off with Miss Gilman and try to patch up peace with his wife.

It is believed that Mr. Carnegie gave Corey the choice of breaking off with the actress or losing his position with the steel trust. He chose the former for the time being, supposing that his wife would not make such exacting terms. But when he discovered that she demanded that he be a husband to her in fact as well as in name he has hesitated. That is the reason he was not at the Christmas dinner.

M'CLELLAN IGNORES BOSS OF TAMMANY

Journal Special Service.

New York, Dec. 26.—Has Mayor McClellan broken with Charles F. Murphy? Tammany district leaders say so, and the evidence is practically complete that the mayor will disregard the wishes of the boss in making his new appointments.

It became known today that the mayor has served notice on Murphy that he will not appoint district leaders as heads of departments. He has told Murphy that he intends making a clean sweep of the district leaders now holding commissinonerships. The mayor took this stand a week ago, when the two met for a conference, and Murphy left the mayor in anger. He notified the district leaders and said he would wash his hands of the whole business. Since then he has been sulky, refusing to make any further attempt to influence the mayor. Murphy was to have gone to Princeton yesterday to see Mr. McClellan. He had made appointments with several leaders to meet him at Tammany hall today, saying that then he might have news to give them, but his failure to go to Princeton convinced the leaders that the break is serious.

STING OF BEES MAY KILL IOWA FARMER

Special to The Journal.

Des Moines, Dec. 26.—Joel Whelpton, who lives near Fort Des Moines, may die as the result of an attack made upon him by a swarm of bees.

Yesterday he attempted to move a hive when the insects came out of their winter stupor and set upon their disturber. Whelpton dropped the hive, but his efforts to escape only aroused the fury of the bees, which stung the man so badly about the head that he fell unconscious and was discovered in that condition several hours afterward.

His body is so badly swollen as to be a shocking sight, and physicians fear that it will be impossible to counteract the poison sufficiently to save the man's life.

BASKETBALL TEAM IN A FATAL SMASHUP

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 26.—One member of the Avon basketball team was killed, two fatally injured and four more had their skulls fractured today when a Pennsylvania railroad freight train struck the coach in which the team was driving home after a game here and a Christmas celebration. As the coach crossed the tracks the engine hit it almost squarely in the center, tearing it loose from the horses and breaking it into a score of pieces, throwing the members of the team in all directions. John Benneman of Asbury Park, N. J., was killed outright and nearly every member of the team was knocked senseless. Howard Soffield and Samuel Hampton of Avon, N. J., were fatally injured. The others are expected to recover.

YOAKUM ON INSPECTION TRIP.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—B. F. Yoakum, executive head of the Rock Island and Frisco systems, arrived from Chicago last night and will remain in St. Louis several days to confer with President Davidson of the Frisco, after which he departs for a tour of inspection over the Frisco system. Mr. Yoakum said today that his trip was to ascertain the condition of the road. He denied the recent report that the Frisco is seeking an outlet to the south Atlantic seaboard.

ROOSEVELT AIMS TO OUST BOSSES

President's Purpose Is Not the Creation of a Roosevelt Party.

When Odell Is Out, the President Will Turn to Another Boss-Ridden State.

By W. W. Jermane.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Various impressions exist as to the part the president has taken, and intends taking, in the contest in New York for party leadership, and one of the impressions has just assumed definite form in newspaper articles which state, with much corroborative detail, that he is trying to build up a Roosevelt party all over the country, more or less independently of republican lines, and is to do in various other states what he is apparently doing in New York, and thus be in position, in 1908, to dictate the nomination of his own candidate in the republican national convention.

Such stories are obvious consequences of the president's militant attitude toward true reform in public life, and they ought not to be taken too seriously by those who desire to keep within hailing distance of the real truth.

These are historic days, and precedents and policies are being formulated which many honest men believe are to turn the currents of our national life into new and better channels.

Political Grafter Doomed.

The political grafter, for instance, whether he be in New York or in other states, seems doomed, and the president is taking an active part in ushering in this new era. Perhaps it is one of the necessary consequences of his activity that stories are being printed to the effect that he is simply trying to substitute a machine of his own for the one he is trying to displace.

But because these stories are being printed, it ought not to follow that they are to be widely believed. The president has not thought it necessary to make any definite statement regarding the New York situation, but such a statement is not needed for those who believe in him and know what he is about. Meanwhile, the stories referred to represent merely the fears of the factions against which he is contending.

Overthrow of Odell.

Amid the conflict of the statement which has appeared, it seems reasonably clear that those who are trying to unseat Odell in New York have the support of the president, which fact Odell and his friends are of course only too willing to emphasize. In giving his aid to the work of housecleaning in New York, the president is simply employing his great energy, ability and political sagacity in the overthrow of a leader who deserves such a fate and he ought to have the indorsement of good men everywhere.

In this work the president and his friends are employing not only the clean men of the party, but men who are probably no better than the men who are being overthrown. This is a political necessity, and the ends will justfy it. It is the same sort of program the president has followed ever since he entered politics.

Easy to Criticise.

It is of course easy enough to criticise him. Most old-fashioned people, or those who think they are old-fashioned because they have forgotten how much of this kind of thing has always been done, may say that it does not comport with the dignity of the president to interest himself in party squabbles in a single state.

But Mr. Roosevelt has usually reasoned that nothing worth while can be done except thru party organization, and, having chosen the republican party

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SAMOAN VOLCANO IS IN VIOLENT ERUPTION

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—According to the passengers who arrived on the liner Ventura, the volcano on the island of Savaii, in the Samoan group, is still in vigorous activity. The glare from the crater at night is visible, it is said, at sea many miles away, and the lava has covered an area of thirty square miles. This molten flow has filled eleven miles of a deep valley and is heading for the seashore. Natives whose homes are near the beach are preparing to abandon their huts and cocoanut groves at short notice.

SANTO DOMINGO AGAIN TORN BY REVOLUTION

MORALES FLEEING ISLAND CAPITAL

President to Join Jiminez Against Horacio—Yankee Receivership a Factor.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The secretary of war today received the following cablegram from acting Controller and Receiver of the Dominican Customs Edwards, dated at Santo Domingo:

"Carlos F. Morales, dissatisfied with cabinet support, left the capital last night with a few followers. His intention is said to be to join the following of Jiminez in opposition to the followers of Horacio. Conflict between the two forces is imminent, probably in the vicinity of San Juan or vicinity of Puerto Plata. Carlos F. Morales may make an attempt to establish a new capital and create a new cabinet. There is political excitement, but without disturbance here. The receivership is not affected yet. George R. Colton should be at Monte Christi Tuesday."

George R. Colton is the receiver of Dominican customs.

Previous advices received by cable at the state and navy departments from Santo Domingo indicate that a serious condition of affairs exists there. The captain of the port of Puerto Plata had been shot and killed during an insurrectionary movement and the governor of that province has defied the general government and barricaded the town. The Dominican government has issued a decree removing the governor. The state department has determined that this is an internal difficulty and will not intervene at this stage.

Morales a Fugitive.

San Domingo, Santo Domingo, Monday, Dec. 25.—Following the announcement today that the president of the republic, General Carlos F. Morales, had left the capital for an unknown destination, troops were sent in pursuit of the chief magistrate. What took place after that cannot be definitely determined, but it is known that a fight took place, about ten miles from here, and it is supposed that General Rimentel, the rebel commander, was attacked by government troops.

The whereabouts of the fugitive president is not known. It is generally supposed that he endeavored to gain the coast and embark on board a sloop with the object of reaching Puerto Plata on the north coast of Santo Domingo, and there join Governor Peres, who has been dismissed by the government from the post of Puerto Plata, but who refuses to surrender his office.

On the other hand there are those who believe that the president is endeavoring to cross Santo Domingo by land and reach Monte Christi, on the north coast and west of Puerto Plata, from which port it is not far distant.

Juan F. Sanchez, the former foreign minister of Santo Domingo, with the American special commissioners, Commander Albert D. Dillingham and former Minister Thomas S. Dawson, and Frederic Velasquez, minister of finance, on Jan. 20 last, signed the agreement between the United States and Santo Domingo providing for the fiscal protectorate of the United States over Santo Domingo.

Insurrection in Island.

Turks Island, Bahamas, Des. 26.—Mail advices received here from Monte Christi, San Domingo, yesterday, say that Guayublin, Dajabon and Sebanetta have taken up arms against the government and the Dominican-American fiscal intervention. Generals Riodriguez, Joaquin Barba, Navarre, Martinez and Pedro Alvares have gone with 600 men to attack Santiago and General Perico Lasala has marched on La Vega with a force of about one hundred men.

CARLOS F. MORALES,
Fugitive President of Santo Domingo.

REWARD FOR HERO FROM PRESIDENT

Civil Service Rules Waived to Honor Man Who Fought Postoffice Burglars.

Washington, Dec. 26.—As a reward for defending the postoffice at Emma, N. C., four years ago, against four burglars, President Roosevelt has waived the civil service regulations, upon the recommendations of Postmaster Cortelyou, and S. H. Alexander's Christmas gift was a promotion from a laborer to a clerkship in the department.

Not only has the brave North Carolinian been promoted, but to accentuate the honor, an official statement was issued today which gives a full account of the deed. The attempted robbery took place on the night of Feb. 6, 1901, and the official account says:

"After the store in which the postoffice at Emma is located closed for the night, Mr. Alexander, who had been sleeping in the room adjoining, heard a knock on the door and inquired what was wanted. He was told that someone living near wanted his mail, and he unbarred the door. Two masked men entered, covered him with revolvers and commanded him to give up his revolver and open the fireproof safes.

Shot One Burglar.

"While one of the burglars, Frank Johnson, who had laid his revolver on the desk near the safe, was stooping in the act of looting the safe, and during a moment when the other burglar, Foster, had his head turned, Alexander seized the idle revolver and shot the latter near the heart. He attempted to shoot Johnson also, but failed, as the revolver snapped.

"A desperate struggle followed. Foster, altho seriously wounded, pursued Alexander and shot him in the abdomen, the bullet coming out at the back. Alexander, seeing Foster about to shoot at him again, swung Johnson around so that the bullet struck Johnson's left shoulder from the rear, passed thru his neck, and lodged in his right jaw, from which it was extracted. Alexander's face and hands were badly cut and bruised before he overpowered the burglars.

"Alexander managed, however, to put them both out of the building and to call out a signal of distress, and then fainted. The postmaster, hearing this signal, came to Alexander's relief and found him lying weak and faint in a pool of blood.

Bravery Accentuated.

"His bravery is the more accentuated when it is known that Mr. Alexander is a man of small stature, probably not more than 5 feet 6 inches tall, and weighs less than 125 pounds. It would seem that he must have possessed almost superhuman strength to oust two desperadoes from the postoffice.

"Two accomplices who were waiting on the outside carried away the wounded burglars to a house in which they were arrested the same night. The two burglars above mentioned, together with the two accomplices, after trial, were given the extreme penalty of the law which, for the offense committed in North Calolina, is death. Afterwards the sentence was commuted in the case of two of the burglars to life imprisonment. The other two were hanged on Feb. 26, 1902."

TRAGIC CHRISTMAS AT BIG FORK, KENTUCKY

London, Ky., Dec. 26.—News reached here last night of the killing of a deputy sheriff and two other men yesterday at Big Fork. A large crowd of men congregated at an oldtime turkey-shooting match. A dispute over the match soon brought on a general fight in which John Duff and Jake Wilson shot and killed Joseph Wilson and Alexander Little killed Mack Roberts, a deputy sheriff. Duff and Wilson were arrested. Little escaped and is being hunted by a posse.

The third killing occurred Sunday night at Goose Creek, William Vanever shooting James Creech following a dispute.

$100,000 "SHED" FOR THIS CHORAL UNION

Journal Special Service.

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 26.—In the interest of music, Carl Stoeckel, a Norfolk millionaire and founder of the Litchfield County Choral union, comprising five singing societies in as many towns of the county, or 600 voices in all, is having a mammoth music shed of the most modern design erected on the grounds of his residence, "Whitehouse," in Norfolk. The building, which will cost $100,000, will be completed in June when the union will give its sixth annual concert.

Each annual concert costs Mr. Stoeckel about $5,000. The singers are always assisted by an orchestra of sixty pieces from New York.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 26.—The Mississippi river closed here today. Last year the closing date was Dec. 14.

HUNDREDS PERISH IN MOSCOW FIRE

Troops Surround 6,000 Workmen in Factory and Awful Holocaust Follows.

REDS USE MACHINE GUNS ON SOLDIERY

Thousands Slain on Both Sides in Ancient Capital's Conflicts.

St. Petersburg, Dec .26.—A terrible holocaust occurred at the Sytin works in Moscow, where 6,000 workmen were suddenly surrounded by cavalry and artillery. The latter fired at the building, which was soon in flames. Hundreds perished in the conflagration.

It is definitaly established that the revolutionists have six automatic guns.

The revolutionists hold the outskirts of Moscow. A thousand men are working night and day at the barricades, some of which are described as marvels of strength. Trenches have been dug and wire entanglements have been erected in front of the defenses, which extend for blocks and are impenetrable, even against artillery.

Students Lead Reds.

The Slovo today says that the leaders of the revolutionary army at Moscow are mostly students of Kieff, Kharkoff and Odessa, among whom are many Jews. The military hold the center of Moscow and apparently are awaiting reinforcements, which are reported to be on the way to Moscow from all directions, some of the troops marching overland. Four regiments of dragoons from Warsaw have started by rail for Moscow, but have not yet arrived here.

The government is finding great difficulty in dispatching a sufficient force to the disturbed city, it being dangerous to withdraw the troops from other places, most of the available men having already been sent to cope with the revolt in the Baltic provinces.

Fighting in Outskirts.

Yesterday's fighting at Moscow occurred mostly at some distance from the center of the city. The revolutionists abandoned the Tverskaia thorofare, as it is too easily reached by artillery, and concentrated their forces in the narrow winding streets of the commercial quarter, where the shops were closed and occupied by the military.

The mortuaries at Moscow are filled with the dead, the hospitals are unable to find room for the wounded, and many private houses are filled with wounded persons.

The militia organized by Governor General Doubassoff has commenced its duties under the direction of the police. Many houses and other buildings from which the revolutionists threw bombs were demolished by the artillery.

The numerous fires which occurred at different points thruout Moscow lit up the whole sky last night.

Governor General Doubassoff has ordered that all doors be kept closed. Any infraction of this order will be followed by a fine of $1,500 or three months' imprisonment. The same penalty was imposed on all occupants of houses in which arms are found.

New Electoral Law.

The new electoral law was gazetted here today and was accompanied by a statement explainng that in view of the fact that even some of the western countries do not possess universal suffrage, the cabinet could not assume the responsibility of decreeing it. The ultimate decision may be made by the national assembly itself.

The election list will be published forthwith, the date of the elections will then be announced, and as soon as the government receives notification that half the members are elected, the national assembly will be convoked.

5,000 SLAIN IN MOSCOW

Horrors of Civil War Increase as Workmen's Frenzies Increase.

London, Dec. 26.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in a dispatch dated at 6:45 p.m. Dec. 25, says:

"At an early hour this morning the casualties at Moscow were estimated at 5,000 killed and 14,000 wounded, with the fighting still proceeding.

"The inhabitants of Moscow have been forbidden to leave their dwellings after 7 o'clock in the evening.

"It is impossible to move about the city in consequence of the frequency of stray bullets. Many innocent persons have been accidentally killed.

"A scarcity of provisions is threatened."

The same correspondent at 10:38 p.m. says:

"Your Moscow correspondent's telegrams have not been accepted because all private messages were refused this afternoon.

Desperate Defense.

"It is learned, however, that cannon firing is now proceeding in various parts of the city, where tonight, very near the railroad stations, the barricades erected by the revolutionaries are being desperately defended.

"The Kursk terminus at Moscow is being pillaged and many wagons laden with provisions are being looted.

"The emperor is engaged daily in reviewing at Tsarskoe-Selo the regiments of the St. Petersburg district. The spirit of the troops is decidedly loyal.

"From fragmentry accounts received from Moscow, I gather that the civil war has brought no decisive action, but only a thickening of the blood cloud, an intensifying of the horrors and an increase of the prevailing bitterness.

Acts of Madmen.

"The driving force behind both the troops and the rebels is no longer that of enthusiasm or of any human impulse. It is the force of superhuman hate, and hence the deeds reported are not the acts of patriots, soldiers or otherwise, but the enormities of madmen.

"It is impossible to understand how any emotion, even of the extremes of despair or hate, can impart such foolhardy courage as some of the rebels display.

"For every barricade destroyed Sunday two or three appeared in other places. Orders were given by the revolutionists to shoot only when there was good hope of bringing a man down, but otherwise to tire out the troops until they lost patience.

"In the meantime, in their houses the bulk of the population cowers in the inmost recesses of kitchens and cellars, stricken with fear and trembling at

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A CLEAN SWEEP.
It looks like both sides of the street were getting busy in the political housecleaning.