

HAS SECRET BUDGET BEEN CONSIGNED TO FLAMES?

Vice Commissioner's Resistance to Its Surrender Lends Color to This Rumor.

COMMITTEE MAY DEMAND IT Alderman Workman Declares His Intention to Insist on a Vote on Motion Calling for Delivery of Suppressed Evidence.

Has the "secret budget" of the Vice Commission been destroyed? The suggestion is gaining credence that the 502 pages of miscellaneous information concerning vice conditions in Richmond were consigned to the flames after all that was considered "evidence" was extracted.

Alderman Workman's repeated demands throughout the inquiry for the "secret budget" and the stubborn resistance offered to every proposition calling for its delivery by Attorney Murray M. McGuire, counsel for the Vice Commission, is responsible for the popular belief that the papers in question are no longer in existence.

Additional color is lent to the belief by the fact that shortly after the filing of Report No. 1, with Mayor Ahnelt, Chairman Ashton Starke, of the Vice Commission, in a public statement, expressed the hope that the evidence collected by the commission might at an early date be consigned to the flames.

COMMITTEE MAY DEMAND SURRENDER OF REPORT

On the question of calling upon the Vice Commission to deliver the evidence for examination, either for the private information of the Council committee investigating the Police Department or for a public reading at the open sessions, the committee is apparently hopelessly divided until Alderman H. Waverley Melton's position is known. When Mr. Melton is consulted, he is reported to have voted a vote of 4 to 3, to demand the papers.

At the session held last Friday night three of the investigators expressed their willingness to compel the Vice Commission to produce the 502 pages of the "secret budget," carrying a mass of information affecting the morals of private citizens. If the budget is in existence, the Vice Commission is expected to produce it. The Vice Commission is expected to produce it. The Vice Commission is expected to produce it.

SAYS COMMITTEE IS ENTITLED TO EVIDENCE

"We want it," Alderman Workman reiterated and reiterated. "The city of Richmond paid for that evidence. The Council and this committee is legally entitled to it."

Alderman Workman was of the opinion that the Vice Commission had no right to assume for itself wisdom or right beyond that with which the members of the investigating committee are endowed. He contended that the members of the Vice Commission were no better qualified to sift the wheat from the chaff than the investigating body. He suggested it was even possible that information passed by an investigator to the Vice Commission while the sifting was in progress might be regarded in quite a different light by the investigators.

Alderman Workman gave notice that he would insist upon the production of the "secret budget" until the investigating body voted down his motion, and then he would call for a recorded vote. He contended that there might be a mass of testimony immaterial to the cause at issue, and that the good cause be accomplished by exposing the misconduct of private citizens, but he argued that the investigators have the same right to be trusted with this information as the Vice Commission members. He requested the fact that the Vice Commission refused to place this trust in the members of the investigating committee.

MEMBERS WILL EXERCISE PROPER DISCRETION

"If we decide to withhold from the public any or all of that information after we have inspected the documents, not one word will ever pass my lips, and I am sure that the secrets of that budget will be just as jealously guarded by the rest of the members. The city of Richmond having borne the expense of the Vice Commission's quest, I maintain that the information obtained should be given to this body, representing the Council, which appropriated the money. I was a member of the Finance Committee which recommended the appropriation. I expected when the appropriation was agreed upon that we would get what we paid for. Therefore, I cannot accept the theory that the Vice Commission is in a position to tell us just so much as that body may consider good for our understanding and no more.

"The commission is holding back, as I understand it some 500 pages of memoranda, testimony or reports of private detectives who have left the State after being paid for their work with the city's money. That budget of information belongs to us. We want it."

MELTON IN FAVOR OF "INSPECTING" EVIDENCE

Alderman Melton, who has been out of the city on business several days,

Huerta and Friend as They Recently Appeared in New York



General Huerta, Mexico's ex-Dictator, who caused Uncle Sam to send his fleet to Mexican waters by his refusal to salute the American flag, is walking the streets of New York, and has "nothing to say" to the host of reporters and interviewers. He is shown here with Abraham Z. Ratner, one of his close friends, who, together with his men, Joseph, owned the Tampico News Company in Mexico City, and who were exiled by the Madero government. They returned to favor under Huerta's regime, and became one of the latter's principal agents for the purchase of war supplies.

CHARTERS STEAMER

The Old Dominion Line has chartered the Long Island Sound steamer Montauk, and it is now running between this city, City Point and Norfolk in the James River night-line service.

The Montauk is a beautiful steamer, with excellent passenger accommodations, and will be used until the steamers Berkeley and Brandon, which are being overhauled, are put back into service.

Essay Medal Awarded.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] AMHERST, VA., April 17.—The judges, W. P. Reed, Attorney Edward Meeks and Judge C. J. Campbell, have made their award of the gold medal offered by the Chamber of Commerce of Newport News for the best essay on "The American Merchant Marine; Its Decline; Its Restoration," for which three students from the Amherst High School competed. The contestants from the Amherst High School were Misses Felde Garland, Vivian Mays and Julian Harrison. The medal was awarded to

LECTURE ON RADIUM

Professor Robert Andrews Millikan, of the University of Chicago, will arrive in Richmond to-morrow morning, and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon will give the first of a series of lectures on the James Thomas Foundation, in the Richmond College auditorium at Westhampton.

In this lecture Professor Millikan will give a summary of the improvements and far-reaching discoveries that have been made in the study of radium and kindred substances. These lectures will be illustrated with lantern slides, and the machine will be operated by a special operator that Professor Millikan will bring with him from his laboratory.

Apart from the special interest for those that are trained in physics and chemistry, setting forth as they will, the latest views of one of America's foremost physicists and investigators, they will be of unusual value and attractiveness to the individual of general culture. Professor Millikan possesses the faculty of giving scientific terms in no technical fashion, and his pleasing style has made his text books among the most widely used in the country, especially his high school books. These lectures are open to the general public without cards of admittance, and it is expected that a large audience will attend on account of the recent developments of physical science.

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FLOYD A. MACFARLAND IS MORTALLY WOUNDED

Dean of Bicycle Riders and Biggest Figure in That Branch of Sports Dies at Newark.

STABBED WITH SCREW DRIVER

"Peanut Butcher" in Velodrome Race Course Hurls Instrument at Promoter's Head, and It Pierces Brain, Causing Fatal Injury.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Floyd A. MacFarland, dean of bicycle racers, and the biggest figure in that branch of sports, was fatally stabbed in the Velodrome, a bicycle race course at Newark, N. J., to-day by a "peanut butcher," David Lantenberg. The weapon used was a screw driver.

MacFarland, as general manager of the Cycle Racing Association, was in charge of the Velodrome. Lantenberg had the confectionery and peanut privilege.

Lantenberg was tacking up his signs on the bleachers when MacFarland arrived at the track.

"What are you doing there? Get down out of that," yelled MacFarland, a giant in stature. Lantenberg kept on with his work.

"Stop it—or you'll be stopped," MacFarland repeated, and then grabbed the "butcher."

Lantenberg, a much smaller man, had been using a big screw driver at his task. This he thrust at MacFarland's head, point first.

The point of the screw driver penetrated the frail skull bones near MacFarland's ear and went into the brain. He fell unconscious, mortally wounded. However, trainers and track hangers-on ran up and grabbed Lantenberg, disarming him.

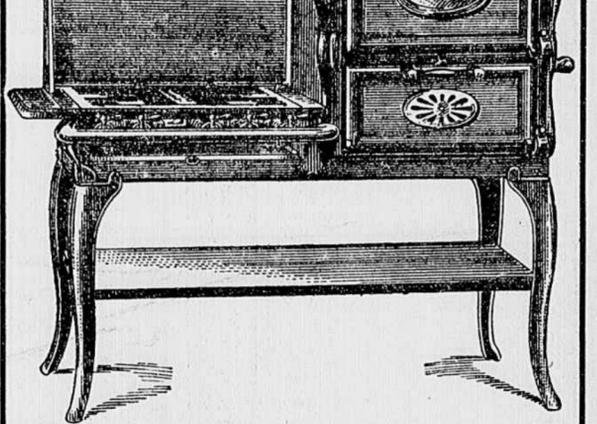
MacFarland was rushed to the city hospital, where he died at 9:05 o'clock. Lantenberg was locked up.

MacFarland in seventeen years has raced in every State and in most foreign countries. He has won nearly 1,000 races at all distances, and

triumphed also in many six-day races. Six years ago he turned to promoting and was equally successful. He is thirty-eight years old, and was born in San Jose, Cal.

Curfew May Ring in Bristol

BRISTOL, VA., April 17.—The Virginia half of Bristol now threatens to follow the example of the Tennessee half by putting into effect a curfew ordinance which was adopted in 1902. From the date to the present the curfew has not failed to sound in Bristol, Tenn., at 8:50 o'clock each night. The arrest this week of youths who were in the way of pedestrians on the streets at a later hour than 9 o'clock seems to have impressed the police that this ordinance should be enforced.



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