

KELLY TO HAVE ELEVEN DAYS LIBERTY BEFORE FIRST TRIAL FOR BRIBERY.

Friends Meet the Indicted Former Speaker of the House of Delegates at the Four Courts Upon His Return from European Flight and Save Him the Embarrassment of Being Locked Up by Supplying Bonds in the Sum of \$30,000—Crowd Awaits Return of Fugitive at Union Station.

EFFORT TO ATTACH MONEY TAKEN FROM PRISONER TO SATISFY AN ALLEGED LIVERY BILL.



THE ARRIVAL OF CHARLES F. KELLY AT THE FOUR COURTS. The prisoner is in the center of the group. His wife is on his right.

KELLY'S BIG "BANK ROLL" HAS Dwindled TO \$73. When Charles F. Kelly was arrested in Philadelphia he was reported to have had \$200 on his person. When he arrived in St. Louis he produced a roll of only \$73 at the Central District Police Station, claiming that was all the money he had.

Charles F. Kelly, former Speaker of the House of Delegates, indicted on two charges of bribery and one of perjury, who was brought back to St. Louis yesterday afternoon from Philadelphia, and released on \$30,000 bond, \$10,000 in each case, will be arraigned for trial on one bribery charge in Judge Douglas's court Monday, December 15.

The case in the Court of Criminal Correction, in which Kelly is charged with misconduct in office, the bond of \$1,000 having been declared forfeited for his nonappearance, will, it is understood, be passed over for the felony cases.

When the four alighted from the train all eyes were searching for Kelly. There was a crowd of 500 persons in the midway, all eager to get a glimpse of him.

Many in the crowd did not recognize Kelly. They expected to see a commonly dressed man, pale, haggard and care-worn. Instead there emerged through the gates into the midway, with a heavily veiled lady on his arm, a stylishly attired man wearing a silk tie and a long black tail-made overcoat, extending almost to his shoe tops.

T. Ed Albright, former member of the House, was the first to step from the crowd and with extended hand, said: "Hello, Charlie! Glad to see you. You're looking fine." The crowd in unison then exclaimed: "That's him!" "That's Kelly!"

MANY PERSONS EAGER TO SHAKE KELLY'S HAND. Then other friends of Kelly pressed forward and grasped him by the hand. It looked more like a reception to some Lord than the return of an alleged hoodler and fugitive. So eager was the crowd to get a look at Kelly that the police experienced difficulty in keeping the surging mass in check and opening a passageway for the prisoner and his escort.

A carriage which was in waiting at the Twentieth street entrance was finally

GREAT BRITAIN CONTINUES WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

Goes Ahead With Plan to Assemble Squadron While Awaiting News of President Castro's Promise to Pay.

WARSHIPS READY FOR ACTION. PREPARED FOR LONG STRUGGLE

London, Dec. 3.—Great Britain and Germany, according to official statements made here, have commenced punitive measures against Venezuela.

German war vessels, it is stated, are already on the scene of the contemplated action, and Great Britain by to-morrow should have a squadron there capable of coping with any resistance that Venezuela might offer.

Meanwhile the Associated Press is informed that no definite answer has yet been received from Washington by the financiers here who wish to bring about a pacific settlement. An important communication, one way or the other, is expected from Washington to-morrow.

UP TO AMERICA. If the United States is willing to guarantee its moral support to the request that Venezuela be allowed time to fulfill the suggested bargain, the plans thereof will at once be submitted to the British Foreign Office.

If Washington refuses to suggest to the European Powers that Venezuela be allowed time, it is probable that the financial house now interested will drop the plan altogether.

In the latter alternative the Venezuelan delegation here is likely to submit the suggested settlement to the British and German Governments, with an application for time to admit of their entering into negotiations with other financial interests.

The Venezuelan delegates maintain that their status has been seriously affected by the adoption of the aggressive measures announced to-day, but they declare that it would be obviously bad policy, in spite of the critical position of their country, to make any suggestion to Europe until the attitude of the United States, both as a joint creditor and a largely interested political power, had been ascertained.

JULIAN RALPH ILL FROM A HEMORRHAGE

War Correspondent and Author is in a Critical Condition at the Southern Hotel.

DANGER FROM SECOND ATTACK.

Stricken After a Dinner in Honor of His Appointment as Manager of World's Fair Eastern Bureau.

Julian Ralph, the famous war correspondent and author, is critically ill at the Southern Hotel from the effects of a violent hemorrhage. Doctor Louis M. Behrens says that a repetition of the attack would terminate fatally.

Mr. Ralph was stricken suddenly at 10 p. m. Tuesday, immediately after his return from a dinner given in his honor at the St. Louis Club. He was recovering in his apartments with a friend when the attack came without warning.

The victim rapidly sank into unconsciousness. He was assisted to his bed. With partial recovery a little later, he forbade the summoning of physicians. His condition last night was that of a stupor. Mrs. Ralph has been informed of her husband's condition by telegraph and is expected to arrive some time to-day.

Overexertion in an attempt to get dispatches through the lines to the front during the campaign of General Methuen, in the Boer war, precipitated the first of a series of fits which he has ever since suffered. A second visitation came in New York after Mr. Ralph arrived there from the scene of the South African conflict.

OCASIONS DEEP RESPIRE. Deep regret over the distinguished journalist's condition is felt in the World's Fair official circles, especially since it was only Tuesday afternoon that the Executive Committee had confirmed his appointment as manager of the Eastern headquarters of the Exposition at New York City.

The dinner at the St. Louis Club was for the purpose of signaling the honor which had just been conferred on him.

Mr. Ralph had planned to visit the Administration building Wednesday morning to gather material for his work in the East. He was also engaged in collecting data for a magazine article on the World's Fair city.

If he recovers fully from the serious nature of the trouble, the physician attending the case says, it will be a week or ten days at least before it will be safe for him to resume his duties.

The exact nature of the illness, according to Mr. Ralph, was the bursting of a blood vessel in the walls of the stomach. At least this was the diagnosis of the original attack in South Africa, as made by the surgeons of the British Army on General Methuen's staff. Mr. Ralph was incapacitated and left his post.

ATTACK VERY SUDDEN. When he returned to his apartments from the dinner at the club, Tuesday evening, Mr. Ralph did not complain of any alarming symptoms. He was seated in an easy chair talking cheerfully to his visitors when his face suddenly turned pale. This was followed by a swift collapse. He sank inertly into the chair. His head dropped on the arm and unconsciousness ensued.

After he had been stricken on his bed he opened his eyes and inquired how long he had been sleeping. A movement to call medical aid was promptly checked by the patient. He said that he knew all about the case and would treat himself. The night was passed in administering crushed ice, with the idea of setting up a coagulation which might stop the hemorrhage.

Friends became alarmed yesterday morning when he did not evince signs of recuperation, and called in Doctor Behrens. The physician said that assistance should have been resorted to earlier and counseled extreme care. He told his patient that he must not arise under any circumstances, as there was exceeding danger from a recurrence of the trouble.

Doctor Behrens added that Mr. Ralph's strength was not sufficient to withstand a second attack.

JURY ACQUITS HENRY NICOLAUS ON THE COURT'S INSTRUCTION.

Trial of Millionaire on Charge of Bribery Ends After State's Evidence Is In—Judge Ryan Sustains Demurrer of the Defense on the Ground That the State Had Not Established Proof of the Charge Named in the Indictment.

FIRST BRIBERY CASE YET LOST BY THE CIRCUIT ATTORNEY.

Henry Nicolaus, the millionaire brewer, who was on trial on the charge of bribery yesterday afternoon, was acquitted by the jury under instructions from Judge O'Neill Ryan, who sustained the defense's demurrer to the State's case and ordered that a verdict of not guilty be returned.

The court's ruling on the demurrer was not wholly unexpected by many persons who had heard all the testimony, but others were surprised, believing Judge Ryan would leave the case entirely in the hands of the jurors to decide.

Circuit Attorney Folk seemingly was surprised by the decision, but the attorneys for the defense, Judge Finkelnberg, Charles Nagel and Jesse L. McDonald, declared after adjournment that they had been confident of victory.

As soon as the jury's verdict was presented to the court as ordered and adjournment was taken Nicolaus was surrounded by a dozen friends who tendered their congratulations. To one of them he said:

"I was sure of acquittal. I have felt all along that my innocence would be established, and I trusted implicitly in my lawyers to bring it about. I have contended that I did not know that bribery was to be committed, and I feel that I have been vindicated."

The brief arguments of counsel on the demurrer were presented by Mr. McDonald as soon as Circuit Attorney Folk had announced that the State rested. Charles Nagel opened for the defense. He was followed by Judge Finkelnberg. Both declared the State had not shown knowledge or intent by the witnesses who had taken the stand against Nicolaus, which was in substance the contention set forth in the written demurrer. They said the State had not made a case strong enough to warrant its going to the jury. Judge Finkelnberg read from the statutes, and cited cases which, he contended, were parallel to the one at bar.

Circuit Attorney Folk and C. Orrick (who acted as foreman) demurred. They held that the State had made a clear case of bribery against Nicolaus and contended that he would not sign notes for \$125,000 without knowing to what use the money was to be put.

THE JURY TO FIND FOR ACQUITTAL. Judge Ryan announced his decision immediately upon the completion of the arguments, and ordered that the jury, which had been withdrawn while the attorneys were arguing the demurrer, be brought in. Addressing the jurors, Judge Ryan stated that it was the instructions of the court that they retire and prepare a verdict of not guilty.

The jurors filed out, and once in the jury room selected Louis E. Snow of No. 115 Eighth street as foreman. He signed the verdict, and at 4:35 o'clock it was presented to Judge Ryan.

Later Mr. Snow said: "I had not made up my mind as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, but am glad that a part of the responsibility of deciding has been removed from my shoulders. As to the feeling of the other jurors I know nothing."

The other jurors who were asked about the verdict declared that they did not wish to discuss it, but, like Mr. Snow, seemed glad to escape the responsibility of deciding as to the defendant's guilt or innocence. Nicolaus left the courtroom with his lawyers and friends, his face wreathed in smiles.

CHARGE AGAINST NICOLAUS' WIFE COMPLICATED IN BRIBERY. The charge against Nicolaus was that he had been a party to the bribery of Council and House of Delegates members, among whom \$125,000 was to be paid for their votes on a bill presented by the Suburban Railway Company, of which he was a director. It was charged that \$125,000 had been raised on notes signed by Charles H. Turner, former president of the road; Nicolaus and Ellis Wainwright from the German Savings Institution.

This money was turned over to Philip Stock who acted as legislative agent for the railway company, and was to make deals with the Council and House members for the passage of the bill. With Charles Kratz, a member of the Council, Stock agreed to pay \$60,000 for enough votes to carry the bill through the upper branch of the Municipal Assembly. The money was placed in one of the Mississippi Valley Trust Company's vaults. Stock took one key and John C. Brinkmeyer, acting for Kratz, had the other.

With John K. Murrell Stock agreed to pay \$50,000 for nineteen votes in the House of Delegates on the measure. The money was deposited in a Lincoln Trust Company box. Stock held one of these keys and Murrell the other.

The State contended that Nicolaus knew when he signed the notes that the money was to be used to influence the passage of the bill introduced in the Municipal Assembly. By the company, which would have given the Suburban valuable franchise privileges.

Nicolaus contended that he did not know that the money was to be used for, but signed the notes simply on the request of the president of the company, Charles H. Turner. Judge Ryan's ruling, however, made it unnecessary for the defense to place a single witness on the stand, but their contention was manifested from all their arguments during the progress of the trial, which began Tuesday morning.



HENRY NICOLAUS. Who was acquitted of the charge of bribery in Judge Ryan's Court yesterday afternoon.

OPERATION ON REED MAY BE NECESSARY

Physicians Diagnose the Former Speaker's Ailment as Catarrhal Appendicitis.

ILLNESS TRACED TO BANQUET.

Improvement Noted in His Condition Yesterday and Hope Is Offered That Surgery May Not Have to Be Resorted To.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Former Speaker Thomas B. Reed, who is suffering from an attack of catarrhal appendicitis, is reported by his physicians late to-night to be resting comfortably, with conditions improving and temperature falling.

This bulletin was issued by Doctors Gardner and T. C. MacDonald at 10:30 o'clock to-night, after spending a half hour in Mr. Reed's room.

"Mr. Reed's condition at 10 p. m. was as follows: Temperature, 98. Pulse, 80. Retains nourishment and is more comfortable in every way."

Both physicians said to-night on coming from Mr. Reed's room that while his condition might perhaps be considered serious, there was no occasion for any alarm among his friends. The question of an operation is yet to be decided.

It was Mr. Reed's intention to leave for New York Monday night, but instead he took to his bed at the Arlington Hotel early in the evening and sent for Doctor Gardner. Doctor Gardner relieved his pain for the time being, and said that the illness was not serious. Mr. Reed passed a fairly comfortable night and announced himself better yesterday morning.

He spent the latter part of yesterday afternoon in the marble room of the Senate talking with various Senators and friends and to them he said that he was feeling very badly and thought it best for him to go to his hotel. He was driven to the Arlington, and went to his room complaining of serious pain.

Doctor Gardner was again summoned, and found his condition more serious than on the previous evening.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

- THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 7:02 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 4:39. THE MOON SETS THIS EVENING AT 8:30. WEATHER INDICATIONS. For Missouri—Fair in north; snow in south Thursday, followed by clearing, colder in east and south. Friday, fair and warmer. For Illinois—Fair and colder Thursday, with a cold wave. Friday, fair and warmer. Page. 2. Next Speaker of the House. Series of Deaths Causes Inquiry. 3. Miller's Friends Claim Enough Votes to Elect. 4. Yates Crowd May Lose the House. New York Considers Fair Building Plans. Dramatic Scene in Hartopp Case. 5. Treasury in Good Condition; Menace of Immigration. Committee Favors Only One New State. 6. Prince Seeks to Be Made Ambassador. Gives Up Husband Rather Than Salary. Ten-year-old Boy Fatally Burned. 7. The Stage. 8. General Henderson Tenders Compromise. Missouri's Vote by Counties. 9. Holton Had Previous Intention of Suicide. Winter's Battalions Overrun the West. Bowling Results. 10. General Sporting News. General Gossip of the Puffblows. Gossip of the Greyhounds. 11. East Side News. Cotton Exchange Was Very Lively. 12. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. 13. Rooms for Rent and Real Estate Ads. 14. Summary of St. Louis Markets. Cold-Weather Outlook Depresses Grains. River News and Personal. 15. Wall Street in Hands of Small Traders. Third National Leads Local Securities. Grains Lower in Chicago. 16. Capital Is Raised for Saxonia Hotel. Real Estate Transfers. Manchester Avenue Residents Organize. To Prosecute Dealers in Impure Milk.

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