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"MAJOR" HUGH C. DENNIS HAS A STRENUOUS RECORD.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS IN TURF INVESTIGATION.

RYAN IS RELEASED ON BOND; COUNTRY SCORED FOR ARNOLD.

TO BE NO WOMEN'S BUILDING AT FAIR.



"MAJOR" HUGH C. DENNIS.

"Major" Dennis has figured more or less prominently in the public prints in the last several months. He is a Canadian, and while he has been in St. Louis more than a year, it was not until last July that he began to attract attention.

Indictments were returned by the Grand Jury yesterday against John J. Ryan and O. W. Depler, president and manager, respectively, of the John J. Ryan Turf Investment Company. Ryan was arrested on a bench warrant and gave bond.

Grand Jury Returns Two Bills of Indictments Against Turf-Investment Promoter and His Manager, Who Is in Cincinnati—Police Department Send Out Circulars Requesting the Apprehension of E. J. Arnold and His Manager, L. A. Gill.

Mrs. Blair Says Lack of Government Appropriation Determined Decision of Board.

PLAN TO INSPECT METERS UNDER AUTHORITY OF CITY.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 16.—Representative Selph of St. Louis today introduced a bill in the House which relates to the inspection of gas and electric light meters in cities of 50,000 inhabitants and over.

Two indictments against John J. Ryan, president, and O. W. Depler, manager, of the John J. Ryan Turf Investment Company, were returned by the February Grand Jury yesterday.



JOHN J. RYAN.

RYAN'S RETURN ON BOND. Ryan returned on bond for \$10,000, accompanied by E. J. Arnold, president of the company, and instructed to come to St. Louis immediately.

QUARTERS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS. One of the University Structures Placed at Disposal of Ladies—Hall of Philanthropy Plan Also Abandoned.

The Republic Bureau, 118 Times Building, New York, Feb. 15.—Mrs. James L. Blair of St. Louis, President of the Board of Lady Managers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and Mrs. Benjamin F. Schuerman, Secretary of the board, arrived in New York late last night, and met the other ladies of the board this morning at the Murray Hill Hotel.

STATUTES UNDER WHICH FOUR TURF PROMOTERS ARE INDICTED.

The sections of the statutes under which Arnold, Gill, Ryan and Depler are indicted are as follows: CONSPIRACY. Section 232. If two or more persons shall agree, conspire, combine or confederate first, to commit any offense...

HEADS OF INVESTMENT CONCERNS TESTIFY AT LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY.

It was a busy day for the legislative committee which conducted an examination into the methods of the turf-investment companies and other St. Louis concerns at the Southern Hotel yesterday.

her and her parents. The subpoena was given to a Deputy Sheriff to serve yesterday, and he went to the McPherson avenue house. Upon his return, an hour later, he reported that he had been unable to find Miss Hamilton.

LIST OF WITNESSES BEFORE GRAND JURY. Witnesses who were examined by the Grand Jury yesterday were: Herman Rippe, No. 12 South Fourth street; E. F. Yehling, No. 222 Chippewa street; W. A. Webb, 4214 Fair avenue; Charles F. Ferry, No. 372 Laclede avenue; John Klute, No. 28 Washington avenue; Clarence Keith, No. 615 Chestnut street; Doctor E. B. Kinder, Twenty-second and Carr streets; Edward Godron, former deputy Circuit Clerk, and M. C. Cottle, an employee of one of the banks.

As soon as the bench warrant had been served on Ryan, and he had given his bond, he departed with Mrs. Maloney and his attorney, Charles T. Noland. They sent telegrams to Manager Depler at Cincinnati, instructing him to come to St. Louis immediately, saying a bondsman would be ready to give surety for his release immediately upon his arrival.

The bench warrant against Depler was delivered to the Sheriff. It was stated that he had been taken to the police station, and that he had communicated long-distance telephone with the Cincinnati police informing them that Depler was wanted in this city. Chief Kieley stated yesterday afternoon that he had not requested Depler's arrest.

The Grand Jury will give its attention today to the case of the National Securities Company's affairs. The concern has announced that it courts investigation, and Circuit Attorney Folk has decided that it shall have an inquiry tomorrow. The Grand Jury witnesses have been summoned to appear before the Grand Jury today.

MISS PEARL HAMILIN OF No. 3944 McPherson street, who is the confidential secretary of Ryan, was not a witness before the Grand Jury yesterday, although badly wanted by Circuit Attorney Folk. Miss Hamilton was seen at her home Saturday night by a reporter for The Republic, who talked with

CARS AGAIN COLLIDE ON SINGLE TRACK.

Second Head-End Wreck Within a Week Occurs on the Clayton Line.

TWO PASSENGERS ARE INJURED.

World's Fair Employees Are Forced to Walk a Mile With Thermometer Ten Degrees Above Zero.

WRECKS ON CLAYTON LINE IN LAST FOUR MONTHS.

January 11—Four World's Fair employees badly bruised in an early-morning head-end collision.

January 20—Three persons injured when two cars came together in a dense fog.

February 11—Four World's Fair employees badly bruised in an early-morning head-end collision.

Seven collisions in four months, on the single track of the Transit Company's Administration building line, west of Forsyth Junction, one person killed and twelve persons hurt, was the record yesterday after a head-end crash between two cars at 5:15 p. m.

THOSE PRESENT. A majority of the Board of Lady Managers responded to the call and met this morning at the Murray Hill Hotel. They were: Mrs. James L. Blair, president; Mrs. W. E. Andrews of Washington, Mrs. Edward Bookwater of Springfield, O.; Mrs. W. E. Coleman of Indianapolis, Mrs. Fines P. Ernest of Denver, Mrs. Lavinia Egan of Shreveport, La.; Miss Helen M. Gould of New York, Mrs. John Miller Horton of Buffalo, Mrs. Frederick M. Hanger of Little Rock, Mrs. Helen Boyce-Hunsicker of Philadelphia, Mrs. J. Holcomb of Hartford, Mrs. R. W. Knott of Louisville, Mrs. Mary Phelps Manning of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Daniel Montgomery of Albany, Mrs. Annie McLane Moore of Mount Pleasant, Tex.; Mrs. A. L. VonKahor of Centerville, Va.; Mrs. Fannie L. Porter of Atlanta and Mrs. James E. Sullivan of Providence.

Mrs. Blair submitted to the board a full report of the correspondence which had passed between the local Exposition authorities and herself since the last meeting of the Lady Managers. She explained to the ladies that the Exposition officials declined to appropriate money for the realization of their ambition—the Hall of Philanthropy, which would remain as a permanent monument to the work of the board, and had made a counter offer, proffering the use of a building of the Washington University buildings to be known during the Fair as the building of the Board of Lady Managers.

This building, Mrs. Blair explained, will be arranged for the convenience of the board. No partitions will be placed in it, and it will be so laid out that the ladies will be enabled to hold receptions and entertainments for congresses, etc. It does not appear that the Exposition officials approved the original plans for a woman's building.

MISS GOULD'S OPINION. The ladies were then asked for individual opinions as to whether the offer of the proposed building should be accepted. They were unanimous in the belief that under any circumstances nothing else could be done.

Miss Helen Gould said: "I do not see why it would not amount to the same thing. If they assign that building to us, if it would contain tolerably good reception-rooms and large rooms that could be used for congresses, etc., I do not see why we should not accept it."

This was the sentiment of all the members of the board present, but it was not put to a formal vote.

There was a general feeling of disappointment among the ladies, but no dissatisfaction was expressed. The ladies who were present at the Hall of Philanthropy were crowned upon by the local Exposition Company.

The position of the lady managers now is just this: It is a board created by act of Congress, but with no appropriation to carry on their schemes.

They have asked the National Commission, of which their board is an adjunct, to request Congress to make an appropriation for the organization known as the Board of Lady Managers. This was refused.

They then asked the local Exposition Company to make an appropriation to carry on the work outlined by them, but this did not meet with approval, and they now feel that there is nothing else to do but gracefully subside and express willingness to do anything that may be asked of them.

Mrs. Blair put the matter very concretely when she said: "We are merely a body of women managers with rules and regulations, but with no appropriation. The world moves very fast in these days, but it requires something more substantial than rules to move along with it."

HOPE FOR PLAN. Mrs. Blair, with a number of her colleagues, held an informal meeting at the Murray Hill to-night, and at its conclusion said that the movement for a Hall of Philanthropy had not been abandoned altogether. She declined to state just what action the Lady Managers would take to secure a permanent structure, but intimated that an appeal would be taken to higher authorities before they would surrender unconditionally.

The fact that no vote was taken at today's sessions accepting the proffered University building leads to the belief that Mrs. Blair reserves a high trump card, which she will play at an opportune time.

It is not improbable that legal advice will be sought with regard to the act creating the Board of Lady Managers, asking for an interpretation of some of the clauses, to take out if the board is not satisfied to share in the \$5,000,000 appropriated by Congress. Should it be decided that the ladies are entitled to share in this appropriation, the Hall of Philanthropy, after all, may become a reality.

The board will hold another meeting at the Murray Hill to-morrow morning. To-morrow afternoon the ladies will be entertained by Mrs. Carl von Mayhoff at her home, No. 65 East Third street.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

- GRAIN CLOSED—ST. LOUIS, MAY WHEAT 75 3/4c BID; MAY CORN 41 1/2c BID. CHICAGO, MAY WHEAT 75 3/4c BID; MAY CORN 41 1/2c ASKED.
- LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25. EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12.
- THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:31 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 5:23. THE MOON RISES TO-MORROW MORNING AT 12:31.
- WEATHER INDICATIONS. For St. Louis and vicinity—Generally fair and continued cold.

- Will Entertain Noted Minister. Blizzard Causes Heavy Losses to Cattlemen in Southwest.
- East Side News.
- Republic "Want" Ads. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations.
- Rooms for Rent Ads.
- Summary of St. Louis Markets. Wheat Higher After Easy Opening. Real Estate News and Transfers.
- Wall Street Interests Shift. Mechanics' and State Lead Banking List.
- Sisters Will Be Brides at Double Wedding. School for Young Teachers. Merger of Three Lighting Plants Again Rumored. Will Discuss Water Rates.

BILL TO REDUCE FEES OF EXCISE COMMISSIONER.

Representative Colden Would Reduce the Percentage From Forty to Twenty-five.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 16.—Colden of Nodaway introduced a bill in the House today cutting down the emoluments of the Excise Commissioner of St. Louis 50 per cent. Under the present law he is allowed to retain 40 per cent of the fees received by him and must turn 60 per cent over to the State Treasurer.

Like Walsh, he said he started with \$10,000 and increased his business gradually. He stated that he did not guarantee 5 per cent interest, but it was generally understood among his customers that he was paying it.

He could afford to pay that much, he said, because he had one of the best handcarriers in the business running his books at New Orleans.

ARNOLD'S HIGH-SALARIED CARRIER A WITNESS. Miss Annie C. Sterling, cashier for E. J. Arnold & Co., was next called. She stated

that she did not know the whereabouts of either Gill or Arnold.

She said she was with the Arnold company two years, and understood that the firm had been in existence for five years.

She said eighty girls were employed in the Arnold office, and that the help numbered a hundred. Salaries ran as high as \$100 a week, she stated.

"My salary was \$30 a week," she continued. "Some of the girls got more, and some less."

"What were your duties there?" asked Representative Booth.

"I signed checks. My duty was to give the customers their interest and withdrawal," she replied.

"How many checks did you sign a day?" was asked.

HOW DISHONEST FIRMS DECEIVE THEIR PATRONS.

"A firm that would do it is a pirate firm," he said. "They are worse than thieves. A man might put such money in his pocket and never invest it."

Sometimes it is invested and if the customer wins the dishonest broker puts the money in his pocket and informs his client that he has invested and lost. On the other hand if he loses he makes the same answer to the customer. He said he knew of many such firms, but did not care to designate them.

W. M. Lettwich, formerly vice president of the Rialto Grain and Commission Company, was next called. He stated that the Rialto Company was incorporated for \$25,000, and dealt extensively in discretionary orders from the country.

"Are they from Missouri?" asked Senator Jewell.

"No," he replied. "Missourians are better posted. They know too much about the grain business."

MANY PERSONS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN SPECULATIVE SCHEMES.

"Do you get many people to trust you to make trades for them?" asked Senator Martin.

"You'd be surprised to know how many

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