

AND THIS HAS COME TO PASS IN ARIZONA?

Shall Scandalous Rumors Go Unchecked and Unchal- lenged? Not Any, Says the Member From His- toric Cochise

BLIGHTON GETS INTO LIMELIGHT

Socialist Editor Discusses Street Gossip Regarding "Corruption Fund" and is Promptly Asked for Details

Yesterday's session of the legislature brought into bold relief from the denser background of automatic and mechanical legislation four matters of unusual interest. The most sensational was put before the house and incidentally the wide and curious world by Mr. Kelton, who rose to a question of privilege and stated that the integrity of the house had been brought into question by the circulation of a story that a slush fund of \$2,000 had been raised in Pima county and brought to the capitol for the purpose of securing legislation of interest to the saloons, particularly the passage of senate bill 39. He said it had been brought to his attention that one Frank Harris Blighton, a newspaper man, had been circulating the rumor; and he requested the appointment of a special committee of five men to summon Mr. Blighton before it and request the divulging of any information he had on the subject, or give his reasons for thus reflecting on the members of the house. He said there were numerous members who would like to know what became of the money if such a fund had been brought to Phoenix for such a purpose. The motion carried and Messrs. Kelton, Saxon, Kerr, Jones and Brooks were named as the committee.

The next subject that will command special attention is equal suffrage. Kirk Moore managed to get his equal suffrage bill through the committee of the whole in the house yesterday and into the hands of the engrossing committee, and it will be reported back this morning for final action unless some plan is developed over night further to delay it. In the natural order of things it should come up for passage today as soon as that order of business is reached. Great diversity of opinion developed in the debate yesterday and the motion to send the measure to the engrossing committee was carried by a vote of 18 to 15. Whether the 18 will stand up on the final vote or what the two members absent yesterday will do, is problematical. The 18 who voted for the bill yesterday are: Babitt, Ball, Coker, Crofoot, Curry, Gonzalez, Hall, Irvine, Jacobs, Jacobson, Johnson, Jones, Kane, Lewis, Linnery, A. Moore, Kirk Moore, Murphy, Whipple. The nay votes were: Barker, Brooks, Buchanan, Craig, Drennan, Duncan, Ellis, Graham, Kelton, Kerr, Maddock, Mattox, Saxon, Bradner. The absentees were Lynch and Wren. Senator Hughes has a similar bill in the other house but thus far it is stuck in the committee and a showing of strength has not been made.

The third feature of yesterday was the passage of senate bill 5 through the senate. This is the Phoenix sewer bond bill, against which nobody has objection. But it carries the emergency section which was fastened on senate bill 39 the other day and which was opposed by Senators Wood and Davis. As this bill was introduced by Davis and supported by Wood, there is a disposition to pass the bill with the emergency clause and send it to the governor to see if he will treat it the same as the Worsley bill. The majority in the senate is keen to pass the bill with the emergency, not that they love Phoenix more but that they like to worry their late tormentors. This bill will go to the house today and there is keen interest in its fate. The bill cannot get far enough along today for decisive action unless the rules be suspended.

The fourth subject of special interest was the consideration in the house committee of the whole of the bill to abolish capital punishment. The job was not finished and was laid over until today. There was enough in the line of oratory and motions to indicate that the house does not favor the measure. Discussion yesterday covered the full range of the subject all the way from historical incidents in Arizona to the theories that hanging is a relic of barbarism and, anyhow, the murderer is not so wicked as he is "unfortunate", being mentally defective. Capital punishment of the bill was recommended.

THE SENATE

The senate started action yesterday by adopting a rule that legislative agents must apply to the senate for permission to make appointments with committee chairmen. The labor committee reported senate

TWO THOUSAND MAKE PROTEST AGAINST BILL

Mexican Miners Declare a Great Injustice Would Be Done by Kin- ney Measure

REGARD IT AS SERIOUS MENACE

Meetings Have Been Held and Protest Against Its Passage Will Be Presented

[Special Correspondence]
HAYDEN, April 3.—Mexican citizens of Ray have been holding Kinney bill every night since Monday. More than two thousand gathered last night with a band and speeches and signed a monster petition begging that a provision giving consideration to people who have been residents of this section for two hundred years. Many miners not qualified in English have families living in Arizona that subsist on wages sent from here. But a majority have families with them. Ray Consolidated employs fifteen hundred Mexicans who support a population of seven thousand in Sonora.

The protesters believe the treaty under which Mexico ceded this section of the country to the United States is broken if the measure becomes a law. An arrangement is materializing to mould the voters in the state into a body to defeat any person or measure which seeks to arouse prejudice. This element holds the balance of power in this and some other counties.

A man in a speech last night said if the United States intervened in Mexico this act of a border state would make the struggle bitterer than could be conceived. Another said that anxiety was premature, for the sober sense of the greatest people in the world would return and the American people would never commit the gross iniquity of driving a peaceful people from their homes.

The band played national airs and the audience uncovered at the Star Spangled Banner. No bitterness was displayed. It was a friendly congress to fight against an impending calamity with whatever strength it could muster.

American residents are stirred up locally realizing that if obnoxious restrictions are placed upon the company it cannot continue on a large scale but will be compelled to curtail its output until high grade ore is exhausted and forego the extraction of low grades for all time. The camp is twelve years old and has shut down twice since it first started but if now in a fair way permanent operation. Inspiration and Live Oak are similar propositions which banked on Mexican labor but are so low in grade that abandonment under the proposed restrictions is not improbable.

GETS LONG TERM.

[Associated Press Dispatch]
MEXICO CITY, April 3.—George I. Harsh, president of the defunct United States Banking company today was sentenced to twelve years imprisonment, on three counts of an indictment, charging misappropriation of funds. He has been confined in the federal prison since the failure of the bank in January, 1910.

TWO NEW DIRECTORS.

Southern Pacific Board Was Filled at a Meeting Yesterday.

TAFT UNCERTAIN WHAT HE WILL DO

President Awaits Return of Secretary Knox Before Making Up His Mind Regarding Treaties.

HE WILL NOT TALK

Britton Has Nothing to Say About Shooting of Soldiers

[Associated Press Dispatch]
LIVINGSTON, Mont., April 3.—Sergeant Clarence Britton, of the Sixth cavalry, accused of killing Private Frank Cunningham and wounding Private Frank Carroll, when they refused to obey his commands, was placed in the guardhouse at Fort Yellowstone today. He still declines to talk of the incidents that led to the shooting at the Sylvan Pass entrance to the park, where he was in charge of a detachment of soldiers. He will be tried by court-martial. Carroll is reported in a critical condition.

ENGLISH COAL MINERS WILL RETURN TO WORK

Majority Against Resumption Will Be Too Small to Justify Pro- longing the Strike

[Associated Press Dispatch]
LONDON, April 3.—"It will be peace with honor and the men will return to work," said Thomas Ashton, secretary of the Miners' federation, tonight, "but pending a scrutiny of the ballot tomorrow, I will not be able to give figures." Other delegates who arrived this evening to attend a meeting of the federation tomorrow are agreed there will be too small a majority against resumption to justify prolongation of the conflict. Work in the coal fields is rapidly extending. It is said twenty thousand will return in the Staffordshire district tomorrow.

FIGHT AT SYDNEY.

Agitators Are Being Driven From San Diego by Police and Posse of Citizens.

THEY'VE NO USE FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

[Associated Press Dispatch]
SAN DIEGO, April 3.—The police, aided by citizen volunteers, began in earnest the expulsion of I. W. W. members from this city, and declare the work will continue until all have been sent away. Thirty were taken out of the city tonight by police and the citizens committee on a train and by automobiles. The men were carried beyond the corporate limits and told to walk in an opposite direction from San Diego. A guard remained at the scene to prevent their return. A large posse of police and citizens left during the day for the county line to run back a hundred I. W. W. expected to march to this city from Santa Ana. Members of the posse carried blankets and rifles.

SHERIFF IS KILLED.

Vengeance Overtakes M. C. Neal, Formerly Yuma County Peace Officer.

[Associated Press Dispatch]
YUMA, April 3.—The body of M. C. Neal, formerly forman on the Colorado levee work, was found near the levee on the Mexican side by workmen today. Neal has been missing today February. While sheriff of Yuma county last December he killed a Mexican who was resisting arrest. Friends of the Mexican at the time threatened vengeance. The body had innumerable knife wounds and the head had been crushed.

WILL PLAY BALL.

Chicago Will Have Team in the United States League.

RIVER TOWNS SUBMERGED BY GREAT FLOODS

Mississippi Will Be More Than a Foot Higher Than Ever it Was Known Before

NEW WARNING IS SENT OUT

Several Levee Breaks Are Reported and Already Much Damage Has Been Done

[Associated Press Dispatch]
The area affected by the flood caused by the almost unprecedented volume of water in the Mississippi was not extended a great deal yesterday, but the situation in the deluged centers is becoming more menacing. Two more levee breaks were reported near Chester, Ill., where thirty thousand acres of farming lands were inundated. The railroad levee protecting the tracks of Mobile and Ohio and a portion of the factory district at Cairo is reported having given way early this morning.

Twelve hours of sunshine made a slight check in the rise of the river and combined to give the general situation a more optimistic outlook, in the opinion of government engineers, who said last night if the stage at Memphis doesn't go over 45 feet the levees will hold. The weather forecaster at Memphis has urged managers of the railroads entering the city from the west to warn the inhabitants of those districts to move to higher ground.

The number of lives lost was brought up to eight yesterday when the death of three railroad men near Fulton, Ky., was reported. Two more were drowned near Clarksville, Tenn. The latter drove off the road and into the overflow of the Red river. Hickman, Ky., is the worst sufferer. The two thousand inhabitants of the town augmented yesterday by the arrival of a thousand refugees from Boronia, Mo. Food supplies in Hickman will last three more days. No trains have been run into or out of the town for several days. Food and tents enroute there have been held up by washouts.

Columbus, Ky., was the first town inundated. The situation is grave and there is much suffering in the outlying districts. The damage in that vicinity is estimated at a hundred thousand dollars. The damage at Memphis is estimated at a quarter of a million. About 1200 have been driven from their homes. Reports from Madrid, Mo., are meager. The town is flooded but no loss of life is reported.

The seriousness of the situation is not limited to river towns. Small tributaries have overflowed their banks and it is estimated three hundred thousand acres of farm land in Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas and Mississippi are flooded and probably nine hundred thousand more is utilized because of fear that the levees may break.

MEMPHIS, April 14. (Bulletin.)—Both the Mobile and Ohio and Big Four levees at Cairo have collapsed, according to a dispatch received early this morning. Four hundred men are reported marooned at Big Four levee and a steamer is reported going to their assistance. No loss of life is reported.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The weather bureau tonight issued the following flood bulletin: "The river situation is critical from Cairo to the mouth of the Mississippi. Floods will doubtless be of great extent, which the government has no record." "Considering only the water now in sight without any further heavy rain, the Mississippi below Vicksburg will rise until the early part of May and if the levees hold, the river will reach about 52 feet at Natchez, 42 feet at Baton Rouge, and 21.5 feet at New Orleans. These figures are from 1 to 1.5 feet higher than any previous record."

The warning issued Tuesday for at least 44 feet at Memphis by Saturday or Sunday was repeated. It says preparations should be made accordingly.

MEMPHIS, April 3.—Every hour tonight sees further encroachments of the water on the city. Twenty-five blocks in the northern sections are submerged to a depth of six or seven feet and the bayou Gayoso is over the banks within three quarters of a mile of the principal business section. The city's gas supply has given out and in the flooded district the sewer system is out of commission. Lack of labor is hampering the work of combatting the river. Farmers appear afraid to work on the levees when the crest is near the top, while the labor of the city cannot be concentrated there.

LA FOLLETTE WINS IN STATE PRIMARY

Carries Home State by Handsome Majority; the Clark-Wilson Fight Remains in Doubt

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Aviator, Who Made First Transcontinental Flight, Was Killed at Long Beach

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