

### "LITTLE JOKER" HAS REBIRTH IN HARTFORD

Representative Clark Fathers Second Proposition to Make City Pay Large Sum to Railroad. First Appearance a "Clerical Error" that Never Got from Mayor's Office to Council.

Section 59 Included in Section 58 of City Charter, With Effect of Withdrawing Power Given by State to Bridgeport to Lay Harbor Lines Without Compensating for Wharfage Rights.

The "Little Joker" has been born again. The hull in the harbor line controversy is accounted for. It has been shown by the Farmer, and by the opinion of former City Attorney Jas. A. Marr, that the city is not held for damages under the new charter, in case it lays a harbor line.

The friends of the railroad company want the city to pay damages. If the legislation to compel them to do so is missing, they will supply the omission. Hence the rebirth of the "little joker."

The "little joker" first appeared in the batch of charter amendments sent out from the office of Mayor Lee, Feb. 1. It was a simple little thing.

It provided for the insertion into Section 58 of the City Charter of the words "fifty-seven."

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### REPORT FAVORING YOUNG MEN'S SLATE COMING TUESDAY

Judiciary Committee by Vote of 9 to 2 Endorse Gould for Deputy Judge. "Olds" not Discouraged, But Rely on Strength in Senate-Delaney's Refusal Terminates Movement to Include Him in "Young" Program.

Robert H. Gould was the choice of the judiciary committee of the General Assembly for deputy judge of the City Court, by a vote of 9 to 2, at the meeting of the committee held yesterday in Hartford. The report of the committee, naming E. O. Hul for judge and Gould for deputy, will go into the Senate Tuesday, unless there is a departure from the expected.

The "Olds" are by no means discouraged. They rely greatly on their preponderance of senators. Manwaring and Holzer have it in mind to make a canvass of their associates in the Senate. The "young" men have Senator Arnold only. In the House the "young" men have had a much better reputation as the "old" men. Representative Clark being the adherent of the latter slate and Bartlett of the former.

The "young" men are such an excellent frame of mind that they are giving the "old" credit for being "game fighters," and indulging in the line of conversation, "but we are the winners, we believe ourselves sure winners."

Prosecutor DeLaney's positive refusal to allow consideration of his name for deputy judge has certainly not cooled the enthusiasm of the "young" men. It provided for the insertion into Section 58 of the City Charter of the words "fifty-seven."

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The "United States Government has power to protect navigation and has exercised it to our hurt. The state of Connecticut has power to protect navigation and has confined it to us. We have exercised our power to undo the injury the United States Government has done us. Now we want you to take away the powers you have given us. We want you to destroy the power of the United States which we have exercised, or if we choose to exercise it, we want you, the state, to make us pay roundly for the protection.

The question arises, whose servants are they that the voters of this city elect to office?

### OPERATORS ARE STANDING PAT AGAINST MINERS

Have No Intention of Granting Anything to the Men. Recognition of Union and Eight Hour Day Inadmissible.

Places the Burden for a Strike Upon the Unions is One is Declared—Further Conferences Today, But No Different Result Is Expected.

(Special from United Press.) Philadelphia, March 11.—With the position of the big anthracite coal operators clearly defined through their unqualified refusal to grant any one of the miners' eight demands, the burden of choosing between a strike or a renewal of the existing agreement to work rests on the shoulders of the mine workers.

When the conference between the sub-committees of the organization resumed today the miners' representatives found themselves facing the same inflexible determination manifested by the operators three years ago.

President Egan said his lieutenants had nothing to add or retract from their offer to continue the present agreement for another period of three years. The miners must either accept or reject. It was well understood that the miners' federation delegates have been empowered to make certain concessions to report to their own agreement with the operators but not at the sacrifice of the demand for union recognition, the eight hour day, or the clause relating to the binding of the miners by the operators with their own contract miners. Nor can the delegates close any agreement with the operators that would be binding on the miners.

However, it is predicted that the concessions the miners may make will be agreeable to the operators that leave intact such matters as union and recognition and the eight hour day. "The operators will stand pat," said one of the men close to them today. "They have no intention of granting the miners anything that tends to weaken the position they have assumed."

President Lewis of the United Mine Workers issued the following statement: "The representatives of the operators and the United Mine Workers of America of the anthracite districts, have met for the purpose of trying to agree upon a wage contract to govern the mine workers of the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania.

"During the deliberations it developed that the operators are unwilling to treat the miners as a single body as an organized body of men and at the same time the operators claim they are willing to negotiate with the representatives of the United Mine Workers. Two things are brought out very clearly in the position of the operators. In the first place they say that they have no objections to the anthracite mine workers belonging to the United Mine Workers, and yet they say they are unwilling to meet the demands of the miners as representatives of the union. This position is so inconsistent that it needs no comment."

### AGED STAMFORD WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN HOME

(Special from United Press.) Stamford, March 12.—Miss Julia B. Sisk, about 65 years old, was found dead today at her home at Washington avenue. The condition of the body indicated that she had been dead for several days. Miss Sisk possessed considerable means, but lived entirely alone in a house owned by herself, which she furnished and containing many valuable paintings. She had no near relatives so far as known, but is supposed to have cousins in New York. She had lived here many years, and had many acquaintances. She attended services in the Presbyterian church, and her remains were left to be buried in her estate to the church and the Y. M. C. A.

The cause of death was hemorrhage. It was believed that she had been on the floor of the bathroom, where the body was found. It is supposed she had a hemorrhage in the night, and that her head struck a piece of furniture which may have stunned her. The medical examiner gives the cause of death as hemorrhage.

### MASSACHUSETTS IN PAD POSITION

(Special from United Press.) Vineyard Haven, Mass., March 12.—Until a big boulder five hundred feet off shore is blown up by dynamite the fishing and shipping industry of the Massachusetts coast will be in a bad way. A freighter Massachusetts off the shore at Cedar Tree Neck, Martha's Vineyard, where she went had and fast on Tuesday. The big boulder merged rock gouged a hole in the bottom of the steamer Boston while she was trying to range along side the stranded steamer, and a few hours later it smashed a hole in the steam-lifter Lasco of the Scott Wrecking Company of New London, when she tried to take the Boston's place and haul the steamer afloat just as she was. It is planned to make the first pull this afternoon.

SALVING LADY SMITH'S CARGO. (Special from United Press.) Fishing Island, N. Y., March 12.—The tug and lighters of the T. A. Scott Fishing Company began to remove the deck cargo from the stranded bark Lady Smith, which ran ashore at this place day before yesterday. The sea has calmed considerably and there is a strong hope of saving the vessel.

### HUSBAND STRIVES TO KEEP WIFE IN UNITED STATES

Mrs. Obruchay, an Austrian, Became Public Charge Within Three Years of Arrival. Remorseless Law Provides for Deportation of Wongan—Husband, a Laborer, is in New York, Trying to Persuade United States Authorities to Give Him Time.

Karl Obruchay, of 888 Pembroke street, a laborer, of middle age, is in New York today making a strong effort to save his wife, Sophia Obruchay, aged 50, from being deported to their native home in Austria because they are poor and the wife has been a sufferer with heart trouble and a town charge, being a patient at the hospital at the expense of the city, within three years from the time they landed in this country. But Mr. Obruchay does not want to go back to the old country. She has relatives here and her husband can do much for her here than he could on the other side of the big pond.

The Obruchays came here just before the hard times struck the country. Their little store on Broadway was closed shortly after the husband lost his work. Then the wife became sick and a charge to the town.

Mr. Obruchay heartily objects at the thought of his wife being sent out of the country, which means that he must follow her. He is making an effort to have the Federal authorities in New York allow his wife to remain. It is doubtful that his pleadings will be granted unless he can get the bond in advance of the bill now before the committee on good roads, a state library building and armory and arsenal, and the measure would have been reported to the committee on the fact that it is being held up at the request of the friends of the good roads measure. They have been reluctant to see the bond law of 1907 changed, but will probably agree to make no contest, if the new bill is so drafted as to permit the use of not more than \$750,000 in the bill now before the committee on good roads, bridges and rivers which there is a great hope of getting through this session.

It is not realized that there is no need of a state tax to meet the expenditures which this bond issue and which the bond law is intended to meet. It is recognized, however, that the interest on these bonds creates an added fixed charge to the state's expenses of \$245,000 and additional charges will accrue for running the new buildings now in course of construction, and some means of adding to the state's revenues to meet these expenses will have to be found.

### CAPT. JEWELL OF HORATIO HALL REACHES BOSTON

Saved the Log of the Vessel—The Dimmock Straining Under a Fierce Gale. (Special from United Press.) Boston, March 12.—Telephone advices from Orleans, Mass., where the Metropolitan freighter Horatio Hall, stranded, say the vessel today is straining under a fierce sea kicked up by a 40 mile gale. Captain Thompson says that the vessel is still afloat and the revenue cutter Gresham and the salvage tugs are standing by. The wireless station at the Charlestown wharf, in company with touch with the Gresham, has received no news this morning which is taken as an omen that nothing of importance has occurred since the Dimmock struck the sands. It is believed probable should the gale die down today an effort will be made by the Gresham and the tugs to place her in an insane asylum.

Captain Frank K. Jewell of the wrecked steamer Horatio Hall, with his crew of officers and one seaman who stuck to the wreck with him, arrived in Boston early today on the tug boat John G. Chandler in company with Surgeon Robert J. Noble of the Maine Steamship Company, owners of the Hall, and the entire party left for the first morning train for the main offices of the company in New York.

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### PRIEST FAILS AS FINANCIER

Cardinal Gibbons Assumes His \$130,000 Obligations. Baltimore, March 12.—About a week ago Cardinal Gibbons announced the removal of the Rev. Casper P. Elbert from the rectory of St. Katherine's church in this city and appointed his successor. It now develops that the priest had spent \$130,000 of which was borrowed money, in backing and promoting various enterprises. What he did with the money no one knows. Father Elbert is in New York, and is under treatment and no one is permitted to see him.

The priest, according to those thrown into prison by the case, had had visions of acquiring a great fortune to aid the church and the school in his parish. The Cardinal expresses the belief that he was mentally irresponsible on the subject of money and that he does not admit consciousness of having done wrong.

Cardinal Gibbons has assumed responsibility for the debts of the priest. The Cardinal's name was on some of the bonds, and he is liable for the amount, including \$28,000, which is a legitimate debt in the church.

### USED REVOLVER TO COLLECT BILL

Carmelo Demore was fined \$10 and costs in the city court this morning on a charge of breach of the peace and \$10 on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. Demore lives at 222 Hamilton street. Mrs. Josephine Gagliardi, 664 Pennington street, made the complaint. She asserted that Gagliardi had called at her home and threatened her besides using bad language in her presence. Demore explained that he had called to lighter any of the bills owing to him by Mrs. Gagliardi. The revolver was found on his person when he was arrested. He paid his fine and was released. Demore claims the prosecution was malicious.

KILLS RACING IN TEXAS. (Special from United Press.) Austin, Texas, March 12.—Gov. Campbell has signed the bill which prohibits betting at county or state fairs. This kills the racing game in Texas, although the meeting now in progress will not be affected for some time.

### BOND ISSUE MEANS NO STATE TAX

Committee Will Report that \$7,000,000 Should Be Raised for Roads, Armory and Arsenal. Fixed Charges of \$245,000 Per Year Will Be Created by Measure.

Additional Charges for Maintenance of New Buildings Will Be Great—Not More Than \$750,000 to Be Used in Road Construction in Any Year. (Special from United Press.) Hartford, March 12.—The legislative committee on finance has voted to report favorably the \$7,000,000 state bond bill offered by State Treasurer Patten as a substitute for the \$6,500,000 bond issue authorized by the last general assembly to cover expenditures for a system of good roads, a state library building and armory and arsenal, and the measure would have been reported to the committee on the fact that it is being held up at the request of the friends of the good roads measure. They have been reluctant to see the bond law of 1907 changed, but will probably agree to make no contest, if the new bill is so drafted as to permit the use of not more than \$750,000 in the bill now before the committee on good roads, bridges and rivers which there is a great hope of getting through this session.

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Here ex-commissioner Romlin's corporate excess tax, which is growing in favor among the legislators, would come in, as well as the proposed inheritance tax.

### MRS. TAYLOR MAKES UNPRINTABLE CHARGES IN DIVORCE CASE

Wife of Wealthy Waterbury Manufacturer Gives Specific Instances of Threats. (Special from United Press.) New Haven, March 12.—The divorce suit brought by Mrs. Lucrета M. Taylor against her husband, Franklin A. Taylor, a wealthy Waterbury manufacturer, came up again today in the city court, when counsel for Mrs. Taylor filed a more specific statement of the charges in compliance with the request of the defendant.

The statement was a lengthy document, a large portion of which was unprintable. In it Mrs. Taylor states that her husband injured her health by his conduct, and that she was unable to place her in an insane asylum.

### LUMSDEN GIVEN AN 18 YEAR SENTENCE

New York, March 12.—John C. Lumsden, the North Carolina inventor convicted last Wednesday of manslaughter in the first degree for the murder of Harry E. Snydler, at 1211th Avenue, was today sentenced to not less than 18 years and not more than 19 years in the state prison at Dannemora. It is understood his lawyers have decided that they will not appeal his conviction.

### R. A. BANQUET AT STRATFIELD HOTEL

In anticipation of the meeting of the Grand Council of the Royal Arcanum, which takes place on April 21st a banquet will be given at the Stratfield on the evening of April 20th. It will be a large number of local members of the order as well as visitors will be present. The speakers of the evening will be Hon. George O. Post of New York, ex-congressman from Pennsylvania, and Rev. E. J. Crafts, pastor of Christ church of this city.

### LUMBER SCHOONER'S ROUGH VOYAGE

New York, March 12.—After 72 hours of unequal combat with heavy seas and fierce head winds, the three masted schooner Ann J. Trainor, which left Norfolk Feb. 27, loaded with lumber, was towed into port today, badly battered and with but her foremast standing.

The Trainor had almost reached the Jersey capes when she encountered the storm. She was driven out of her course as far south as Cape Henry and lost her cargo. By means of wireless messages relief went to her, but Captain Derrickson and his crew declined to be taken off, saying that all he needed was a tow. The Trainor will put into Erie basin for repairs.

### BURGLARS AT SOUTH GLASTONBURY

South Glastonbury, March 12.—Burglars early to-day entered the post-office in this town and blew open the safe with dynamite. They carried off an over charge of the explosive and were apparently frightened away by the noise of the explosion, as the money called for the safe were all intact this morning.

### PAUL LACROIX MAY BE ARRESTED ANYWHERE IN UNITED STATES

IN RIDING DOWN FLAG RECKLESS DRIVER VIOLATED FEDERAL LAWS. President of Automobile Company Wanted in Four Jurisdictions—In New Haven, Stratford and Fairfield—Charge is Reckless Driving—In Bridgeport It Is "Defacing Stars and Stripes."

Prosecutor Alexander L. DeLaney announced this morning that he will issue a warrant for Paul Lacroix, vice-president and general manager of the Renault Automobile Company of America, with offices at Broadway and 57th street, New York, under Section 1,336 of the Revised Statutes, which provide that any person who "publicly mutilates, tramples upon, or otherwise defaces any flag of the United States" may be fined not more than \$100 and imprisoned not more than six months.

The United States flag which Lacroix publicly mutilated, yesterday, when he defaced the Bridgeport police, is 30 feet long. It is now so torn that it is useless.

Grand Juror Citrus King of Fairfield, who issued the warrant, yesterday, which charged Lacroix with reckless driving, said this morning that the people of Fairfield, thoroughly alarmed by the death of A. W. Wallace, and the fact that Lacroix had been through the town yesterday, are of a disposition to make an example of Lacroix.

Mr. King says that in mutilating the flag, Lacroix committed an offense for which he can be arrested under the Federal laws any where in the United States and in a Federal court. It is probable that the aid of the Federal courts will be invoked if Lacroix does not appear in New Haven city and answer the charges against him.

He is now badly wanted in four jurisdictions. Fairfield wants him for reckless driving, and has set his trial down for Monday. Stratford wants him for reckless driving and for refusing to answer to the command of an officer. The warrant will be served by Sheriff Stagg if Lacroix comes into Connecticut. He is wanted in Bridgeport for mutilating the flag and in New Haven for reckless driving.

When questioned Lacroix said that he did not know that he had killed anyone or had been responsible for any accident. He was asked if he had not seen the red flags while going through Bridgeport, and replied: "Yes, I did see the flags and heard the shouts, but I did not pay any attention to them as I thought those were some of the people welcoming us to their city and cheering us on." After some discussion it was decided to charge Lacroix with reckless driving in New Haven. He was put under \$1000 bond in order that he might be held. Otherwise he would have had to be held until the Fairfield authorities arrived and took away the automobile. Lacroix was released under a \$300 bond which was taken by W. A. Maynard, and which calls for his appearance in the New Haven city court on Saturday morning. In that way the autoist was able to continue in the race which he started from New Haven 30 minutes before the race started.

Complaint of the Fairfield authorities there was placed an additional charge of reckless speeding, which called for an additional bond of \$300, which was furnished by Mr. Maynard. Grand Juror King was in New Haven and he acted in behalf of the Fairfield authorities. Lacroix will be taken to Fairfield, where the charges against him will be formally made.

The towns are filled with indignation over the manner in which the drivers in the endurance contest defied the law and the authority of the state in going through Connecticut yesterday. The powerful mechanisms were driven with mufflers open, at a terrifying speed, accompanied with a bombardment of exploding gases that frightened horses all along the route, though without terrible consequences that attended the fright of the horse owned by Wallace.

Five machines raced at a 60 mile an hour pace from the library in Fairfield, almost to the Ash Creek bridge. Four machines raced through this city, hurtling speeding over Stratford avenue at a reckless and dangerous rate.

Public anger is now directed against Lacroix more than against other racers. Lacroix is merely the driver who was wanted.

It is felt however, that Lacroix should be made an example, both for the general effect upon other owners of racing automobiles, and because, as a man engaged in the sale of automobiles, he knew better than most men the duties that are owed to the public and the injury to the automobile trade and conservative automobile machines that is done by those who abuse the privilege of the highway and threaten human life with reckless driving.

Prosecutor DeLaney said this morning "Lacroix pretends that he did not know a flag was held in front of his car. He asserts that he supposed a jubilation was being held in honor of his arrival. This statement will not stand investigation. Lacroix is a man who has a car down at Courtland street. He approached the flag at a slow speed. He heard the officers say that he was wanted. As his machine touched the flag he threw the throttle open and bounded away. The flag was dragged far as a street. It was torn, until it is useless."

Paul Lacroix, one of the best known auto drivers in the country and vice-president and general manager of the Renault Automobile Company of America, with offices at Broadway and 57th street, New York, city, was arrested yesterday morning at the Stratford Hotel, in New Haven by Policeman C. J. Egan, while making the first stop in the New York to Boston endurance run, in which he was one of the contestants.

Lacroix's arrest was made on a deputation furnished by the Bridgeport police, who had requested to arrest him by the Fairfield police. Lacroix was one of the 21 cars that sped away from Columbus, Conn., on the annual mid-winter auto race to Boston. The first checking off place of the race was in New Haven. They were scheduled to arrive there at 10 o'clock and after a half hour's rest at the New Haven House start on the race. Sunday morning, March 7, yesterday Chief Cowles received a message from the police of this city, who asked him to arrest the driver of the Renault automobile which he had in New Haven, with the other cars on the run.

Policeman Egan was then stationed at the New Haven House, and shortly after 10 o'clock Lacroix was arrested. (Continued on Second Page.)

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SEE BRAD ABOUT IT!—Fat or slim people save in books, all can be had at Brad's. No extra, to charge that new suit, 124 Main St. a p  
MERCHANTS—Print your window display cards with a set of our sign makers. Call and see our stock. All the latest styles. The Standard Stamp Co., 41 Cannon St. S 12 d \*  
GOOD WHEELS, Pierce, Tribuna, Rayville, Ives, Johnson, Dayton, Columbia, \$21 to \$50. 1130 Main St. S 12 b \*  
PINOCCHIO—Given by Lesing Degree team, 1132 Main, cor. Elm, Friday, March 12, Tickets 25 cents. Refreshments. S 11 b p  
WANTED—A young lady as office assistant, experienced typewriter. Room 110, Warner Bldg. Call between 6 and 8 p. m. a  
LOST—Fox terrier puppy, name Daisy. Brown head, white stripe through center. Liberal reward. Smarto, 316 South Ave. a p  
AUTOMOBILE BARGAIN—1907 Buick light touring car with top and wind shield, fine condition. Boulevard Garage, Connecticut Ave. S 12 d p  
SATURDAY SPECIALS—Gold Medal Butter, 28; B. U. Flour, 75; Shoulders, 8; French Asparagus, 25; Canned Corn, 7. The Coe & White Co. S 12 b \*  
DON'T FORGET the select masquerade dance, Wednesday evening, Mar. 17, St. Patrick's hall, given by the Court Liberty Bell. Order of Golden Seal in D. of A. night, 181 State St. Tickets 15 cents. S 12 s p  
BIRDS—We will allow a special discount of 20 per cent. on all birds sold to-morrow, thus giving you a chance to procure a first class singer at prices usually charged for screechers. Song and show birds of all kinds, seeds, etc. Louis Courney, 118 Wall street, upstairs. Open evenings. S 12 s p  
SAUSAGE that's home made, also lard pudding and blood pudding can be purchased to-morrow at Mark Nagle's, 652 East Main street, and John Porter's, 315 Warren St. These goods are made by Blitz at 95 State St. H 11 tf, 1 3 5  
SPECIAL NOTICE. Members of Co. F. Hibernal Rifles, are all requested to be at their hall at a special meeting to be held at 8 o'clock this evening. Matter of great importance. Per order. J. I. MCARWHY, Captain. a p