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TAKE APPOINTMENT OF CORONERS FROM JUDGES?

Dispensation of Political "Pap" not the Proper Business of Courts—Representative Bishop Makes a Startling Arraignment of Judicial System.

Judges Much Removed From People—Officers Named by Courts Further Removed—Tribunals Should be Brought Closer to Electorate.

(By Our Staff Correspondent.) Hartford, March 13.—Conservative men, leaders in finance, in industrial enterprise, in all those movements of a modern civilization which have to do with the management and increase of invested capital, confess themselves disturbed and shocked by the spirit of ferment which seems to be sweeping over this state.

They fear that the Republican party, for more than a score of years dominant in Connecticut, so that its dictates have been almost beyond dispute, will be swept off from its feet by the new movement, and swerved from its alliance with invested capital, in which it has been sheltered and protected.

Always there has been present in the state the demagogic radicalism. But the radicals were unorganized. They were not affiliated with parties. On the contrary they were usually found outside the ranks of the parties, excluding of course the minor parties, as the socialist, the populist and the prohibitionist.

But the present radicalism is fostered by powerful Republican leaders. Its home is in New Haven, the biggest, if not the wealthiest city in the state. New Haven gave the State Woodruff for governor. He was a radical. But his radicalism stopped short of any inquiry into the judicial system of the Commonwealth, or any indictment of that system.

The conservative strongholds are ringing to-day with the echoes of the address made by the Honorable Representative Bishop before the Judiciary Committee of the General Assembly, Thursday afternoon.

The address was ostensibly in support of the bill to change the manner of appointing coroners. It was actually a most scathing indictment of the method of selecting judges, and of the power that the judges were said to be acquiring as the "dispensers of political pap."

Most startling to conservative minds was the appearance in favor of the bill of Col. Isaac M. Ullman of New Haven, for years the almost unchallenged leader of the Republican party in that city. This appearance was regarded as a practical endorsement by the stalwart New Haven leader. (Reprints of the sentiments uttered by Representative Bishop.)

Just how novel these sentiments are, and how far they go from the idea that this is the best of all possible worlds, may be judged by the following remarks which Representative Bishop said:

"By the present law, coroners are appointed by the judges of the superior court in each county, and the nomination by the state's attorneys in the various counties.

"By virtue of this method of appointment, the coroner is removed a long way from the people.

"Let us consider the relation of the coroner's method of appointment to the people. The people elect the governor, the governor in turn nominates the judges of the superior court to the general assembly, and makes the appointment of judges.

"The judges of the superior court in turn at their annual meeting appoint a state's attorney for each county.

TAX ON COFFEE WILL PROVOKE FIGHT IN HOUSE

Divergent Views on Necessity and Advisability of This Tax. Many Members Think It Easy Way to Provide Big Revenue.

Washington, March 12.—There is going to be a big fight in Congress over the proposal to put a tax on coffee. In the Ways and Means committee, one day coffee has been left free and the next day a tax has found favor.

Of course, the main object sought by the framers of the bill is that it shall in operation as a law, produce enough revenue to meet the necessities of the government. And a tax on coffee—an article which is used in every home—affords such an easy way of producing revenue that at least some members of the committee at least, seem to be a shame to let the opportunity pass.

Advocates of the proposed tax point out that the United States first took off its customs duty on coffee, Brazil immediately proceeded to put an export tax on its product. The effect of this, was to put into the Brazilian treasury the revenues which otherwise would have gone into the United States. It is claimed that if a tax is now placed on coffee by this country, Brazil would be compelled to repeal its export tax-law or lose its market in this country.

Another argument in favor of the tax would greatly benefit the coffee growers of Hawaii and Porto Rico, who have been clamoring for reduction of the tariff on coffee. On the contrary members of both the House and Senate are being overwhelmed in every mail with letters from individuals and from labor organizations, protesting against the proposed taxation of the "working man's beverage."

Extraordinary precautions have been taken to prevent the escape of the tariff on coffee. The copies of the document as now framed were printed to supply the members of the committee and the clerk, after which the plates were destroyed.

One reason for this secrecy it is stated, is the fear of Chairman Payne that some slip in the organization of the bill may occur, which would leave the Republican insurgents and the Democrats in control. This might take the membership of the Ways and Means committee, and the bill would be introduced by a new committee.

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The Business Men's Association of the State took up the matter and attended the hearings in large numbers. As a result the preliminary commission drew up the bill which is now before the Legislature.

In addition to Governor Woodruff, Ralph O. Wells, secretary of the preliminary commission, which reported the bill, will speak, and Tax Collector Francis Atwater of Meriden will tell how he collects the military and poll tax. These topics are very timely just now and undoubtedly very interesting. All interested are invited.

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Clever Thief Stole Evidence Against Him from Capt. Arnold's Desk While He Was Under Examination.

The man arrested by Special Officer Keenan Thursday for attempting to evade a railroad fare and who gave his name as George Rutherford turns out to be a professional grip thief with a prison record who is wanted for thefts on the New York Central and the Erie railroads. This morning Detective Hazelrath and Baggage Master Joseph Salisbury of the New Haven road took a look at Rutherford at the county jail and identified him as the man wanted for stealing a suit case and contents in New London, a suit case from a train between Westport and Poughkeepsie and six overcoats in Boston.

Detective Sergt. M. Holstein of the New York Central road also identified Rutherford as one Fraleigh, who was sent up from Utica, New York and served a year for the theft of a suit case on a train. Sergt. Holstein wants Rutherford arrested for his part in a nuxepack package from the express office at Poughkeepsie several weeks ago.

Fraleigh is one of the boldest and shrewdest thieves outside of prison walls. His method of working is not unlike but was carried out with unusual cleverness. He always wore the overalls and blouse of the railroad man. When arrested he had \$23 on his person. He had attempted to obtain passage on a train on the morning of his arrest when he was a railroad man and the exhibition of a pass made out to W. H. Travis, brakeman by the New York Central road, was used to support his assertions. The railroad fraternity recognizes these buttons and assistance always follows an application by a member of the order to the dress. At some convenient station Fraleigh would disappear and with him would go a suit case or valise. Sometimes it was an express package of value.

The package stolen at Poughkeepsie contained several ladies' suits and was valued at \$150.

Fraleigh's nerve did not desert him when under a fire of questions from Detective Captain Arnold. He explained the matter to the captain and his man's pass by saying that he had taken it from the pocket of a sleeping railroad man. He was very complimentary about the order and his advice. He told the captain in strict confidence that his wife, of whom he was very fond, had gone to New Haven and he was trying to get money enough to join her there. The pass lay on the captain's desk. Some one called the captain outside and during his absence while the captain's surveillance of Clerk Clayton Smith, Fraleigh managed to get possession of the pass. Capt. Arnold has not seen the actual Fraleigh but he will restore it up and throw it in the waste pipe.

The New Haven railroad detectives want him for a dozen or more thefts and Detective Holstein of the New York Central is equally anxious to get hold of him, but the former has the hand if Zelaya, who is now in the New York office expects to gather him in. Detective Holstein has been on the trail of Fraleigh for months. He was the first to positively identify him and give his history. The arrest is considered of great importance by the railroad detectives who find it a long time to get the quiet possessor of baggage reported at various points along the line. Rutherford or Fraleigh will be turned over to the New York Central road for trial when his case comes up in the City court on Monday.

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SENSATIONAL SUICIDE AT MONTE CARLO
Young Parisian, Bored with Life, Kills Himself in Presence of His Guests.

Paris, March 13.—Just because life bored him, Ferdinand Ravenez, a young and rich Parisian, killed himself early to-day at Monte Carlo. He provided a sensation for his friends in his taking off. He was the host last night at a supper where the entertainment provided a succession of surprises. To the cries of pleasure from his companions, he replied: "This is nothing; just wait. The biggest surprise awaits you."

At down the party broke up. Walking toward the orchestra, Ravenez cried: "Now for the big surprise." He placed a pistol to his head, fired and fell dead.

Although only twenty years old Ravenez was a familiar figure on the Boulevards and was noted as being one of the best dressed men in Paris.

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Ordeal Will Be in Fairfield Tuesday—Finding of Fairfield Authorities Probably Will Influence Degree of Severity Advocated by Bridgeport Authorities—Miller Declares LaCroix Not Guilty of Flag Desecration.

Paul LaCroix, the much arrested driver of the Renault car, and manager of the Renault Company in America, reached this city from Boston, last night, and immediately entered upon an endurance contest of another kind.

Beginning with Prosecutor Alexander F. DeLaney, in this city, last night, at 10 o'clock, he went over the ground from Fairfield to New Haven again, not for the purpose of reaching Boston ahead of anybody else, but to learn just how much he is indebted to Connecticut law.

In the race of Thursday, LaCroix rode through the controls. To-day the controls had their innings with him. After he had given a bond of \$500 to answer to the Bridgeport authorities the charge of publicly mutilating the American flag, he went to New Haven to answer in the City Court there the technical charge of reckless driving. The New Haven charge had been made to hold him for Fairfield. It had served its purpose and was nolleed at 3:30 o'clock this morning.

In the meantime Deputy Sheriff Burr of Fairfield had started to New Haven to bring a warrant charging reckless driving. He brought LaCroix to Fairfield. Hearing on the case was continued until Tuesday.

Before the much arrested automobilist got out of the hands of the Fairfield authorities Deputy Sheriff Charles Stagg of Stratford presented himself with a warrant, charging reckless driving, and refusing to stop at the command of an officer.

These charges were heard before Justice Charles H. Peck, in the Stratford Town Hall. They were not upon the ground that they had been made to hold him for Fairfield.

During all of these experiences LaCroix was accompanied by Harry Miller, of this city, who expresses the belief that when the Bridgeport authorities hear LaCroix's own story they will grant him a discharge from the complaint that he mutilated the American flag.

Mr. Miller declares that the flag incident was all a misunderstanding. According to Mr. Miller, he had told LaCroix that he would greet him with a check on the arrival of the Renault car in Bridgeport. It was, of course, under the theory of Mr. Miller, that LaCroix, seeing a flag across the street, should believe he was witnessing the demonstration of welcome it had been promised he should have.

In fact, in his interviews with the New Haven authorities, LaCroix says he was not aware of the incident. He thought the flag was a piece of bunting, and that the effort to stop him was the Bridgeport way of saying "Welcome to our City."

LaCroix will meet the real ordeal in Fairfield. If the Fairfield authorities can show that he was one of the five motorists who took the Renault car through that village, on Thursday morners open, at 60 miles an hour, the case will be closed.

WILL PREVENT INVASION OF SAN SALVADOR
United States and Mexico Will Act Jointly to Preserve Central American Peace.

Gunboats Will Patrol Nicaraguan Coast

Energetic Measures Will be Taken if President Zelaya Persists in His Warlike Determination—No Confirmation of Reported Naval Battle.

(Special from United Press.) Washington, March 13.—"Beard the lion in his cage" is substantially the order that has been sent out to the commanders of the American warships now on their way to patrol the coast of Nicaragua. Any attempt on the part of President Zelaya to invade the territory of Salvador, or Costa Rica, or to transport troops will be reason for active participation of Mexico and the United States in the conflict now going on.

Ambassador De LaBarra of Mexico, was in cable communication with his government today and the State Department Navy department the Central American situation was the subject of prolonged conference. More energetic measures are being framed to restrict the Mexican government's concern with the narrow limits in case the present disturbances do not abate. On the other hand, the United States retains his bellicose attitude. It is expected that he will completely sever diplomatic relations with the United States by withdrawing his fleet from the coast.

The Dubuquo is on her way from Guantanamo to Bluefield, the Tacoma is under orders to proceed to Puerto Cortes, and the Yorktown to Anapita on the Pacific side. An additional warship will be sent to Corinto. Dispatches are momentarily expected from the expedition from San Francisco, mounted on the Pacific side. The course of action to be followed jointly with the United States.

The State department up to noon today had received no dispatches confirming the report of a naval engagement between the gunboats President, of Salvador, and the Momotombo of Nicaragua. If it did occur it could not have been more than a pop-gun battle as those vessels have only four small guns between them.

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