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NEW ADMINISTRATION TRANSFERRED INTO OFFICE TO AVOID MOST IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES

First Official Act of Mayor Buckingham Is to Approve of Appointment of Present Assistant Town Clerk

Council Chamber Crowded With Citizens—Goodly Representation of Fair Sex Sprinkled Among Auditors

Exchange of Felicitations Between the Outgoing and Incoming Executive Pleasing Feature of Occasion

City Clerk Boucher Announces His Intention to Retain Laurence J. Gill as Assistant City Clerk

In the presence of a throng of admiring citizens, Edward Taylor Buckingham for four terms city clerk of Bridgeport was today sworn into office as chief executive of this city for a term of two years. The inaugural ceremonies took place at noon today at the council chamber of the city hall. Just before the official oath was administered to the new mayor, the latter who was still city clerk administered the oath of office to his successor in that office, Stephen F. Boucher and subsequently he performed the same duty with respect to the offices of collector, town clerk, city treasurer, aldermen and selectmen.

Assistant City Clerk L. J. Gill was master of ceremonies. His clarion tones penetrated the farthest recesses of the corridors of the municipal building. His training as sheriff when on a former notable occasion his voice was heard outside a door in the city hall of an ex-official stood him in good stead.

Many came as far as the lower floor and finding access to the chamber above inaccessible went away. Prior to the ceremonies the new mayor was greeted by many callers in his former office. Not the least pleasant of these was the visit he received from the "City Hall Scribes" as the newspapermen who have that "beat" have been termed.

Men in all stations of life stepped in to shake his hand and wish him good luck in his new position of trust. To each and all he was the same quiet, courteous, gentleman who has won such a warm place in the affections of his fellow citizens regardless of politics.

Shortly before the hour of noon the city clerk-elect, Mr. Boucher, made his appearance at the city hall. He went direct to the office where he has been chosen to fill and was greeted most cordially. Friends and well wishers extended their best wishes for his success and assured him that they were indeed well pleased to be present at his installation into the important office of city clerk. Steve wore his unflinching smile and made a most excellent impression upon some who had not met him previously.

At the conclusion of the exercises incidental to the new officials taking the oath of office the New Town Clerk former Alderman William Thomas took immediate possession of the office. His first official act was to summon William T. Mullins, the faithful and competent assistant who has been in the office with Robert Weber and name him to succeed himself for the term of two years. Town Clerk Thomas then announced that the present competent staff of women experts who have so long been identified with the office would remain.

City Clerk Boucher informed the Farmer that it was his intention to retain Laurence J. Gill, as his assistant and that when the term of office of the latter would expire on Jan. 1, he would tender him a reappointment. "I am anxious said the city clerk to keep up the high standard of the office of city clerk and I am confident that with Mr. Gill as assistant city clerk the duties of the office will be looked after in a manner that will prove satisfactory to the people. Of course I shall devote my entire energy to the task which devolves upon me and I certainly feel gratified to see the electors of my city place confidence that they have placed in me."

Tax Collector Donnelly and Town Clerk Thomas found many admiring friends awaiting them in their offices bringing with them hosts of good wishes for the newly chosen officials.

After Mayor Buckingham had received from his predecessor his brief remarks the new mayor and the ex-mayor shook hands warmly. Then the rush began and the mayor was kept receiving for some time the congratulations of the throngs. City Clerk Boucher was along side of him and each remained for several minutes receiving the congratulations.

The new mayor did not escape without an attempt being made to "touch" him. The chap that had the first "touch" was a colored fellow. He approached the mayor and with big dew drops that looked suspiciously of the crocodile variety announced that he had finished a term in jail and had rushed almost out of breath to be in right when the administration changed hands. A "two spot" he said, was won nicely. The next attempted touch was from an "unknown" who assured the mayor that he was responsible for getting 25 votes for him on election day.

Mayor Lee's compliment to his successor in which he referred to him in eulogistic terms received a tremendous hand from the throng. The ex-mayor carried out his part in the day's exercises admirably. What he said about the agreeable relations which had always existed between himself and his successor has long been common knowledge.

There was none who went to witness the inaugural of the new Democratic administration which entered into official life so auspiciously today that was there to gloat. One of the fine redeeming features of the American

INSURGENTS FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES

State Federationists in Ohio, Nebraska and Oklahoma in Opposition to A. F. of L. Convention in Toronto

Most of Large National and International Organizations Lined Up with Gompers and the Administration.

(Special from United Press.) Toronto, Ont., Nov. 8.—That the steam roller is now under full headway and will be skillfully managed by the officers of the American Federation of Labor against all opposition, made apparent at the 29th annual convention convened here today, is secretly admitted.

Sympathizers with the "insurgents," electrical workers and those delegates expelled from the city central bodies and state federationists in Ohio, Nebraska and Oklahoma, admit the outlook is not hopeful.

Federation officers, while outwardly pretending that the possibility of general disruption is far remote, are straining every nerve to minimize the outbreak and to strengthen their line. The greatest defense is the control of the situation. The purpose of the insurgent is to force the fight to the convention floor, hoping by a statement of grievances before the delegates to gain advantages in disposing of everything in committees. The trouble that has spread to many states and Canada, which many profess, would result disastrously to the A. F. of L. grows out of a split in the international brotherhood of electrical workers in the federation recognized as the national body.

The leaders of the disaffection are here in a fight for their lives. This issue overlords all jurisdiction fight at this convention. Leaders of the revolt in Ohio are President Thomas Runney, Ohio State Federationist, Max Hayes, Cleveland, R. James Egan, Toledo.

A. L. Urick, president Iowa Federation, and R. G. Stewart, Cedar Rapids, and other delegates, are the "insurgents" from that state.

Most of the large national and international organizations are lined up with Gompers and the administration. Other important matters to come before the convention are a proposition of admission of the board of Education and the Western Federation of Miners, the bringing into the fold of a large number of local unions in Montana, Idaho and the inter-union fight.

The jail sentence of President Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, is expected to bring from the convention the adoption of a resolution which would result in a complete severance of the marriage ties. It became known on October 26 that Mrs. Astor had succeeded in having a referee appointed to settle the matter. The referee is now in a suit against her husband. Secrecy was thrown around the matter and none of the parties concerned would talk.

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MRS. ASTOR GRANTED DIVORCE

Absolute Decree for Society Leader, But Papers in Case Ordered Sealed

Rumor Has It that She Also Received Lump Sum of \$10,000,000 in Lieu of Alimony.

(Special from United Press.) New York, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor, the society leader, was granted an absolute divorce from her husband, John Jacob Astor, by Justice Mills in the Superior court here today. The papers in the case are ordered sealed.

The proceedings consumed less than one minute in open court and it was plain that nothing had been left undone to prevent any of the details of the divorce becoming known. Justice Mills was seated on the bench when John L. Cadwalador of law firm of Strong & Cadwalador addressed him and handed over the desk a bundle of papers.

"I present the report of H. P. Young, appointed referee by this court to hear and determine the action for absolute divorce brought by Mrs. John Jacob Astor against her husband, Colonel John Jacob Astor, and ask that it be confirmed."

Justice Mills nodded. "I have read the report as filed with the court," he said, "and believe that it warrants the relief desired. You, Mr. Cadwalador, draw the decree in favor of your client and I will sign it."

Cadwalador bowed and stood as though waiting for something. "Oh, yes," said the justice, "the papers in this case are hereby placed in the seal of the court." This brought a laugh from the few lawyers in the court room.

Neither Colonel nor Mrs. Astor was present when the decree was granted. All of the work has been taken care of by their attorneys and there has been no hitch in the pre-arranged plan. Who was named as co-respondent is not known and probably never will be. Although there is a strong rumor that the affair was entirely arranged for and the co-respondent provided so that the proceedings might not be delayed.

It is rumored that Mrs. Astor received a lump sum of \$10,000,000 in lieu of alimony and she will have the custody of their children while their son will remain with his father.

New York, Nov. 8.—That there was trouble between Colonel John Jacob Astor and his beautiful wife who was Miss Alva Lowie Willing, daughter of Edward S. Willing of Philadelphia, and a descendant of a family that has been a figure in American society since Colonial days, had been known for some time but it was not believed that the trouble was of such a nature that it would result in a complete severance of the marriage ties. It became known on October 26 that Mrs. Astor had succeeded in having a referee appointed to settle the matter. The referee is now in a suit against her husband. Secrecy was thrown around the matter and none of the parties concerned would talk.

SURGEON WHO MADE DISCOVERY OF THE HOOKWORM



To Dr. Charles Wardwell Stiles of the United States service belongs the credit of having discovered the hookworm disease in this country. He made the discovery after several years of investigating, and when the announcement was made physicians in many parts of the United States used the hospital service. His studies have shown that those infected with the disease are unable to perform manual labor.

HAMILTON MADE DEPUTY SHERIFF

Had Been City Sheriff for 15 Years Until Republican City Machine Dumped Him.

It is now "Deputy" Sheriff Thomas F. Hamilton, instead of "City" Sheriff Hamilton, by grace of High Sheriff Sidney E. Hawley. The city sheriff went out of office this morning when his successor, Joseph Kalafas, who was chosen to lead strength to the Republican ticket, was sworn into office. Court Messenger Charles E. Evans, who also is a notary public, was chosen to succeed Hamilton who was handed his papers by Sheriff Hawley. His powers are valid anywhere in Fairfield county.

Sheriff Hamilton had been city sheriff for the past 15 years but was defeated a renomination by the last Republican convention. Sheriff Hawley followed by law twenty deputies, four of whom may serve in Bridgeport. The appointment of Hamilton fills the quota.

CHINESE GAMBLING NOT SO VERY BAD

Attorney Comley Secures Reduction of Bail for Celestial Followers of Chance Goddess.

That gambling, as conducted by the Chinese, is a perfectly harmless amusement was substantially what Attorney William Comley, Jr., intimated to Judge Water, in the City Court, this morning. At any rate he succeeded in getting the bonds of the "frequenters" reduced from \$25 to \$15. The accused were arrested last evening in a rail on Charles Home's grocery store, at 57 State street, where the Chinamen were found in the midst of a gambling game. The arrested men were: Charles Hong, Charles Arong, Quong Long, Young Wood, Sam Wau, Young King, Lee Toy, Charles Sing, Charles Leon, Leon Tom and Leon Sing besides the proprietor.

The proprietor was charged with keeping a place where gambling was carried on and is held under \$100 bonds. The trial of the Chinamen were continued until next Monday upon request of counsel. Through a misunderstanding two of the accused were charged: Charles Hong, Charles Arong, Quong Long, Young Wood, Sam Wau, Young King, Lee Toy, Charles Sing, Charles Leon, Leon Tom and Leon Sing besides the proprietor.

FAMOUS COMEDIAN DIES IN LONDON

(Special from United Press.) London, Nov. 8.—Lionel Brough, the famous comedian, died here today aged 75. Brough made his stage appearance at the London Lyceum in "Prig Pretty Pet" on December 26, 1834. He was best known as "Tony Lumpkin" which he played some 500 times, and as "Bob Acres" in the "Rivals."

COAL MINERS GO ON STRIKE

(Special from United Press.) Sydney, N. S., Nov. 8.—Twelve thousand Australian coal miners went on strike today demanding more wages and shorter hours. It is believed that a general coal famine will ensue as a consequence of the strike and will last until coal can be imported from Japan.

THEATRE FIRE ALARMS MADRID

(Special from United Press.) Madrid, Nov. 8.—Fire which started in the Zarzuela Theatre is now beyond control and gives promise of doing great damage before it is extinguished. The fire spread through the theatre with great rapidity and now a number of important buildings are threatened. A number of firemen have been injured.

It is likely that the fire will interfere with the arrangements for the reception to King Manuel of Portugal.

RECORD TRIP TO NEW YORK

(Special from United Press.) New York, Nov. 8.—The southwest-ern limited, the new 24 hour train to St. Louis over the New York Central, made a record-breaking trip from the Missouri city, rushing into the Grand Central station here at 9:35 this morning, having beaten the schedule time by ten minutes.

NINE LOSE THEIR LIVES IN WILD FIRE PANIC AT BROOKLYN FACTORY

Of the Bodies Recovered Is that of William Morrison, Junior Partner of Firm Whose Celluloid Concern Was Destroyed.

(Special from United Press.) New York, Nov. 8.—Nine persons lost their lives today when fire cut through the celluloid factory of Robert Morrison & Sons on Columbia street, Brooklyn. Six of these were caught like rats in a trap, behind barred windows on the ground floor and their frantic appeals for help and shrieks of agony when the fire finally reached them could be heard for blocks.

A dozen men employed in the factory of Leonard & Finkle, adjoining, vainly strove with bars and hammers to make a passageway for the doomed six, but were finally driven off by the flames and smoke, only leaving the window when their own clothing was ablaze.

The fire was one of the worst that the Brooklyn firemen have had to deal with in several years.

Starting on the ground floor from some unknown reason it spread with great rapidity and it was impossible for anyone in the building to escape. All of the workers on the top floors had to jump. In this way a number of the bodies recovered but one has been identified. It is that of William Morrison, junior partner in the firm, and this identification was only positive through a half charred card found in the remnants of his coat. It is unlikely that any of the other bodies now in the morgue will ever be identified as they are simply charred masses of flesh and bone.

Robert Morrison, head of the firm, was also frightfully burned and is now in the hospital in a dying condition. His remaining son, Robert Jr., jumped from a window and escaped.

There was a wild panic and many jumped from the windows without stopping to raise the sashes, being cut by broken glass and being hurt by striking the ground.

Three alarms were sounded, bringing all of the available fire apparatus in the district and Chief Croker from New York. The fire was a hard one to control as the stored celluloid exploded as the flames hit it, driving the firemen back from the burning structure.

The work of getting the dead and injured out of the building called for desperate effort on the part of the firemen and several of them were badly burned while carrying out the orders of Chief Croker. Every effort was made to keep the flames in the 4 story building in which they started.

The fire was caused by an explosion of fibroid which the members of the firm were packing to fill a rush order. There is much nitro-glycerine used in the manufacture of this stuff and it is also highly inflammable. In some unknown way it exploded and within a minute the entire ground floor of the structure was a mass of flames.

On the upper floors 45 men were at work and hardly one of them escaped without a burn or bruise. Within 5 minutes of the initial explosion the entire structure was a mass of flames.

LARGE SUM IN GREENBACKS HID BENEATH CARPET

Sons of Norwalk Woman Find \$3,400 in Strange Concealment

South Norwalk, Nov. 8.—Mrs. Frank E. Slavin, who hanged herself Monday morning, was not driven to suicide by lack of money. Her son, Charles A. Slavin, of Bridgeport, found under the carpet beneath the bed stove in the kitchen of the Slavin home \$3,400 in bills, which she had concealed. The greenbacks are in denominations, ranging from \$100 down to \$1.

Mrs. Slavin had exercised much care in secreting the bills. First she had laid them out in small piles so that they covered quite an area and then she placed two layers of carpet over them. The son also found his mother's wedding ring, which was lying at the mouth of a rat hole. Another son, George W. Slavin of Bridgeport, had the money to a Bridgeport bank and deposited it.

The sons are employed by the East-ern News Company and are in charge of the news stands in the Bridgeport railroad station. They intend to take their father to Bridgeport to live with them.

The mother had suffered with melancholia for some time.

VAN STUDDIFORD DIVORCE GRANTED

(Special from United Press.) St. Louis, Nov. 8.—Grace Van Studdiford was today granted a divorce from her husband, Charles Van Studdiford, a traveling salesman.

BARNUM AVENUE CAR DERAILED BY SWITCH

A loose switch at Fairfield avenue and Water streets derailed a Barnum avenue trolley car this noon. The switchman, Charles Zapparo, at the street, narrowly escaped a serious injury. No one was hurt.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

LOST.—Small, black lady's purse, Sunday on Pequonnock street, between Harrah and Park avenues. Reward \$25.00. H 5 s * 10

REMEMBER that the foot specialist that can cure you is located in Room 201 Meigs Building, this Wednesday evening, Great fun. Dr. Manfield is the man. H 5 s * 10

WANTED.—Experienced waist saleswoman. References required. H 5 s * 10

WANTED.—Ladies tailor and apprentice. Paid while learning. Doherty Embroid., Main St., over Mohican Store. H 5 s * 10

TO RENT.—New apartment, all improvements, 5 rooms, attic, \$16.00. 1482 East Main St. H 5 s * 10

TO RENT.—4 rooms, 139 Wakeley St. Inquire J. J. Ryburn, 105 Whittier Ave. H 5 s * 10

SOME WHO WERE PRESENT

Among the spectators were: James Holt, Jr., James Coats, John Kempell, George Wood, John Donohue, Frank Timko, Alderman John N. Near, Wallace G. Taylor, Daniel E. Walker, Frederick S. Curtis, W. H. McLaughlin, George Wildman, Andrew Peterson, Charles H. Botsford, John Nevins, Ward M. Cowles, Alderman John H. McMurray, John A. Shaford, Fred D. Ives, E. P. Eullard, C. D. Davis, Attorney James A. Marr, Sylvester Nichols, Henry Murphy, Michael Gannon, Dr. Philip McLaughlin, William Koch, George Wildman, Andrew Peterson, John J. Morrissey, Thomas Bly, John Stein, Anthony Rowen, Alderman Eugene I. Meyer, William Lounsbury, John E. Shannon, Louis Neuberger, "Dick" Meyers, Ferdinand Leiss, John P. Brady, Alfred Lamond, Robert Binkesley, Henry Keane, A. E. Laverty, E. P. Eullard, Charles W. Kinz, W. T. Dill, M. V. Dowd, David Penelon, Dr. C. W. Deane, Edward F. Hallen, Harry R. Porter, Richard Murphy, Attorney George Kane, Bernard Scully, Eugene Wilson, M.A. Kenny, Bartholomew Brady, William Clifford, and John T. King.

THOSE NOTICED BY FARMER

Reporter at Inaugural Ceremonies Today.

CITY COURT CASES

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