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LESSONS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN RECENT TRIALS, INVESTIGATIONS AND EXPOSURES OF INSIDE POLITICS

ONE OF THE most remarkable developments in contemporary history has to do with investigations, trials, hearings, or law suits, in which the methods of influencing legislative action are exposed through letters, checks, or other documents passing between politicians and the privileged interests represented by them.

Among the earliest of these illuminating papers were the Standard Oil letters, by which it appeared that many men prominent in public life were on the pay roll of this great organization and the recipients of its bounty.

The Mulhall investigation disclosed the means by which the manufacturing group sought to make, or prevent the making of laws.

Here was a difference. Whereas Standard Oil did its business with men entrenched in power, Mulhall attempted to elect the men with whom he hoped to have influence.

The testimony of Mellen, Robbins and Burnes in the New Haven scandal brought new light. Here was the purchase of subsidiaries, the employment of college professors, publicists, the subordination of newspapers, all accomplished from enormous slush funds, into which millions of dollars were poured, like water into a dishpan.

Now the Roosevelt trial, with its letters written to the ex-President by various bosses, in which the latter are seen using their most cunning wiles to obtain from an ambitious but well meaning executive protection for their clients.

In these letters is manifested another phase of political iniquity, in which the boss is shown selling his product to the state, at a large price.

Barnes, in a letter to Roosevelt, objects to a state printery, because he will be injured financially. An investigating committee long ago scrutinized the relations between New York state and the printing concern with which Barnes was connected, and found the thing unprofitable for the state.

By the lessons so dramatically presented to them the American people will profit. Knowing the means by which their government is constantly threatened, they will find a way to protect themselves. Bosses of the Platt and Barnes type are going to be scarcer in the future than they have been in the past.

It is doubtful if ever again slush funds can be expended as they have been before, without the principals and the beneficiaries going to jail, where they properly belong.

When a man's neighbors have honored him with public office, when they have lifted him above the crowd, when they have exhibited to him marks of signal confidence, they do it in trust and faith.

To outrage such trust, to sell it, to betray the people for a mess of pottage is no light crime. However cunning he may be, however much he may appear to have of ability and intelligence, that man is not really wise, who says of the American people, that they cannot govern themselves. Such are a shallow lot. Many a one fancies his employer stupid, when he is only confiding. But the most confiding employer becomes suspicious in the presence of constant theft. Once stirred to doubt he has no difficulty in detecting the false servant. Then the sinner knows it was himself who was stupid.

The American people are confiding, not stupid. They are easily deceived because they do not expect deceit. But when they know the truth their wrath is sudden, and their remedy is drastic.

If there is any reader of The Farmer who believes the last statements too strong, let him ask of Mr. Mellen what he thinks about it.

THE FRANK CASE

THE OPINION of the supreme court in the case of Leo Frank does not touch the matter of his guilt or innocence. It is merely an affirmation that his trial in his own state was conducted according to law, and that nothing in the procedure deprived him of trial by due process of law.

THE TIDE OF SUMMER TRAVEL

THAT PORTION of the West, and it is a considerable portion, which depends for much of its prosperity upon the passage of the tourist, is due for the biggest boom in its history. The war will turn toward the Yellowstone, the Yosemite, the Grand Canyon and other wonder spots the tide of travel that formerly flowed to Europe.

The European travel fund of \$200,000,000 will be distributed at home. The Eastern mountain and shore resorts will get their share. So will the railroads. Heavy as the automobile travel is, it will not carry more than a mere fraction of the men and women who will go out this summer to see America.

THE NEW FREEDOM

FEW AFTER DINNER speeches coming within the range of Bridgeport consciousness have been more interesting than that by R. W. Lawrence, President of the Auto Piano Company, made before the Connecticut Piano Dealers Association, Thursday, in which he predicted that the currency law with its system of rediscounting will be of much assistance to the piano trade. Mr. Lawrence is one of a limited number of men in big business who have grasped the important truth that the currency bill restricts gambling credit and encourages the exchange of commodities. He recommended to dealers that to aid the piano manufacturer in finding the necessary credit, they hereafter make acceptances instead of notes, the former being pleasing to the new statute, because an acceptance shows the nature of the transaction, and enables the exchange of the actual commodity to appear.

What the currency bill does for the piano men it does for every other manufacturer, or mercantile group. It cries business up and gambling down. It is bringing in its train that prosperity which Mr. Lawrence so aptly predicted, a prosperity which finds Bridgeport leading the way.

TRYING TO BOSS CONNECTICUT

THE NEW HAVEN system has cost the people of New England much time and money. A rich and profitable business has been harried by dishonesty and mismanagement until its great revenues do not suffice for the claims upon it.

The stockholders get no dividends. That part of the public represented by Connecticut gets about \$4,000,000 less in taxes than it used to get, and than it should get.

But further injury is contemplated. A search of lobby effort in Hartford discloses three lines of contemplated injury to Connecticut, and, for that matter to New England.

1—An attempt to restrict the building of good roads, which means the restriction of free traffic between one place and another within the state, and between the states.

2—An attempt to strangle traffic competition in freight by putting an excessive tax upon automobile trucks.

3—An attempt to strangle passenger competition by "regulating" the jitney until it will be unable to do business.

WHEN COMPETITION GOES OUT CORRUPTION COMES IN

HERE IS A STORY that ought to interest Bridgeport. Col. Roosevelt told it, on the witness stand, the other day. He had it from John A. Hennessy, Sulzer's graft investigator. This is the tale:—

"John A. Hennessy came to see me after my return from South America. He told me he had been appointed by Mr. Sulzer to a position which made it his duty to investigate the government. He told me the rottenness defied all belief, and that he never would have believed such corruption could exist had he not made the investigation himself.

"He told me of investigating the highways. He said the corruption came in cases where the contracts were not competitive. He said there was frightful corruption in the canals, the State Architect's and other places. He said men were paid who never existed, and that some one higher up pocketed the salaries. He told me of the State Engineer that was never moved from the side of roads on to the roadbeds.

"Mr. Hennessy stated a regular deduction was taken out of the pay envelopes of laborers and given to local bosses. He gave me the names and offices held by both Republicans and Democrats. This condition of affairs, he said, could not be ended until both the machines were smashed. He suggested that we get up a non-partisan citizens' movement to put both party machines out of control. Mr. Hennessy was a former newspaperman, a Democrat, and I regarded him very highly. I believed everything he told me to be true.

"The article I published, and which I am being sued for, bore directly upon the suggestion made by Mr. Hennessy and others."

Bridgeport's biggest scandal of recent occurrence is in the highway department. This scandal followed a case "where the contracts were not competitive."

The Warrenite crowd figured somewhat extensively in Mr. Hennessy's discussions during the period just following his graft investigation.

Warrenite is bound to loom large in the argument attendant upon the inquisition soon to be made into Mayor Wilson's administration.

Once more The Farmer gives notice that it is against public policy to let paving contracts without competition, and that the people will look with suspicion upon the methods of anybody who attempts to close out competition by dealing for a patented pavement.

New York has had its lesson. Why should not Bridgeport profit by New York's experience?

PREVENTABLE DISEASE AND BUSINESS PROSPERITY

This is a business man's country. The business man not only controls the natural resources and the industrial and financial organization of the country, but also sets the standards of conduct of morals, and even dress, and furnishes youth with the prevailing ideals of personal achievement. This being so, it is reasonable to expect that the common difference of the business man to the economic loss involved in the premature death, and even more in the depleted vitality, of the laboring masses, is a commission appointed by the governor of Massachusetts to inquire into the cost of living reported that a considerable element in it was the cost of disease, which is estimated for the average workman's family in Massachusetts at about 1-10 of its annual wage income. Yet it is notorious that in no civilized country has life and health been so cheap as in the United States.

BUILDING NOTES

Among the building permits issued last night was one for a one-story concrete in Boston avenue and for two foundations for new buildings in the same street for the Remington Arms-U. M. C. Co. Also for another factory building for the Bridgeport Sewer Co. The cost of the buildings for which permits were granted will aggregate \$53,006. The permits were:

Three-family frame dwelling on east side of Prince street for Bartolom Tomarcak.

Frame private garage on west side of East Main street for Max Frank.

Cellar wall on south side of Ogden street, estate of William Dunn and wife.

Two-story brick schoolhouse on south side of Claremont street for city of Bridgeport.

Two-story brick building for private garage and storage shop on north side of Connecticut avenue for Alb. and C. Henkele.

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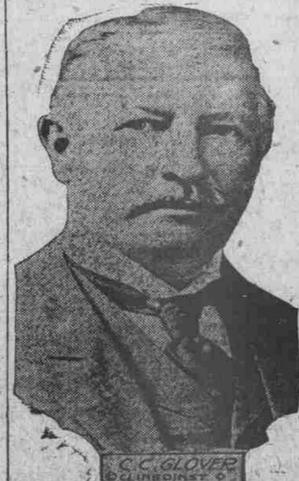
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Head of Riggs Bank To Be Heard In Unusual Suit



Washington, April 24—Great interest is displayed in the outcome of the personal animosity toward some of its officers. The government officials have until May 12 to reply to the charges. C. C. Glover, president of the Riggs bank, will be one of the principal witnesses when the suit comes to trial. The trial is expected to have far-reaching political and financial effect.

A. O. H. PRESIDENT TO SPEAK BEFORE LOCAL MEMBERS

Entertainment Will Be Held in Eagles' Hall—Dignitaries To Attend.

At Eagle's hall tomorrow afternoon, Joseph McLaughlin, national president of the A. O. H., will address the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and every member in the city, including the members of the two Ladies' Auxiliaries, is expected to be present. President McLaughlin, accompanied by National Secretary Philip Sullivan of Thomaston, will reach the city about 11:30 o'clock and will be met at the railroad station by a reception committee headed by President D. J. O'Connor of the local division. After a tour of the city in an automobile, the guests will be entertained at lunch at the Stratford.

Thomas M. Cullinan will preside at the meeting at Eagle's hall at 3:30 o'clock. There will be an entertainment, addresses by President McLaughlin and Secretary Sullivan, County President Andrew Conniff of Danbury, Rev. J. B. Nihilil, County Chaplain Rev. T. J. Ficker, and others. Many of the Catholic clergymen of the city will have chairs upon the speakers' platform. Following the entertainment, refreshments will be served. Besides the members in this city large delegations from Danbury, Greenwich, Norwalk, Stamford and Stratford are expected.

JEREMIAH O'LEARY.

Mr. O'Leary was born in the United States of American-born parents. By profession he is a lawyer, and has achieved many notable successes at the New York bar. He first came into prominence in international affairs in the negotiations of the Tatt Arbitration Treaty he took an active part in inducing the United States Senate to reject the treaty upon the ground that they were unconstitutional. In that they violated the sovereign rights of the people of the United States and constituted an alliance for war between England, France and the United States against Germany. As a result of disclosures made by Mr. O'Leary relating to Andrew Carnegie, in which it was proven that Mr. Carnegie was a disciple of Cecil Rhodes, the arbitration treaties for the purpose not only of preparing for war against Germany, but also for the purpose of "reconquering the United States as an integral part of the British Empire," the American Truth Society was formed.

Mr. O'Leary was elected as its President, and since that time has, in lectures and public speeches all over the United States, sounded warnings to the American people that the American press, educational institutions, American Bar Association, ministers of the Gospel, books and periodicals are engaged in carrying out the purposes of Cecil Rhodes, of Andrew Carnegie, and latterly those of Lord Haldane as stated in his address before the American Bar Association in Montreal.

During the war Mr. O'Leary has delivered public addresses in various parts of the United States on American neutrality. In a lecture recently given at Carnegie Hall, in the city of New York, he exposed the infamy of the metropolitan press by using stereoscopic slides, and comparing headline accounts of the war in Europe with the authentic events of the war as they were later announced in every capital in Europe.

Want Licenses Transferred

Application has been made for the transfer of the liquor license in the name of John Hybicki to Jasper Holmes, 132 Hallett street, also that in the name of Patrick Keeley who desires to transfer it to 567 East Washington avenue.

enlisted.

In a previous bulletin we gave some figures as to the possibilities of reduction of mortality by modern methods. We might translate these vital statistics into millions, even billions, of dollars of community wealth. But it is not necessary. Suffice it to say that at the least calculation the hundreds of thousands of unnecessary deaths each year represent a loss of living industrial capital comparable with the loss to the material world which has been sustained through preventable fires, through bad roads, or through wasteful methods of mining. The loss of time through illness of the workers may, on the other hand, be roughly compared with the loss through unemployment. Let us all then rejoice that at last human beings have come to have a value as well as money, and let our public men and legislators no longer fear the charge of extravagance on the part of the business interests when they vote the health budget. Hereafter they will be far more liable to be charged with extravagance for not voting such budgets.

(Signed) CHRISTOPHER EASTON, Director of Public Health Education, Connecticut Research Assoc.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The bridal dinner for Miss Dorothy Hard and Gerald Linesburgh whose wedding was solemnized at 4:30 this afternoon at the South Congregational church was given last evening by Miss Ella May Thomas who was one of Miss Hard's bridesmaids. The table decorations were bride's roses and the favors white sweet peas and lilacs of the valley. The bride was presented with a huge wedding cake which will be kept and out again on each anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bradley of 481 Clinton avenue will attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Miss Cordelia Drexel-Biddle and Angier Buchanan Duke which will be solemnized in Philadelphia on Wednesday of both families, the wedding is of unusual social importance. The bride, who is but 19 years of age, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel-Biddle.

The Nature class of the Bridgeport Art League will meet at the entrance of Beardsley park at 10 o'clock on Wednesday for a day's outing in the park. All other classes of the league, also the usual Monday card party will be discontinued for the week because of the exhibition.

Miss Bessie Muldoon, whose wedding to Harry Kelley is scheduled for Wednesday morning, April 28, at Sacred Heart church, was the guest of honor at a kitchen shower given last evening at the home of Mrs. Horace Plumb, on Parrott avenue. Twenty-odd girl friends of Miss Muldoon, each laden with some shining tin utensil of the kitchen, gathered at the house to greet the much surprised bride-elect. After the usual merry making a delicious luncheon was served in the dining room. The table decorations were carried out in red, kowles, and red heart-shaped dishes were used to hold the dainties. The guests were the Misses Elsie and May Casey, Victoria Furbale, Margaret McDermott, Augusta Bechlein, Carolyn Mitchell, Helen Malloy, Mary Penhardt, Clara Doerr, Elizabeth McNamara, Edna Goodsell, Florence Steer, Ellen Donnelly, Mary Reilly, Loreta Muldoon, Mary McNamara, Mrs. William Haggerty, Mrs. William Langenhammer and Mrs. Ruth Kilpatrick. Miss Clara Doerr will hold a luncheon this evening in Miss Muldoon's honor, at her home, 48 Park terrace.

Friends of Mrs. James Teehan of 205 Black Rock avenue, who has been suffering with two fractured ribs, will

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