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## POLITICIAN POLICEMEN ARE FOOLED

### Men Who Worked For Success of Administration in Hope of Increased Pay Find Spoils Will Go To New Appointees.

### Now Question Arises Whether Commissioner Stanley Did Ask Tax Board To Do Something For The Boys.

The pot of rebellion is beginning to boil in the police department and dreams of automobile purchases, real estate plunges and Easter decking are being abandoned.

The policemen aren't going to get the raises they expected. They have learned, they say, that the administration intends to ignore the fact that cops and officers, too, went out for the re-election of Mayor Wilson, and worked hard in the hope that their reward would be raised.

Instead old political debts will be paid by the administration. Sixty new policemen will be added to the present force and those in the latter will get the same pay they have been getting.

The cops say they've been double-crossed. They say President John C. Stanley of the police commissioners reported to the policemen's committee that the tax board offered a 5 per cent. increase, and that it was refused because it was too small. Stanley told them, they say, that he had asked for their increase, as they suggested.

Sigmund Loewith, a member of the tax board and of the sub-committee that has charge of the police department, declares today that Stanley never asked for an increase for the men. The matter naturally would come before Loewith, chairman of the committee, first. Mr. Loewith declares that he understood the commissioners' attitude was that, if the 60 policemen could be provided for, no increases would be asked.

The policemen's committee consisted of Detective Sergeant Edward O. Cronan, Lieutenant Charles H. Suckley and Policemen Edward Bolger and John McGovern.

The committee conferred with President Stanley Jan. 22, and submitted a request for a general raise in salaries, which follows:

**Ordinance Relative to**  
The ordinance adopted Oct. 7, 1907, amended Oct. 4, 1909, amended May 23, 1911, and amended April 1, 1915, be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Section 2 (a) Salaries in the Police Department on and after April 1, 1916 shall be as follows: Superintendent, \$3,000; captain, (Continued on Page 2.)

## POISON SUSPECT BOUGHT ARSENIC, DRUGGIST SAYS

New York, March 24.—Soon after Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accused of poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Peck, wealthy drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich., had denied the charge today, District Attorney Swann announced that he had obtained a voucher from a druggist signed with Waite's name for the purchase of a quantity of arsenic March 1, three days before Peck's death. Dr. Waite made his denial to Assistant District Attorney George F. Brothers, who examined Waite in the latter's Riverside apartments where he was under the effect of drugs taken yesterday.

Waite admitted, according to Mr. Brothers, that he had put something into Peck's soup some time prior to his death, but declared that it was medicine and that Dr. A. A. Moore, the physician who attended Peck during his illness, had instructed him to employ this method of giving the patient medicine because Peck had complained that it was bitter and had refused to take it.

Attorney Brothers announced that Waite would be removed to Bellevue hospital, a prisoner, later in the day. His condition was not so much as to permit his removal to the Tombs prison, where it was originally planned to incarcerate him today.

## Governor Whitcomb Signs Requisitions For Men Wanted Here

Detective-Sergeant Edward O. Cronan sent a telegram to Superintendent Eugene Birmingham this morning notifying that officer that Governor Whitman of New York, had signed requisition papers for the delivery of William McHale and W. H. Harris, alias A. H. Lankie, both wanted in this city.

Harris is wanted on the charge of embezzlement of \$150 from Harry Ford, automobile dealer at 236 Stratford avenue. McHale is wanted for burglarizing the White House clothing store at Water street and Fairfield avenue a short while ago. They will be brought to this city by Detective Cronan this evening.

### THE WEATHER

Connecticut: fair and warmer tonight. Saturday, cloudy and warmer, probably rain; moderate, shifting winds, becoming southeast.

## UNITED STATES PROCEEDS AGAINST SALT'S TEXTILE CO. LABOR COMPLAINT

Through District Attorney Thomas J. Speliacy of Hartford, the United States has instituted prosecution against the Salt's Textile Co. of this city, claiming violations of the Alien Labor law. Twenty counts against the company are included in the complaint and on each the penalty that may be named is \$1,000.

It is alleged that the Salt's Co. imported weavers and weaving shop workers from France in 1914 and made contracts with them.

The prosecution of the government follows the determination of John Golden, president of the United Textile Workers of North America, who was in Bridgeport last summer, to investigate Federal action.

During the summer of 1915 the employees of the Salt's factory went on strike. After they were out a month, some returned and with them some French weavers. The latter left soon afterward, declaring that they had received serious cuts in their wages and that they were obliged to operate under the two loom system whereas they had been accustomed to the one loom system. About 20 went before notaries and

## ROBINSON'S THREAT TO LANDLADY EXPOSED; TAX LIST INCREASED \$19,840

City Clerk J. Alex H. Robinson's "friendly" letter to his landlady in which he spoke of going to the board of relief relative to the tax valuation on her property, after he had received a notice that his rent was to be raised, appears to be couched in terms not so friendly as the good-natured city clerk's recent interview with The Farmer would indicate.

Mr. Robinson took exception to the account in The Farmer of his having resorted to the municipal authorities when he received notice of his rent increase. He disliked the view that some folks took—that as city clerk he might have caused undue worry for his neighbors. Meanwhile, Mrs. Wallenta's telephone is busy, because many rent seekers are after the place.

Mrs. Wallenta, on the list of 1914, paid taxes on \$34,860. The list of 1915, prepared by the city clerk, shows a change of plan. The section which started from Tasmania was forced to spend the winter of 1915-16 at Ross Sea to await Sir Ernest's arrival which had been expected some time this month.

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### Information is Withheld Pending Official Report—Three-Fold Purpose in Trip to South Atlantic and Polar Regions.

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News of the achievements of the expedition is withheld for the present.

The adventure of Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton heading the British trans-Atlantic expedition, had a three-fold purpose to navigate Antarctica on a meridian; to secure for the British flag the honor of being the first national emblem thus to be taken from sea to sea across this south polar realm, and to conduct scientific work relating, among other phases, to meteorology, geography, geology and geodetic surveys. Funds for the purpose amounting to more than \$200,000 were raised including \$50,000 from the British government.

The expedition left England in two sections about six weeks after the European war began, but it was not until early in January, 1915 after delay due to unfavorable ice conditions that the party headed by Sir Ernest himself set off on their long voyage from South Georgia, an uninhabited island in the South Atlantic Ocean about 800 miles due east of Cape Horn, for Ross Sea on the other side of the South Pole.

From Tasmania, on the New Zealand side of the Antarctic the second section meanwhile had sailed, also for Ross Sea, there to meet Sir Ernest's expedition with supplies necessary for both sections to return to New Zealand. Sir Ernest hoped originally to come out of the Antarctic by April, 1915, but conditions made necessary a change of plan. The section which started from Tasmania was forced to spend the winter of 1915-16 at Ross Sea to await Sir Ernest's arrival which had been expected some time this month.

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State department despatches from Durango, San Luis Potosi, Nogales and other points reported quiet. Americans were leaving the Durango region but there was no anti-American outbreak.

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in city court this morning Judge Frederic A. Bartlett wanted to know why it is that only occasionally are jitneys arrested for allowing passengers to ride on the doors of their cars. He said that the law relative to that is constantly ignored and he asked the police would take more action in enforcing this law. He said that something must be done to stop this practice.

James A. Reenie, a jitney, arrested by Policeman Liggins yesterday afternoon for violating this ordinance was fined \$2. He paid the fine.

Nicholas Schlanick, 46 Waller place, another jitney was fined \$10 and costs for reckless driving. He was dodging in and out between trolley cars at Main street and Fairfield avenue at 3:30 yesterday afternoon when arrested by Policeman Liggins. His car struck a team of horses and the skid chains on one of the tires tore the shoe off a horse attached to the team.

## TWO ARMIES CLOSE IN ON VILLA BAND; BATTLE IS AT HAND

### MEXICAN FORCE MASSES NEAR ARIZONA BORDER; RESIDENTS FEAR RAIDS

### Reports of Conflict Near Namiquipa Unconfirmed, But Officials Say That Struggle Must Be Imminent—Capital Anxiously Awaiting News.

Douglas, Ariz., March 24.—General P. Elizéu Calles, military governor of Sonora, today denied reports that a large number of Mexican troops have reached Agua Prieta, opposite here, from the south. Investigation did not reveal an increased number of troops in Agua Prieta.

Washington, March 24.—Conflicting reports of the masses of Carranza troops on the border continued to reach here today. American consuls in northern Mexico, under orders of the state department to investigate the troop movements reported that they found no massing of troops in the northern sections.

Senator Ashurst, however, received today from D. A. Richardson of Douglas, a telegram saying a Mexican general with 3,000 cavalry and 40 pieces of artillery, had arrived at a point over the border not more than a mile from the center of the city and that 7,000 additional Carranza cavalry were six miles south of the border.

Richardson telegraphed that the American troops stationed two miles from Douglas were inadequate to meet the situation and that there were fears of attack.

Richardson's telegram sent last night, follows:

"Mexican general has forty pieces of artillery and 3,000 cavalry stationed ten blocks from center of Douglas. Seven thousand cavalry six miles south of Douglas. We have only 1,800 infantry, 300 cavalry and four pieces of artillery. Our troops stationed two miles east of Douglas. Am reliably informed that it would take one hour for our troops to reach Douglas in case of a night attack. Our army forbidden by administration from making any active defense preparations for fear Mexicans might misconstrue such preparations. Mexicans have entrenched against the American side and have barbed wire entanglements. We have no entrenchment. Mexican troops could easily repeat Columbus massacre in Douglas on much larger scale and return to Mexico with small loss. All of these statements can be verified by our army officers here. Help us if you can before it is too late."

"I am giving this telegram for publication, said Senator Ashurst, "and will not even submit it to the Senate because it would be useless. I am tired of trying to get anything done."

San Antonio, Tex., March 24.—Reports from Mexican sources that Villa had been attacked by American-Mexican troops at El Oso, near Namiquipa, were accepted today by Major General Funston as probably true, although no confirmation by General Pershing had been received.

Improvement in the working of the wireless made it appear likely that General Pershing would break his fifth day of silence regarding operations south of Casas Grandes by rendering an account of the engagement at El Oso. Here it was believed, Americans would not allow Villa to get out of their sight again and that his capture or death appeared more likely today than at any other time.

General Pershing, it was believed, would concentrate as many of his men as possible in the pursuing force, relieving those who have been riding the country south of Casas Grandes.

## U.S. CONSULAR AGENTS DENY REPORTED REVOLT OF CARRANZISTA FORCE

Washington, March 24.—American Consul Letcher at Chihuahua today reported there was no truth in the reported revolt of General Herrera and the entire Carranza garrison at Chihuahua.

Although General Funston and General Bell on the border have received reports confirming the story of the revolt, which they believe to be true, the despatch from Consul Letcher, who is on the ground and has headquarters at the place where the revolt was said to have occurred, is taken by officials here as confirming the statements of Carranza officials that no such revolt has occurred.

Consul Letcher's despatch reported that General Herrera was in command of the Carranza troops there and was "loyal to General Carranza."

His report was regarded as removing one of the most menacing features of the Mexican situation.