

PIANO MEN INDIGNANT AT AWARD OF BOARD

Unfairness Is Charged in Selecting Instruments.

COMMITTEE IS INCOMPETENT

Dealers Declare No Attention Was Given to Mechanism When Examination Was Made.

When the District Commissioners last Wednesday approved the action of the Board of Education in awarding a contract to A. V. Grimes to furnish eleven pianos to the District schools that were carried the bill will be the leading piano houses in the city. The managers of these agencies said today they would hereafter refuse to bid on any invitation from the District, or where District supplies are concerned, all invitations will be thrown in the wastebasket, they say, and no attention paid to them.

Alleged Unfairness.

As published in The Times on Wednesday afternoon, it is charged the conditions of the award were not fair to all competitors. In the first place, it is pointed out that the committee on award was incompetent, in that one member, Secretary Rodrick, of the Board of Education, knows nothing of pianos, theoretically or practically, and that another member, although a teacher of singing, professes no particular knowledge of the merits of pianos. Further, it is charged, this committee did not pretend to examine the various makes of instruments offered by the four bidders. The manager of one house said the committee entered his store, two members played scales on two different pianos at the same time, and refused to listen to any explanation of the peculiar merits of the instruments. When asked to look at the mechanism, etc., the spokesman for the committee declined, according to this manager's statement.

Rodrick Stands Pat.

The fact remains that Mr. Grimes' bid, which was accepted, was the highest, save one of all submitted. Commissioner West endeavored to have the matter investigated fully, but a letter from Secretary Rodrick, who, as secretary of the Board of Education, refused to listen to any explanation of the crooked work on the part of the committee, of which he had been a member. Because of this letter, which, incidentally, was not approved by the president or any member of the Board of Education, the Commissioners believe they have done all they can. The responsibility of the award, it is urged, rests upon the Board of Education.

The letter follows:

"Hon. H. L. West, Commissioner. "Dear Sir: Having heard of some dissatisfaction in regard to the report and recommendation of the committee selected to examine the pianos recently offered for sale to the District schools in the public schools, I brought the matter to the attention of the Board of Education at the meeting held last evening, and after full consideration of the question it was believed that everything had been done in the most proper manner, with the best interests of the schools in view; that there was no cause for complaining, and that the original recommendation should stand.

W. F. RODRICK, Secretary.

GOTHAM POLICE CAPTAIN HERE TO SEE PRESIDENT

John J. Murtha, of Bridge Squad, Visits Washington on Honeymoon.

Police Capt. John J. Murtha, commander of the Brooklyn bridge squad, who was recently married to Cecelia M. Twedy, a Brooklyn school teacher, is in Washington with his bride. Captain Murtha is an old friend of the President, and will call at the White House. While President Roosevelt was head of the police board in New York city he and Captain Murtha became close friends, and the intimacy has been maintained. Captain and Mrs. Murtha will remain in Washington five days, and may be invited to dine at the White House while here.

GEN. CARTER DEPARTS FOR EUROPEAN TRIP

Brig. Gen. William H. Carter left Washington last night for New York. He will sail for England tomorrow. After spending several weeks in Europe, General Carter will sail on the transport Kilpatrick for the Philippines.

BABY COFFEE TOPERS

Were Given Coffee at a Year's Age.

"My mother always gave her children coffee to drink from the time they were old enough to hold a cup, consequently I used it from the time I was two years old to my eighteenth year," says a young lady of Potomac, Ill.

"Although I never suspected it, coffee was all this time getting in my system, and suddenly, without any warning, I was taken with nervous prostration. At times I could scarcely breathe and my face twitched continually.

"I was almost ruined, and I know it, and I know the only way that I got rid of it, and got well was by drinking Postum in its place. I have found out that you must be careful to follow directions on the Postum package to make good Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

HOUSE GETS LETTERS ON PANAMA UPRISING

Correspondence Tells the Main Happenings.

MOVEMENT WELL PREPARED

Mr. Ehrman Writes of the Chief Events and the Act of Colombian Warship.

President Roosevelt today submitted to the House additional correspondence dealing with the uprising in Panama. It consists of two letters with enclosures from Vice Consul General Felix Ehrman at Panama to Acting Secretary of State Loomis. Both communications are under date of November 9.

The one deals with the uprising itself, which was carried out at 6 p. m. on November 3. All arrangements had been made in advance for 8 o'clock p. m., but as everything was in readiness the affair came off two hours ahead of schedule time. The Colombian ship Bogota fired a few shells at 10 o'clock, and one Chinaman was killed and slight damage done. The "Last of November" (Padilla), which was in the harbor, took no part.

The Bogota steamed away, and the consular corps formulated a protest against the action of her commander. But the protest was not delivered, as the Bogota was not in sight and no boats were to be had. On the evening of the following day the "Last of November" hoisted the Panama flag.

At 3 o'clock p. m. of that day there was a mass meeting at the Central Plaza, and the declaration of independence was read and signed. General Ehrman attaches a list of the men in the new government, and says they are "men of high standing and with big experience in public affairs." Everything was carried on "in an orderly manner," and foreigners were neither threatened nor molested.

In his second letter, Mr. Ehrman tells of the visit from the committee of the provisional government, informing him that Panama had severed relations with the Colombian government. He incloses a copy of his letter to them acknowledging their authority and warning them they would be held responsible for the protection of American interests in Panama.

FORFEITS COLLATERAL FOR SPEEDING VEHICLE

Policeman McQuade's Long Chase Before He Could Identify Number on Rear of Automobile.

Prosecutor James Pugh, in the District branch of the Police Court, today allowed Dr. William S. Newell, 1510 H Street northwest, to forfeit \$10 collateral, in preference to appearing before Judge Kimball to answer a charge of running his automobile at a greater rate of speed than is safe for the life and limb of citizens of the city.

Bicycle Policeman James McQuade, who has succeeded in convicting more persons for violating the speed laws than any other man on the force, says he noticed Dr. Newell exceeding the limit fixed by law, near Eighteenth and N Streets northwest, and followed him over to the Aqueduct Bridge, where he was compelled to give up the chase.

Dr. Newell, Policeman McQuade says, was going at a 20-mile-an-hour clip until he reached the bridge spanning Rock Creek, near Twenty-seventh Street, when speed was increased to thirty miles an hour. McQuade says the vehicle was operated so fast that he could not get close enough to get the number until Dr. Newell slowed up to steer his machine on to the Aqueduct Bridge. The number was then taken, and Dr. Newell was required to come to Police Court this morning, which he did, and adjusted matters.

NINETEEN CONVICTS SENT TO NEW JERSEY

Names and Sentences of Those Taken to Trenton Penitentiary.

Nineteen convicts were sent from Washington today to the penitentiary at Trenton, N. J., to serve out the sentences imposed upon them in the local courts. Among the prisoners are George Howard and Thomas M. Joyce, negroes, convicted of murder in the second degree, sentenced to serve thirty-two and twenty-five years, respectively, and Walter Wright, who was given eight years for manslaughter. The complete list of the convicts, the crimes of which they were found guilty, and the number of years each will serve are as follows:

George Howard, colored, murder, thirty-two years; William Stanton, embezzlement, one year and six months; Charles M. Joyce, murder, twenty-five years; Charles Coleman, colored, housebreaking, three years; Thomas Armstrong, colored, housebreaking, eight years; George Ruffin, colored, assault, five years; Charles Warren, colored, robbery, four years; Walter Wright, manslaughter, eight years; Samuel Jones, colored, housebreaking, twelve years; George Banks, alias Wilton Banks, alias Wilson Banks, housebreaking, three years; James Butler, colored, housebreaking, three years; Delgado Cotton, embezzlement, two years; William Santmyer, forger, one year and one day; Ernest King, housebreaking, two years; Paul Polin, housebreaking, eight years; Henry Gardner, alias Henry Payne, bigamy, two years; Samuel Payne, colored, robbery, four years; James Hanson, colored, robbery, four years; David H. Robinson, colored, fourteen years.

BIG FIRE IN RUTLAND.

RUTLAND, Vt., Nov. 27.—Fire last night in West Rutland destroyed property conservatively estimated at \$75,000. Several business blocks, a number of residences, and adjoining stables were consumed, with their contents.

RESIGNS IN BOSTON WHEN SENT TO DETROIT

Special Agent Hentz Severs Connection With Treasury Department Rather Than Accept a Transfer.

T. W. Hentz, one of the special agents of the Treasury, on duty at Boston for years, has resigned. Because of the recent revelations in the customs service there, he was ordered transferred to Detroit, and he resigned in preference to accepting the transfer.

At the Treasury Department it is said Mr. Hentz was second in authority in the service as special agent at Boston. While he was not directly responsible for the overlooking of the conditions which were revealed in connection with the Boston customs service, the department looks upon him as partially so. There were half a dozen special agents on duty at Boston, and because they failed to see or to make known the alleged crookedness going on under their noses, none of them will be allowed to remain on duty there.

In pursuance of this policy, Mr. Hentz was ordered transferred. He had been stationed in Boston for about ten years, and the transfer was distasteful to him. This is the reason given at the Treasury for his resignation.

"The department proposes to keep men in these places who have their eyes open," said a prominent Treasury official today, in discussing the case of Mr. Hentz.

MANIAC INTERRUPTS EVANSTON SERVICES

Calls Down Curses on Assembled Citizens, Fights Worshipers, and Then Disappears.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—A terrific struggle between prominent citizens of Evanston, including the trustees of Northwestern University and a frantic maniac, amid screaming and fainting women, nearly broke up the union Thanksgiving services in the Emmanuel Methodist Church of Evanston yesterday.

The church was filled with almost 1,000 of Evanston's prominent citizens. The pastors of ten leading churches were seated on the platform. As the Rev. T. P. Frost, pastor of the First Methodist Church, arose in the silence preceding an anthem to preach the Thanksgiving sermon, a man of large proportions, and prosperous appearance arose in the middle aisle, and began calling down curses and shouting incoherent threats.

The minister stopped aghast, and women screamed. The man was strong, and a terrific combat ensued, in which coats were torn and scratches exchanged. At last he was thrust outside the church. He had never been seen in the congregation, unless it was made up of no striking of the disturber until late in the afternoon they did not find him.

RYAN, TURF PLUNGER, LEAVES WASHINGTON

Says His Visit Here Had Nothing to Do With the Postoffice Investigation.

John J. Ryan, the noted turf plunger, has been in the city for several days, but departed for Cincinnati today at noon. He said he was in the city on business, and had nothing further to do with the Postoffice Department investigations.

Ryan is the man who brought the charge, when running a get-rich-quick company, that Daniel V. Miller, an attorney in the office of the Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department, conspired with Joseph Johns, an Indiana attorney, to obtain money from him for a favorable decision from the department on a fraud order. Miller and Johns were tried and acquitted.

It was reported that Ryan had been summoned to Washington by the department to give information about Judge James N. Tyner, ex-Attorney General for the department, who has been indicted, along with Harrison J. Barrett, who once held Miller's former position.

DIVORCE HEARING RESUMED.

Hearing in the suit of Charles R. Morgan against Fannie E. Morgan, for divorce on statutory grounds, and a counter suit by Morgan against her husband on similar grounds was resumed today before Justice Gould.

WASHINGTON EXHIBIT AT ST. LOUIS FAIR

Conference on the Subject at District Building Does Not Result in Any Formal Action.

After a consultation this morning between Commissioner Macfarland, Albert M. Kelsey, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and representatives of the Business Men's Association, and the Washington Board of Trade, it was announced that nothing had been decided upon concerning the exhibit of Washington at the exposition.

It was said the matter had not been thoroughly discussed in the community, and it was difficult to know what the general sentiment was. No attempt was made to ascertain even tentatively what building, if any, should be selected for exhibition. Commissioner Macfarland desiring to get further opinions whether there should be any exhibition at all, asked, for informal expressions of opinion on the subject, and what amount of money should be asked of Congress if the exhibit is to be made.

All those present, except Gen. John M. Wilson, who thought no exhibit should be made, said they believed Washington should be represented in the Model City. General Wilson said he thought Washington drew the attention of the whole country and did not need to make an exhibit which would be chiefly for the benefit of the World's Fair.

The preponderance of opinion as to the amount that should be asked, if the matter should be presented to Congress, was that it should be between \$20,000 and \$30,000, although most of those present said they would not favor any appropriation unless it was made, like all the current appropriations for the District of Columbia, on the half and half basis.

Those present included Frank K. Raymond, president of the Business Men's Association; W. V. Cox, president of the Washington Board of Trade; Thomas W. Smith, Berry Bullock, Wilton J. Lambert, W. F. Jude, Allison Naylor, E. H. Droop, Col. George Truesdell, W. S. Knox, Benjamin S. Graves, W. P. Van Winkle, William Hahn, Gen. John M. Wilson, W. H. Shuster, and Mr. Malcolm.

NEGRO LAWYERS BITTER AGAINST JUDGE KIMBALL

Will Use Every Influence to Prevent His Reappointment to Police Court Bench.

In connection with the announcement made at the White House that the President had decided to reappoint Charles F. Scott and I. G. Kimball as judges of the local Police Court, it is stated that the negro lawyers and others who are opposed to the reappointment of Judge Kimball would make a strong effort to induce the President to reconsider the matter. If the President cannot be prevailed upon to do so, the fight on Judge Kimball will be continued when his nomination reaches the Senate.

Business men and members of the bar assert that the opposition to the reappointment of Judge Kimball is not confined to the negro citizens, but that influential lawyers and citizens are in favor of a change in the make-up of the Police Court bench. In support of this assertion it is pointed out that numerous letters and petitions have been sent to the President signed by prominent lawyers and citizens, requesting the appointment of others to the position of police judge.

ROYAL SPANISH SAW MILLS PAY NO TAX TO TREASURY

MADRID, Nov. 27.—Menendez Palares, a Republican deputy, today publishes in the various papers, a strong denunciation of the royal family which he asserts is running a saw mill and timber yard in the province of Segovia and is paying no taxes on the business. The treasury he declares has lost nearly a million pesetas in taxes which are due on the yard.

BENTON TO SPEAK

Hon. M. E. Benton will address the Missouri Society at Spanish War Veterans' Hall, 719 Sixth Street northwest, Saturday night. A good musical program has been arranged. All Missourians are invited.

PHILADELPHIA POLICE AND PINKERTONS WATCH FOR SERVANT IN HARRISON FAMILY

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—Philadelphia's police force and all the local Pinkerton men are watching every pawnshop here in the hope that a \$25,000 jewel robber may be caught.

The victims of the theft are members of the family of W. W. Harrison, the millionaire sugar refiner, who resides in Grey Towers, a palatial establishment, at Glenside, Montgomery county, near this city. A hired man, engaged two weeks ago, disappeared yesterday simultaneously with the disappearance of a \$10,000 rope of pearls and miscellaneous gems worth \$15,000. It is this man who is being sought.

SHIPBUILDERS UNITE ON SUBSIDY MEASURE

Representatives of Companies Will Await an Expression by the President Before Going to Congress.

Representatives of several of the shipbuilding companies are expected in the city on Monday to discuss plans for a ship subsidy measure. It is expected they will have a conference with Senator Hanna, who favors the introduction of a bill at the regular session of Congress.

It was said today the reason the Ohio Senator made a recent trip to New York for the purpose of conferring with several financiers on the subject, it was also said the men who are behind the measure are waiting to learn whether the President is favorable to such legislation, before proceeding further. One of those interested said today the introduction of the bill depends entirely upon the attitude of the Administration. So far, the President has expressed no opinion on the matter.

It is believed by some, however, he will not give his consent to the proposed legislation, because it might lead to the accusation that the party is aiding the Morgan steamship combine and the moribund shipbuilding trust.

"BAD MAN" IN INDIANA SURROUNDED BY POSSE

Released From "Pen" "Red" Hooper Made Things Lively—A "Lynch-Bees" Threatened.

FAIRMONT, Ind., Nov. 27.—Harry, alias "Red" Hooper, pardoned from the penitentiary in Michigan City a week ago, assassinated Marshal James Payne Thursday, shot several times at Deputy Marshal Philip Armstrong, defied a crowd of citizens for half an hour, and then fled to the dense brush about Lake Galena. He is surrounded by 300 armed men, who will probably lynch him if he is found.

Dale's hardware store was robbed Wednesday night, and Hooper was suspected. Marshal Payne, assisted by Deputy Marshal Armstrong, arrested Hooper Thursday afternoon when they met him on the street. Hooper made no resistance, but walked with the officers about a block, when he stopped suddenly, drew a revolver, and shot Marshal Payne. Hooper backed away, while Payne staggered across the street, the officer firing three shots at Hooper which were ineffective.

Payne fell to the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street, and expired within a few minutes. Deputy Marshal Armstrong was unarmed, and took refuge behind a tree, Hooper keeping him covered with a revolver as he backed away.

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PETITIONS INTRODUCED AGAINST MR. SMOOT

A large number of petitions remonstrating against Reed Smoot, the Mormon Senator, retaining his seat, were introduced in the Senate today by Mr. Depew of New York and Mr. Cullerson of Texas.

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