

# Resignation of Platt Regarded as Probable; Scandal Forces Issue

## Republican Leaders in New York Hope He Will Step Aside.

### USEFULNESS AT AN END

#### Persons Connected With Senator's Domestic Troubles Refuse to Talk.

That Senator Platt will retire from the Senate in the near future is now looked upon by many of the Republican leaders as a strong possibility. The latest series of scandals which has involved his name, it is said, is certain to make residence in Washington so disagreeable that he will find little satisfaction in resuming his duties here.

# GRANT EXPIATES MURDER OF GIRL IN DISTRICT JAIL

## Meets Death With Song of Hope on His Lips.

Expiating the murder of Eva Harjos, committed December 16, 1905, Charles Edward Grant, colored, this morning met death on the scaffold in the District jail, with the words of a hymn on his quivering lips. His neck was not broken. The doomed man stepped upon the platform at 7:30 o'clock. Thirty seconds later he plunged through the opening, and the law had been satisfied. His body was allowed to remain suspended until 7:50 o'clock, when the pulpit was lowered into a wicker basket and carried away for interment.

### Sings on His Way to Scaffold.

Singing "In That City, Bright City," Grant walked from the death cell with a firm step, and seemed to be oblivious of his surroundings. He was accompanied by John Roberts, Charles A. DeVaughn, and W. J. Howard, preachers, all of whom were singing the same hymn. Grant was a mere lad, short of stature, and undeveloped both mentally and physically.

He was clad in a well-worn brown and gray mixed suit, with no buttons on the coat. The jacket and trousers were held together with a small tattered brass pin that belonged to the woman he loved and whom he killed.

Grant's eyes were uplifted as he sang. Just as the guard placed the black cap over the condemned man's head and was in the act of turning the door to swing from side to side, his knees gave way; he leaned far to the left, and his head struck the door. He was caught by the deputy warden and a handkerchief from his pocket was a signal to his brother officers and the door shot from under the feet of the law's victim. As Grant plunged through the opening he was singing, "There's a Home for Everyone," a line from the hymn.

### Dead in Twenty-two Minutes.

He dropped about nine feet, but his weight was not sufficient to break his neck.

Immediately after the drop the physician at the jail and a dozen or more medical students and other witnesses felt Grant's pulse and put their heads to his breast. His heart was beating strong and with regularity. After the body had been suspended twenty-two minutes the jail physician pronounced life extinct, and the body was lowered. The body was carried out of the northeast corridor, where the execution was conducted, and placed in a coffin. Less than half an hour after the execution Grant was impatient for the execution

### THE WEATHER REPORT.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have high northwesterly winds north of the fortieth parallel, with rain or snow to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.	
9 a. m.	42
12 noon	43
1 p. m.	43

DOWN TOWN.

Registered Atkins' Standard Thermometer	41
5 a. m.	41
12 noon	41
1 p. m.	42

SUN SETS TOMORROW.

Sun sets tomorrow	4:57
Sun rises tomorrow	6:44

TIDE TABLE.

3 tide today	7:37 p. m.
2 tide today	1:38 p. m.
2 tide tomorrow	5:48 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow	2:42 a. m.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Nov. 16.—Both rivers clear.

# MABELLE GILMAN TOWED NOBLEMAN



MISS GILMAN, Best Photograph of Popular Actress Ever Printed.

## Groom-to-Be Is Reported a Very Wealthy Englishman, a Peer of the Realm Whose Identity Is Jealously Concealed.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Mabelle Gilman, the beautiful American actress, who was responsible for the divorce suit instituted by Mrs. W. E. Cory, the steel magnate's wife, it is said will soon marry an English nobleman of great wealth. The secret of the identity of

# COMMISSIONER DISREGARDS PECULIARLY ADVERSE DATA ON EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

—VERNON E. HODGES

## Household Research Committee Spokesman Says Applications of Parties Were to Have Been Given Licenses After Unfavorable Reports.

To the Editor of The Washington Times: I trust your paper will allow me space to make perfectly clear the position of the Household Research Committee of the Public Education Association, for which I was spokesman at the private conference before Commissioner West yesterday, as some of the newspaper accounts were more or less in error. This committee of representative women has, at its own expense, investigated the methods of the various employment agencies throughout the District and the various reports were, accompanied by the affidavit of the person making the investigations. The whole agitation arose from the fact, which the ladies recognized, that nurses and nursery governesses, and even cooks and housemaids came into very close, and often unsupervised contact with the children of the household, and that their influence cannot be for the good of the children if they are subjected to the injurious influences found to exist in some of the employment agencies, and in the pursuit of this investigation, sufficient facts were found to convince both houses of Congress that legislation was imperative, and it resulted in the passage of public act No. 248, to regulate employment agencies in the District of Columbia.

### Licenses Promised by Authorities.

These same reports which influenced Congress and some of which were included in the reports of Congressional committees, were in the possession of the District Commissioner and had been referred to the Major and Superintendent of Police by Commissioner West, and the Superintendent of Police had reported favorably on the applications of various parties, upon whom the reports referred to were peculiarly adverse. Notwithstanding these facts, Commissioner West notified the Household Research Committee that unless further objection was made, the licenses would be granted to these applicants, and it was in response to that statement and threat that an appointment was made for an oral conference and interview, at which quite a number of representative people were present, although the majority of the clerks were actively engaged in philanthropic and educational work in the District.

### Burden of Proof.

The main feature urged at the conference was that there was no occasion for a public hearing on the ground that the act specifically states that "The Commissioners of the District of Columbia must be satisfied that the applicant is a person of good, general character," therefore, in view of the reports in possession of the Commissioner, it placed the burden of proof entirely upon certain of these applicants, and that therefore no reason existed why the association there represented

### THRILLING RESCUE BY LIFE SAVING CREW

HULL, Mass., Nov. 16.—The crew at the Point Allerton life saving station performed a thrilling rescue today when they took four men from the wrecked schooner Mary Lee Newton, a New York coast boat.

The schooner went on the rocks last night in the terrible nor'easter that raged along the whole New England coast. Her crew clung to the rigging for nearly twelve hours before the Point Allerton men saw them.

Yale-Princeton Football Game, Princeton, Nov. 17. Special train via Pennsylvania Railroad, leaves Philadelphia Saturday, Nov. 17, at 10:40 a. m., connecting with train leaving Washington 6:55 a. m. Returning, leave Princeton after game from Middle Station, connecting at Philadelphia with regular train for Washington.—Adv.

# PRESIDENT SEES WORK ON CANAL IN TOUR TODAY

## Begins Thorough Inspection of Government Project at Seven o'Clock This Morning.

### RESTED YESTERDAY; DETAINED BY RAIN

#### Frets at Delays Caused by Social Engagements, as He Is Anxious to See Everything on Isthmus.

PANAMA, Nov. 16.—President Roosevelt took a day off from investigating canal conditions and rested yesterday owing to the heavy rain which continued uninterrupted. Today he started over the ground to inquire into every detail of the canal work.

The early days of the President's visit were devoted largely to an exchange of courtesies with Panama officials. These were closed for the present with a ball given by President Amador at the Commercial Club. Senor Lefevre, President Amador's secretary, delivered an address of welcome and President Roosevelt replied with a few complimentary and witty remarks.

The wish expressed by President Roosevelt to see the canal work when conditions were at their worst is being realized. The Chagres river, the greatest obstacle to canal digging, because of its sudden fluctuations, is on a typical rampage. If the rains continue much longer it may make a new record for destructiveness.

But the President was not deterred today. He started out at 7 o'clock. He has fretted at the delay necessitated by the social engagements.

He has lost no opportunities to acquire information, however. He inquires into everything relating to the minutest details of canal management. He insists to know practically as much about the canal as do the engineers.

# GILLETTE'S DEED MOST ATROCIOUS IT IS CHARGED

## Grace Brown's Eyes Gouged Out and Her Skull Fractured.

HERKIMER, N. Y., Nov. 16.—That Grace Brown was brutally murdered on the bank of Big Moose Lake by Chester E. Gillette and her body thrown in the lake is the contention of the prosecution in the trial of young Gillette.

Until today it had been thought that the prosecution would try to show that Gillette had lured the young woman into a boat and when out of sight of anyone on land, had thrown her overboard.

Held secret until today, the autopsy showed that Grace Brown's eyes had been gouged out; her skull fractured and her body covered with bruises. The body showed that the girl had made a hard struggle to fight off her assailant. The body apparently had been dragged through the water.

No water was in the lungs. If the girl had been thrown overboard while alive her lungs would have filled with water. The prosecution will endeavor to show that Gillette beat the girl to death with a heavy weapon, unseen by anyone on the shore, and then threw her into the boat and rowed to a point where it was thrown in the water.

A new panel of jury takers has been drawn from which to select a jury. Neither side has exhausted its peremptory challenges. Eight jurors are in the box.

# FIREMAN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

READING, Pa., Nov. 16.—Westbound Philadelphia and Reading express train No. 12, known as the "Cannon Ball," leaving Reading at 8:30 last evening, was wrecked at 9:25 about half a mile north of Linfield. One man was killed, three were injured and one is missing.

EPHRAIM BROSEY, fireman of the express, was killed in Philadelphia.

The injured: John V. Bucks, of Philadelphia, engineer of the express, severely scalded; may die.

Edward B. Spangler, of Philadelphia, conductor of express, cut by glass; injuries not serious.

William J. Kelley, of Philadelphia, baggage master on the express, cut by glass; not serious.

The missing: George Matthews, of Pottsville, hind man of the freight train.

Delayed by the snow, extra freight train No. 125, southbound, was but halfway on a siding when the express, rushing past, snow-clogged signals, crashed into the caboose. Fifteen freight cars were demolished. Traffic was delayed for several hours.

The Best Shingles, \$4.50 per 1,000. Lumber Trust Broken. Libbey & Co., 6th St. & N. Y. Ave.—Adv.

# FORTY A WAIT WATERY GRAVE ON AN ISLAND

## Little Band of Men, Women, and Children Marooned by Pacific Coast Storm.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 16.—With the raging waters rising slowly around the little island on which they are marooned by floods, forty men, women, and children are awaiting death today.

The island is at the confluence of the Columbia and Cowlitz Rivers. Help has been sent from here, but it may not reach them before the engulfing waters rise and sweep the refugees away. No one could live in an attempt to swim the current to the island with a rope, but the steamer Burton is racing to the rescue.

# MILLER RETAINED AS COUNSEL FOR STANDARD OIL CO.

## Reported He Will Receive \$150,000 Annually for Services.

John S. Miller, of Chicago, former corporation counsel of the Windy City, known to fame by reason of his invention of the immunity bill and his success in inducing Judge Humphreys to immerse the packers therein, is to defend the Standard Oil Company in the big Federal prosecutions in Federal courts.

### Miller Draws Big Prize.

This is the highly circumstantial report which comes to Washington from private sources. The Department of Justice isn't surprised, but notes that if it is true Mr. Miller is to be "congratulated on getting so much money."

Whether he will convince another court of the propriety of an immunity immersion, however, the department, while professionally reticent, seems gravely to doubt.

Mr. Miller, the story goes, will get \$150,000 a year for his services in the effort to immunize the Standard Oil people. It is assumed that he will try to induce the circuit bench of the Eighth circuit to accept the Humphreys precedent.

Just why the oil case was sent to that circuit has been the subject of some interested gossip. The circuit judges in the big Eighth circuit are Sanborn, Hook Adams, and Vandevanter. Of these, Judge Sanborn has long been regarded as having decided leanings toward the corporation view of large questions.

# Where to Bring Suit.

Nevertheless, it is well understood that the question of where to bring the suit was one of the most serious ones with the Department of Justice and the close advisers of the Administration; for it was desired to get into a court that would not be unduly unfriendly to the Government case.

It is presumed that the case will be tried by a full bench or at any rate by three judges. When it will come up cannot be guessed, so much depending on the defendants, who may demur to the Government's petition and start a proceeding in appeals that might require a long time.

# Say Oil Magnates Offered Guilty Plea To Civil Charges

In connection with the filing of the Government's petition in the Standard Oil civil action at St. Louis, it has been rumored that the magnates of the oil combination made the offer that they would plead guilty of the civil charges if they would be given assurance of immunity from criminal actions. It is alleged further that this agreement was denied, and that the Department of Justice still has in contemplation the possibility of criminal actions.

At the department this morning it was said that if there had been such negotiation it would not be possible for any authority of the Government to discuss it, but everybody who was asked about the matter promptly declared he had never heard of it.

# Standard Oil Again Takes Serious Tumble

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Standard Oil stock slumped again today and sold down to \$32 a share, the lowest price in many years. Sales of stock from shareholders all over the country on fears that the Federal suit may disrupt the trust are the causes for the downward plunge of the last few days.

# Standard Oil Officials Must Appear in Person

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 16.—Standard Oil influence will not be effective in saving the three missing Cleveland officials of the company from the humiliation of appearing in court at Findlay to answer to the indictments returned against them as directors. Prosecutor David insists that all three of the indicted men shall appear personally.

None of the fugitives had returned to Cleveland this morning.

\$7.25 to Baltimore and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad, every Saturday and Sunday. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited." Tickets good to return until Sunday night.—Adv.

# Residents Fleeing; Valley a Torrent

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 16.—With wires down, railroads tied up, and roads turned into rivers, only the most meager reports of the damage caused by the storm can be obtained today.

The Yakima valley is a raging torrent. Reports brought from Yakima, Walla Walla, Leavenworth, and other points, say the water is higher than ever known before. The destruction to crops will be enormous.

The Northern Pacific railroad is washed out for a mile west of Yakima. Residents of the town of Shoshone have been driven to the hills as a result of the overflowing of the Snoqualmie river. Latest reports say the water is still rising.

Several trains are tied up in Wenatchee and the town is full of refugees. The wind is blowing down small houses. Part of Cashmere is under water. From reports received here at this time, it is impossible to estimate the damage, but it is certain to mount into the millions.

# Flood Drowns 5; Loss, \$1,000,000

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 16.—An area of 200 square miles in western Washington has been flooded by the heavy storms that swept over the Northwest Pacific Coast Wednesday night. This city, Tacoma, Spokane, and Everett, north and east of Kelso, Wash., have been cut off from railroad and wagon road communication with the outside world.

The flooded rivers have washed out bridges and embankments, and the overland highways are impassable. Trains are stalled in many places and considerable anxiety is felt for the comfort and safety of passengers. Five deaths have been reported from various parts of the flooded district from drowning and other causes. The electric light and trolley service in this city has been put out of business. It is estimated that the property loss will reach \$1,000,000.

# RETOLD THE STORY OF OLIVER TWIST AND OLD FAGIN

A modern "Oliver Twist," seventeen years old, innocent and unsuspecting, and the tool of an equally modern "Fagin," was the principal in a pathetic scene at the Police Court this morning.

Charged with breaking into a glass showcase in front of the clothing store of Julius Cohen on Seventh street and stealing a sweater, Edward Albert, a bright looking boy, was arraigned before Judge Mulwony. The boy listened to the charge of larceny with wide open eyes and when Clerk Potts had finished, he said:

"Judge, I took the sweater, but I did not realize what I was doing," he told the court. "This is the first time I have ever taken anything and I don't know why I did it."

"You don't look like a boy that would steal," commented Judge Mulwony, "and I want you to tell me just how it happened."

"I ran away from home several weeks ago," replied the boy, "because I could not get along with my brother. My mother lives at 42 1/2 street northwest, and I left her and home to make my own living. It has been mighty hard to get along, but somehow I managed to live."

"Several days ago, perhaps two weeks, I met a boy called Fox or Cox, and he told me that anything I could do he would manage to sell for me. He said his father kept a store and would sell the things there for me and give me a commission on the sales."

"Last night, Judge, I was walking along Seventh street, cold and hungry, and I saw this showcase. Nobody was around, so I walked up to it. I saw this sweater and I thought, 'I'll take it, where there should have been two, and that there was a crack big enough for me to get my hand and part of my arm into.'"

"Nobody was near me, so I slipped my hand in and took the sweater. I would have taken more, but they were out of my reach, and I had to be content with the one."

"Just then, I saw several people coming up the street, and I ran with the sweater and hid it in an alley. I was going back to get it. I walked out on the street, and I saw the police. I was unmolested, and thinking to get the rest of the sweaters, I broke the glass."

"Honest, Judge, I want to be honest, but the man who said he could sell the things for me put me up to it."

Judge Mulwony announced that he would not give a decision in the case, and that it would have to be continued until tomorrow, when the mother of the boy and the "fence" could be heard in court.

Meanwhile, the police will investigate the case and it is expected that the arrest of "Fagin" will follow.