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CHIEF DISHMAN REMOVED; DIXON PUT IN COMMAND

Police Head Is Dismissed in Quick Action by Commission

PENDEGAST QUITS

Secretary Declares He Is Ready to Step Down and Out at Once

CHIEF EDWARD F. DISHMAN was removed and his position declared vacant by the police commission last night. The same resolution that removed Chief Dishman also named Capt. C. E. Dixon as acting chief to hold the position until such time as a successor to Dishman can be appointed.

The resolution declaring the office of chief of police vacant was introduced by Commissioner Wellborn and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The vote of the commission was unanimous.

The resolution follows:

Resolved, that Edward F. Dishman be, and he is hereby removed from the position or office of chief of police of the city of Los Angeles, and said office is hereby declared vacant. Captain Charles E. Dixon is hereby ordered as acting chief to perform the duties and exercise the authority of chief of police until the appointment of a successor to said Edward F. Dishman, or until the further order of this board.

The secretary of this board will immediately notify Mr. Dishman and Capt. Charles E. Dixon accordingly, and instruct said Edward F. Dishman to turn over the police department and all that pertains to it to said Capt. Charles E. Dixon.

Pendegast Resigns

Following the action on the removal of Chief Dishman Commissioner Wellborn presented the written resignation of Lyle Pendegast, executive secretary of the police department. Pendegast in his resignation stated he had been secretary in the department since 1905 and he realized the position was a confidential one and that he resigned to give Chief Dishman's successor an opportunity to choose his own secretary.

While Pendegast's resignation had every appearance of being entirely voluntary, police commissioners had strongly intimated that it would be most acceptable and they were prepared to insist on it.

The summary action of the commission in removing Chief Dishman followed Dishman's written refusal to resign his position which was presented to the commission yesterday.

Last Saturday the commission asked Dishman to resign, to take effect February 1. After considering the matter several days Dishman concluded to let the commission remove him.

Topham May Be Named

The failure of the police commission to name a successor to Dishman last night leaves this question as far from a solution as ever.

Sentiment is believed to be growing in favor of Commissioner Topham for the position, and when it was learned yesterday that Topham was being pressed to take the position the pressure was increased. During the afternoon Topham had to run away from the telephones to avoid prominent men who wanted to urge him to take the position of chief. At first Mr. Topham absolutely refused to consider himself a candidate for the office, but so many have urged him to consider it favorably that he has begun to think seriously of the matter.

SERGEANT FINED AND SENT BACK TO BEAT

Desk Sergeant Samuel McKenzie was fined one month's pay and ordered reduced to the ranks to walk a beat by the police commission last night. At the same time charges against Patrolman A. W. Green of the traffic squad were dismissed.

McKenzie's punishment grew out of the charges against Green, which were preferred by W. M. Baxter of Alhambra. Baxter charged that Green had arrested him unjustly for driving a horse too fast on a street intersection.

McKenzie was the desk sergeant who booked Baxter when he was arrested, and McKenzie's punishment resulted from his statement to the commission Monday night that he was too busy to grant Baxter's request to telephone to some friends to procure bail for him. As a result Baxter was locked up in jail all night.

Commissioner Wellborn sharply rebuked McKenzie for being "too busy" to attend to the duties specifically imposed on him by the police rules and regulations. But the reprimand, although severe, was not considered sufficient punishment and the fine and reduction to ranks was imposed.

McKenzie is not a sergeant by rank, but a patrolman acting as sergeant.

PAYNE CONFESSES TO STEALING HORSES

BAKERSFIELD, Jan. 25.—Frank Payne, brother of Harry and Frank Payne, who is jointly charged with his brothers, now on trial in the superior court for horse stealing, late this afternoon took the witness stand and made a complete confession, implicating his brothers in the crime.

The Payne brothers are members of a prominent Tehachapi family, and the stolen horses were disposed of in Los Angeles.

Sheriff Hammel stated last night the Payne boys are alleged to have stolen horses in Kern county six months ago, disposed of them in Los Angeles under such suspicious circumstances that attention was directed to them and payment on a check given them stopped before they cashed it. He states they immediately fled to Texas and New Mexico, where they were captured six weeks ago and brought to trial.

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EDWARD F. DISHMAN

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HOPELESS RUIN AND DEATH IN WAKE OF FLOOD

100,000 Left Destitute by Deluge in France, and Horror Increases

VAST AREA ISOLATED

Many End Lives as Result of Losses--Appalling Scenes Depicted

[Special Cable to The Herald]

PARIS, Jan. 25.—With one-third of Paris under water, from three to twenty-six feet deep, one hundred thousand soldiers and gendarmes working like beavers to check the torrents and rescue hundreds of imperiled families, eight suicides resulting today from property losses, 130,000 persons left homeless or otherwise impoverished by the deluge, Paris and its suburbs tonight are in desperate straits, with still no prospects of the flood subsiding before forty-eight hours.

Twenty-seven villages along the Siene, Marne and other rivers and their tributaries are practically isolated, and great suffering and loss of life are reported hourly.

The general expectation that the maximum of the flood would be reached tonight has not been realized. The Seine tributaries are rising steadily, and the official estimate tonight is that the Seine will be at least fifteen inches higher tomorrow afternoon.

Victims of the flood number more than 100,000, and the monetary loss is incalculable. Thousands of poor are hopelessly ruined.

The government has requisitioned army and navy material to house the sufferers and boats for the rescue of the stricken as well as those imprisoned in houses in flood centers on all sides of Paris.

The region of inundation is steadily enlarging, and scores of villages are completely submerged and the people fleeing for their lives and abandoning everything. In many cases soldiers have been obliged to use force in compelling the inhabitants to leave their homes. Hundreds refused to go, clamoring only for food and water.

Situation Worse

In Paris the situation is rapidly becoming worse, floods sparing neither rich nor poor.

The flood is invading the compactly built area, undermining buildings and forcing the evacuation of many houses. All the streets in one arrondissement are running rivers. Subway and tram service is diminishing, and in every section gas and electric lights are failing.

Paris is practically cut off south and west, and if present conditions continue the question of food will become menacing.

The senate today appropriated $400,000 for national relief. The public aid fund for this purpose is swelling. President Fallieres heads the list with $4000. The Rothschilds have given $20,000.

The entire population of Ivry-Sur-Seine and adjacent places is in a desperate state.

Only the tops of the houses at Alfortville are visible, the water averaging twelve feet in the streets. At this place since 6 o'clock this morning 3000 persons have been rescued by boats, and 30,000 others from this section have found safety by their own efforts.

Ghouls Are Busy

Rescuers had more to contend with than the turbulent waters. Groups of ghouls also were engaged in piracy. They seized several boats and robbed rescuer and rescued alike. In some cases they entered houses and carried on their depredations. Finally a force of soldiers drove off the looters.

There were many cases of drowning, and many aged and sick died as a result of shock and exposure. Old and infirm, and finding themselves unable to leave, a man and a woman hanged themselves to a bed post.

The hospital at Ivry, containing 2000 patients, is surrounded by water. As there is no means of cooking food or of heating the building, the patients must be removed unless the flood subsides. Physicians fear serious results will follow.

President Fallieres and Premier Briand made an automobile trip this afternoon through the flooded districts in the eastern section of Paris. They walked through some streets knee deep with mud and water and saw the crowds fleeing, men tugging at valises and trunks, and weeping women burdened with children and household belongings.

Went for Relief

The president and premier hurried away to seek relief for the suffering people.

River authorities early this morning announced the Seine would continue to rise until Thursday and will exceed the high record of 1802. The Lyons Railroad company sent out a notification that all service out of Paris has been suspended.

The great bonded warehouses at Bercy appear to be doomed to destruction, involving an immense loss. Merchants are removing what they can.

The Seine at Colombes threatens momentarily to mount the parapet and flood the working class suburb of Gennevilliers. This place has a population of 7000.

Military authorities have telegraphed to generals in the provinces to hurry pontoons, bedding and sappers to points where the floods are most severe, and the minister of marine has ordered authorities of the ports to send lifeboats and crews to Paris.

A steamboat pontoon was swept against one of the arches of the Pont de l'Alma, completely obstructing the river at that point. It probably will have to be blown up.

Fifty thousand soldiers, comprising the garrison of Paris, were placed at the disposition of the municipal authorities to fight the flood.

Water Rises Rapidly

At 8 o'clock this morning the water at Pont Royal had touched 26 feet above low tide and was rising at the rate of nearly half an inch an hour

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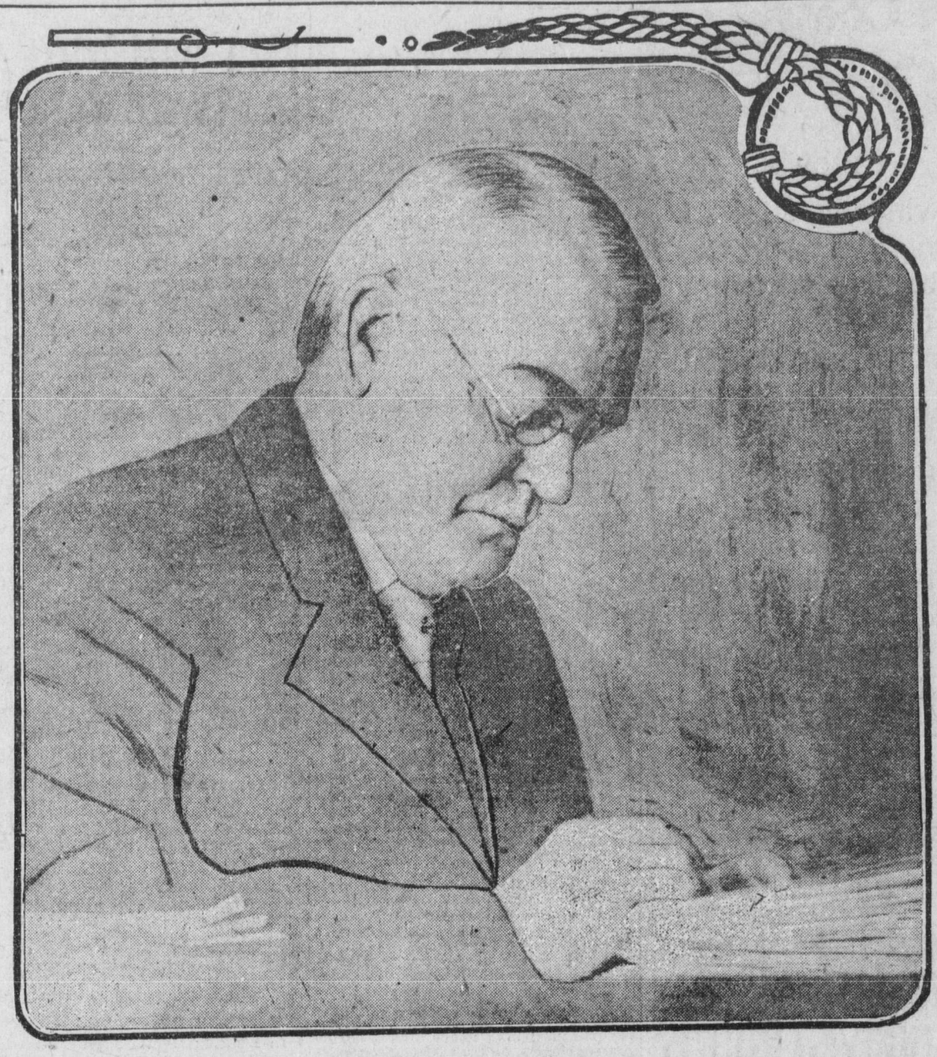
President of City Council Starts War to Death on Municipal Evils



JUDGE JOHN D. WORKS

Judge Works is shown at his desk in the council chamber immediately after his venement denunciation of municipal malefactors yesterday.

RECALCITRANTS ARE FLAYED BY JOHN D. WORKS

Acceptance of Passes from Railways Denounced. Realty Men Scored

DOSE FOR LIBRARY

Members of Board Said to Have Absented Themselves for Months

Evil Methods Exposed

Political rottenness in the street department. Foremen mere political henchmen who hire men because of their political value.

Real estate firms in the business of securing frontage consent for saloons for which they charge applicants for permits $1000, which is one of the most contemptible species of graft.

Members of the library board who absent themselves from meetings of the board for months at a time and who should be removed and men who will do their duty substituted in their places.

City officials and employes using passes granted by the railways because the franchise requires it, but which are really granted illegally.

City officials and employes violating the provisions of the city charter by accepting these passes.

Railway franchises void because the compensation of passes to city officials is a void consideration.

Boycott of business men who use billboards for advertising purposes and the publication of their names in the newspapers.

THESE are some of the bombshells President Works sprung in his opening remarks to the council yesterday morning. His charges concerning the street department are to be investigated by the committee on streets and boulevards, and this promises to give this committee as much to think about as has the committee on legislation, which is probing the charges against the police department made by President Works two weeks ago.

If President Works, who is a former justice of the supreme court of California, correctly interprets the city charter, street railway franchises may be in danger and the street railways may be at the mercy of the city. Because the consideration of granting passes to certain officials and employes of the city in payment of these franchises is a void consideration under the charter, Judge Works holds the franchises themselves are void. But President Works, in effect, suggests that the holders of these passes return them to the railway companies issuing them, and in return the city will demand of the railway companies that they pay a substantial sum into the city treasury.

Andrews Demands Opinion

In discussing the subject of city officials accepting passes, Judge Works stirred up Councilman Andrews to some extent. Mr. Andrews declared that, as the railway franchises made it incumbent for the railways to furnish transportation to city officials, he considered it as part of his compensation as a city official and accepted it as such, but not in the nature of a bribe. The city attorney was asked to give an opinion on the matter of passes.

In order that his opinion on these subjects might be fully understood, President Works had his remarks taken in shorthand by Frank G. Henderson, secretary to the mayor. He said:

"Gentlemen, there are some matters that I would like to bring to the attention of the council for its consideration. I understand that we are not elected simply to sit here and pass ordinances and act upon bills and the like; but that the general welfare of the city is in our hands, and I don't understand that I was selected as president of the council simply to sit here and preside over your deliberations. The president is made an advisory member of all of the committees and any matter that comes to my attention that I think should receive consideration at the hands of the council, I shall feel at liberty to call to your attention from time to time.

Corruption on Streets

"Now, charges have been coming to me affecting the street department, indicating that matters are not as they should be; that there is extravagance, political corruption and various other things that need to be investigated. Whether these charges are true or not should, I think, be investigated by the council. If they are not true, it should be known, in justice to the department itself. If they are true it should be known for the benefit of this council and the people of this city.

We all know, I think, by our own observation, that a great many incompetent men are being employed on the street work. I think we can see for ourselves that the work is being done in a way that is extravagant; and THERE IS INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE FOREMEN AND BOSSES IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT ARE SIMPLY POLITICAL HACKS, WHO ARE THERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYING MEN FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, AND THAT THEY ARE BEING USED FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

"Now, those are matters that ought to be inquired into, and if any such evil as that exists, the duty rests upon us of seeing that they are, as far as possible, removed.

Cleaning Up Suggested

"I want to say that we have a board of public works made up of excellent gentlemen. That is very true. But I am afraid that, with the multitude of work they have to do, many of these things are left to subordinates, and

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RACES BIPLANE AGAINST DEATH

HAMILTON MEETS WITH MISHAP OVER OCEAN

Turns Aeroplane Toward Shore, Landing Just Beyond Surf Line, Where Machine Is Damaged by a Barbed Wire Fence

[Special to The Herald.]

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 25.—Charles K. Hamilton today raced his aeroplane against death when his magneto became damaged by water which leaked from his radiator while the aviator was flying above the ocean in the Curtiss biplane he has been using at the meet in this city.

The daring aviator saw the danger which threatened him when he was several hundred yards from the shore, and as he was descending rapidly he turned his machine full about and made toward the land.

Spectators watched his manipulations with eager eyes, for they knew something had happened amiss, as the big bird-like craft was trembling like a wounded creature of the air, and it looked as if machine and driver must be plunged into the waters.

The aviator kept his place at the rudder wheel, however, and did not lose his head, and just as he reached a point beyond the surf line his machine touched the sand and simultaneously the biplane became entangled in a barbed wire fence, which damaged one of the planes.

Hamilton was not injured. A high wind during the afternoon had prevented Hamilton from going into the air, but at 5 o'clock, in order not to disappoint the crowds gathered for the last day of the meet, he tuned up his machine and started out over the ocean.

It was noticed the water was leaking from his radiator when he ascended, and a minute later the spectators saw him circling low over the water. He turned his machine, and with the wind at his back, raced for the shore, and came down just beyond the surf line. A barbed wire strung along the border of the golf links caught the lower plane and brought the machine suddenly to the ground with a thud. The damage is not serious.

Fails to Break Altitude Record

In his attempt to wrest from Louis Paulhan of France the world's record for height reached in an aeroplane, Hamilton ascended from the polo field of the San Diego Country club on Coronado island today, and during a ten-minute flight rolled and pitched about at the mercy of the fitful wind until he became seasick. The attempt was unsuccessful because the biplane would not rise in the puffy wind.

The intrepid aviator tried time and again to carry his aeroplane to a greater height, and was often carried down on the wind instead of up. He reached an altitude of 300 feet before he descended.

After abandoning his effort to reach a great height Hamilton made a number of flights with passengers above the polo field and out over the ocean.

Once he carried Col. D. C. Collier, director-general of the proposed Panama-California exposition, and then took as a passenger Mrs. Joseph Sefton, wife of a San Diego banker.

At noon Hamilton announced that if

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3 MORE SALOONS LOSE LICENSES

POLICE BOARD CONTINUES INVESTIGATIONS

Brewery Control of Permits Sufficient Cause for Cancellation, in Opinion of the Commissioners

After the police commission had concluded its labors last night three saloon licenses had been revoked and the saloons ordered closed. This makes five of the 214 retail permits now in the hands of the commission.

If the testimony of L. Harris of San Pedro given to the police commission last night is correct it is possible for a saloon keeper to be in the grip of the Maier Brewing company and still tread a pleasant path of finance. Incidentally, there is one less saloon in San Pedro.

This saloon is located at 420 Front street and has been conducted by Harris, but Harris told the commission that the saloon is actually owned by the Maier Brewing company. He declared he had once owned the saloon, but sold it three years ago to the Maier Brewing company for $11,000 cash. Soon after he sold the saloon to the Maier Brewing company he was asked by T. P. Roberts to assume charge and conduct the saloon. He testified that he paid the bills and received all the profits, often $250 a month, while all the brewery got was $10.50 a barrel for the draught beer, which is $1.50 higher than the market price at San Pedro.

The permit was revoked when T. P. Roberts, who held it, admitted it was in his name only as an agent for the Maier Brewing company.

Damaties & Pecetto, 712 East First street, lost their permit to conduct a saloon chiefly because of a police report on the senior partner. The license for their saloon has been held in the name of T. P. Roberts, credit man for the Maier Brewing company. The two partners confessed they did not own the license and had paid only $1850 for the saloon.

The saloon license at 401 North Los Angeles street for which the permit has stood in the name of Puissegur brothers, was revoked by the commisison. Puissegur brothers confessed they had no interest in the saloon, that they had owned it once and sold it to the Maier Brewing company. Commisisoner Topham reported it was a disreputable place and the permit was revoked and the saloon closed.

A number of applicants for retail permits in which breweries are interested were laid over until February 14 for further action. In the meantime it is expected that the council will revise the liquor ordinance and the commisison can act under new laws. In nearly all the cases the permits are held in the names of others than the actual owners of the saloons, some of them agents of breweries.

Two were made happy when the commission granted them transfers of the permits for their saloons from the holders of record. One was C. P. Cook. His permit had been held in the name of J. T. Nash. Cook was once under the domination of the Maier Brewing company through the lease of his premises, but he showed that he had severed all connections with the brewery.

The case of Bogy brothers, 346 South Spring street, was similar. This permit was held in the name of Adolf Hauerwaas, but was transferred to the real owners by the commisison last night.

RUN ON MEXICAN BANK CONTINUES

HAM'S INSTITUTION LOSES CLEARING HOUSE AID

Hundreds of Depositors Crowd About Windows, Eagerly Demanding Their Money—Panic Is Feared

[Associated Press]

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25.—The United States Banking company was tonight suspended from the clearing house upon its failure to make a settlement of today's business.

By a special arrangement the bank was given until 9:30 tomorrow morning to make good its deficit, which is said to amount to 400,000 pesos.

The run on the bank, which began yesterday, continued today.

From 10 o'clock in the morning until 4:20 this afternoon, except for a lull of an hour at midday, anxious depositors crowded the lobby of the institution, and five paying tellers were kept busy.

The bank honored every check, and it is estimated unofficially that fully 2,000,000 pesos were withdrawn.

The crowd began to assemble half an hour before opening time. When the bank opened there was a crush about the paying tellers' windows, which soon increased to such an extent that it was necessary to convert bookkeepers and receiving tellers' cages into paying tellers' compartments. Many women were in the crowd, and some were roughly jostled.

The manager of the National Bank of Mexico denies that the institution was behind the United States Banking company in its present financial difficulties, as was said by Mr. Forsyth last evening to be a fact. A Mexican banking official said he believed the Bank of Montreal would take care of the situation.

Visits to other bankers elicited the information that a week ago they foresaw the run on the United States Banking company and had prepared to meet any possible emergency. Cash was piled high in the vaults of every bank here.

George I. Ham, formerly president of the United States Banking company, and who until he turned over to the bank practically all of his possessions, was the heaviest stockholder, was not at the sanitarium, where yesterday he was reported to have taken refuge. He left early today and could not be found.

The Mexican National Packing company, of which John W. Dekay is president, and which is said to be a heavy creditor of the bank, denied it had gone into the hands of a receiver, or was in any way affected by the situation of the United States Banking company.

Telegrams from New York and other cities in the United States and from Mexico poured into banking houses today. Most were requests for information as to the possibilities of a panic.

DIAMOND ROBBER CAPTURED

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The resourcefulness of a woman, deceived by the man she believed was to marry her, effected the capture today of Frank A. Giese, wanted in Chicago and New York for forgeries, just before he had time to blow out his brains. He had robbed Mrs. Frieda Sommers of $10,000 worth of diamonds.