

Rockefeller Proves a Willing but Very Unsatisfactory Witness

DAVIS TO STEAL CONVENTION FOR RAILROAD BOSS

Chairman of the Republican Committee Engineering Herrin's Scheme

ODD PHILANTHROPY

DECENCY IS DEFIED

Issue of Honest Apportionment to Be Decided Tomorrow Night

By George A. Van Smith

Table with columns: District, Total Registration, 1906, Total Registration, 1907, Increase of Registration over Total for 1906, Increase of Registration over Total for 1907.

The degree of control which William F. Herrin exercises over the republican city and county committee will be demonstrated tomorrow night when the Herrinites and the faction led by Daniel A. Ryan will clash over the apportionment of delegates to the nominating convention.

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SCHMITZ WILL SUE HORTON FOR PAYING ELISOR

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DISREGARDS PROTEST

Official Declares He Must Sign Voucher or Be in Contempt

MUST OBEY COURT

Former Mayor Writes Letter to Horton Threatening Punishment

Former Mayor Schmitz proposes to sue Auditor Horton and his bondsmen for the sums of money paid out for the board and lodging of Abe Ruef, Elisor Biggy and his deputies. Last Friday Schmitz sent a letter to Horton, protesting against the payment of any money for the keep of Ruef or any other prisoner, on the ground that the claims were illegal.

Despite the protest Horton audited a demand for \$1,471 for the keep of Ruef and his guards upon a superior court order.

Horton informed Schmitz that if he should refuse to sign the demand he would be in contempt of court and render himself liable to a term in jail himself.

Schmitz entertains the delusion that he is above the law, and told Horton again that he would carry out his threat to sue for the return of all the money paid for the purposes described. The amount so far paid is in excess of \$5,000, but Horton stated that he would continue to pay the demands upon the order of the court.

Schmitz also sent a written protest to Horton against the payment of the mayor's salary and contingent expenses to acting Mayor Gallagher, and reiterated his threat to sue Horton and his bondsmen if he audited the demands in favor of Gallagher. The letter follows:

"I hereby notify you that I make formal demand upon you to audit my salary warrant, and also my demand for contingent expenses, amounting to the sum of \$300, due me for the coming month of July, and I hereby notify you that you must not audit for payment to James L. Gallagher or any other person the amount due me for my salary or that due me for contingent expenses, and if you do I will hold you personally and also your bondsmen responsible for the amount so audited."

Horton will recognize Schmitz' protest in this regard and will refuse to audit Gallagher's demand for contingent expenses for July, which was presented to him last week. In all likelihood District Attorney Langdon will utilize Horton's refusal to institute proceedings to determine if the latter shall recognize Gallagher or Schmitz as the actual mayor of this city.

Glass Will Be Tried First on Charge of Bribing Doctor

Case Will Be Called Up in Judge Lawlor's Court Tomorrow

The indictment charging Louis Glass, manager of the Pacific telephone and telegraph company, with giving a bribe of \$5,000 to Supervisor Charles Borton on March 15, 1906, in an effort to defeat the granting of a franchise to the Home telephone company, is the one on which the prosecution has elected to begin trial tomorrow in Judge Lawlor's court.

With 11 bribery indictments against Glass, the question of which should be made the basis of his first trial was merely one of selection, and yesterday the Borton case was chosen, and Attorney T. C. Coogan of Glass' counsel was notified by the district attorney's office that this case would be called first.

The indictment charging Glass with the bribery of Borton is No. 675 on the

MORE OFFICERS IS THE URGENT NEED OF ARMY

General Bell Says Uncle Sam Is Ill Prepared for War

ORGANIZATION WEAK

Regiments Are Only Partially Equipped With Commanders

EXPERTS SENT AWAY

Too Many of Able Men Are Doing Duty for Other Departments

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

OMAHA, July 6.—A war with Japan at this time would find the United States confronted with a dearth of army officers, according to Major General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the United States army. General Bell accompanied Secretary Taft on part of his western trip and has been visiting all the important army posts in the department of Missouri for the past two weeks. He spent the day at army headquarters, where he made an inspection of conditions.

The governmental departments outside the army are making too great a draft on the army, in the mind of General Bell. Whenever a trained man is wanted the army is called upon for an officer. This, the general says, has resulted in a dearth of line officers and has left all the regiments only partially equipped. The result is that the army is ill prepared for actual service on quick notice.

"Matters are quite different than they were before the Spanish war," says the general. "We used to keep our army scattered around continental United States and the different detachments did not require a great number of officers, making it possible to use them for other duty. Now the greatest scene of activity in army life is in our colonial stations and the regiments in the orient should be fully equipped with an official personnel."

"Our country depends wholly on an army of patriotic citizen soldiers in time of war, and when such an emergency comes our army should have enough regular officers to form a strong framework for an army of volunteers. The militia is trained in tactics only and the militia officers should have the opportunity to take up the technical training given to regular army officers."

Asked directly for an opinion as to the present trouble with Japan the general intimated that his duty as an army officer prevented him from having an opinion, and that he was more greatly interested in preparing the army for any task that might come to it.

EVANS TO COMMAND

Foremost Naval Men to Bring Fleet to This Port

WASHINGTON, July 6.—It is the apparent purpose of President Roosevelt to continue Rear Admiral Evans indefinitely in command of the Atlantic fleet. This insures its being taken to the Pacific by the foremost sea officers of the United States navy. The present organization of the battleship force of the Atlantic fleet divides it in this way:

First squadron—Rear Admiral R. D. Evans, commander in chief. First division—Connecticut (flagship of Rear Admiral Evans), Captain Hugo Osterhaus; the Kansas, Captain Charles E. Vreeland; the Louisiana, Captain Richard Wainwright; the Vermont, Captain William P. Potter.

Second division—Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas, commander; the Virginia (flagship of Rear Admiral Thomas), Captain Seaton Schroeder; the Georgia, Captain Henry McCrea; the New Jersey, Captain William W. Kimball; the Rhode Island, Captain Charles G. Bowman.

Third division—The Alabama (flagship of Rear Admiral Davis), Captain Samuel P. Comly; the Illinois, Captain Gottfried Blockinger; the Kentucky, Captain Edward B. Barry; the Kearse, Captain Herbert Winslow.

Fourth division—Rear Admiral William H. Emory, commander; the Ohio (flagship of Rear Admiral Emory), Captain Lewis C. Hellner; the Maine,

John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard oil company of New Jersey, who proved a willing but entirely unsatisfactory witness when called upon in court yesterday to testify concerning the business affairs of the big trust.



Oil King Knows Little Regarding Affairs of the Big Trust

Jurisdiction of Court is Questioned

CHICAGO, July 6.—John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard oil company of New Jersey, occupied the witness stand in the United States district court today while Judge Landis plied him with questions regarding the financial strength and business methods of the corporation of which he is the head.

Rockefeller was a very willing and equally unsatisfactory witness. He was ready to tell all he knew, but said he knew practically nothing. The net result of his examination was that he believed during the years 1903, 1904 and 1905, the period covered by the indictments on which the Standard oil company of Indiana was recently convicted, the net profits of the Standard Oil company of Indiana were approximately 40 per cent of an outstanding capitalization of \$100,000,000.

The investigation held today by Judge Landis was instituted by him for the express purpose of determining whether or not the Standard oil company of Indiana, which was convicted of violation of the law, was really owned by the Standard oil company of New Jersey,

whether the Union tank line, whose cars were used for the shipment made in violation of the law, was similarly owned, and also to obtain an idea of the financial resources of the convicted corporation in order to inflict a fine proportionate to the offense and the assets of the convicted company.

It was stated by officers of the Standard oil company of New Jersey that it owned the greater part of the stock of both the Union tank line and the Standard oil company of Indiana. Specific figures as to the earnings of the parent cor-

VESSEL LOST IN SKEENA RIVER

Hudson Bay Boat Mount Royal Goes to the Bottom

Between Ten and Thirty Are Reported Drowned

Master and Several of Crew Reach the Shore

Indians Go to Rescue and Perform Good Work

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 6. The Hudson bay steamer Mount Royal was wrecked in Kitselas canyon, Skeena river, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The loss of life is variously estimated at between 10 and 30. The accident occurred while the steamer was on the way down the river from Hazelton, which is at the head of navigation, down to the mouth of the river at Port Essington. Fifty-five persons were on board.

The Skeena is a stream running parallel with the Fraser and emptying into Hooto strait 450 miles north of Vancouver. The canyon where the wreck occurred is the most dangerous in all the north. It can be run only at certain stages of the water and at all times the trip is exceedingly hazardous.

This afternoon Captain Johnson headed through by what is known as the east channel, where the current takes boats through the three-quarters of a mile in a minute and a half. The port quarter of the Mount Royal struck against the rocks of the southeast bank. The stern swung around and crashed against the walls of the canyon, which is not wide enough to admit of a stern wheel steamer going through sideways.

The vessel heeled over with the weight of water on her beam end and commenced to sink. Within five minutes she had broken up and disappeared. Many persons sprang over the stern and clambered onto the rocks, but others became hysterical, tried to swim ashore and were lost.

The persons who gained the rocks of the island will easily be saved. No further details of the wreck have been received and no list of the passengers is available.

The known drowned in the Mount Royal disaster were: William Lewis, first officer; B. Frayne, steward; J. O'Keefe; Archie Willis, steward, and two Japanese. All passengers are reported to have been saved.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 6.—A telegram to the Hudson Bay company states that Captain Johnson of the Mount Royal is among the survivors on King Bolt island, where many escaped. The chief and second engineers floated through the canyon on debris and were picked up by Indians. A number of Indians with canoes are endeavoring to pick up the survivors and recover bodies. The Mount Royal left Hazelton yesterday morning. The operator at 8 p. m. said he did not think the loss of life was very heavy.

Impertinent Question No. 6

What Is Society?

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Prize Answers to "What Is the Difference Between a Bribe and a Fee?" \$5 prize to Dr. Arthur Gore, 1702 Para street, Alameda. A woman's kisses before and after marriage. \$1 prize to Ernest A. Bruer, 111 Front street, San Francisco. A wink. \$1 prize to Mrs. J. E. Child, 2088 Sutter street, San Francisco. The difference between a rascal and a sucker. \$1 prize to Mrs. E. A. Craven, 1506 1/2 Seventh street, Oakland. You don't have to divide a fee. \$1 prize to Lee E. Wallace, Auburn, Cal. In a bribe you don't get a receipt. \$1 prize to S. E. Coleman, 679 Sixteenth street, Oakland. Henry guessed it first.