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SUFFRAGETTES STORM HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT

Five Thousand Police Unable to Control Mob in Trafalgar Square

Appeal to "Rush" English Legislature Responded to by 100,000 Persons

Woman Breaks Into Meeting and Is Bodily Ejected From Building

LONDON, Oct. 13.—The climax of the suffragette campaign was reached tonight when an enormous mob hemmed in parliament and stopped traffic in all streets leading to Westminster. For more than three hours the crowd scuffled good naturedly with the police, interfered with theater goers, broke windows and disorganized things generally in the center of London.

The heroine of the day was Mrs. Travers Symons, formerly secretary to James Keir Hardie, the socialist and independent member of parliament, who reached the doors of the house of commons by strategy. The house was solemnly debating a bill to prevent children from smoking cigarettes when the woman dashed past the door keeper to a position in front of the speaker's chair and shouted:

"Leave off discussing children and talk about women."

Three officials seized Mrs. Symons and carried her out bodily. She was then led to the outer door and dismissed. As a result of the coup an order was issued that hereafter women shall not be admitted to the building on any pretext whatever and in the future the historic grill will not screen feminine spectators.

THOUSANDS ANSWER "CALL"

The appeal issued by the suffragettes a few days ago for 50,000 persons to help them "rush" parliament at half past 7 o'clock this evening was the most successful stroke yet. Not less than twice that number responded to the call and nine-tenths of these were young persons who came to see the fun. There were also a few hundred of the unemployed and their sympathizers.

Parliament was in a state of siege. A close triple line of police was drawn around the three sides in front of the building, the yard within the gates swarmed with police and 200 guarded the terrace in the rear against assault by water, which the women twice attempted. A small fleet of police boats also patroled the Thames.

All the mounted police in London and suburbs had been mobilized at this center and loads of hay were unstacked in the streets for the horses. The whole police force, together with cavalry, infantry and marines, numbering more than 5,000, was kept busy in restraining and pushing the struggling mass about Trafalgar square.

The crowds cheered, sang songs and hooted in a semi-good natured manner at the suffragettes, who, distinguished by their orange sashes, swarmed everywhere, distributing tracts.

ATTEMPT FOOTBALL RUSH

A edelegation of 13 suffragettes, which approached the police cordon and was formally refused admission to parliament, attempted a football rush, but the police chivalrously repulsed the women with the least possbile roughness. The police were pelted with vegetables and some stones in a few minor skirmishes that occurred, but nobody was seriously hurt. Twenty-four suffragettes and 12 of the unemployed were placed under arrest. Many persons fainted in the crush; a few were trampled upon and taken to the hospitals.

Mrs. Parkhurst, Miss C. Parkhurst and Mrs. Lawrence were summoned to appear in court yesterday for inciting a breach of the peace; this morning they coolly refused to obey the summons, but agreed to surrender themselves at 6 o'clock in the evening, which they did, spending the night in the Bow street station.

The suffragettes and unemployed have kept practically the whole police force on duty continuously for 48 hours.

BRIDGE WORKER IMPALED ON BOLT IN MIDAIR

Employe of North Shore Road Falls Twenty Feet and Dies in Agony

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

SANTA ROSA, Oct. 13.—Word has been received here of the death of Percy Kyle near the Tyrone tunnel, on the North Shore road, yesterday by falling 20 feet from the steel bridge on which he was working and striking a steel bolt, which penetrated his breast and held him suspended in midair.

Instant relief was impossible, and his cries and struggles were heartrending. Blood rushed from his mouth, ears and nose, and he soon began to grow fainter, until death released him.

Kyle was an old employe of the company and had worked on all the large bridges of the road for the last six years. His body was taken to his home in San Rafael for burial.

THREE TOWNS SWEPT BY FIRE

WINNIPEG, Oct. 13.—A large section of the town of Stetler, Alberta, was wiped out by fire this morning, including the large Grand Union hotel, 20 stores and four other hotels, the Merchants' bank and the postoffice. Leslie Miller, who was sleeping in a store, lost his life. The loss will reach $250,000.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 13.—Half the business portion of Bonner Springs, a watering resort 20 miles west of Kansas City, was destroyed by fire early today, causing a loss estimated at $100,000.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 13.—Oliver Hill, in Carter county, a town of 1,000 inhabitants, is burning. Half of the town is reported already destroyed.

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Muse, sing the man that did to Paris go,
That he might taste their soups, and mushrooms know.—W. King.

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MISSING MONEY DISCOVERED ON YOUNG ELOPERS

Girl's Uncle Charges Youthful Swain With Carrying Away $660

Grave Accusation Ends Romantic Flight of Shasta County Couple

Young Man's Sweetheart Admits Taking Bag of Coin From Relative's Home

OAKLAND, Oct. 13.—Graver aspects of the elopement of Chester Scott and Myrtle Welsh from Kennett, Shasta county, came to light today when $637.80, alleged stolen money, was found on the youth. The arrival of a warrant sworn to by George Graus, uncle of Miss Welsh, accusing Scott of stealing $660, led to a search.

Jailer Clark found $317.80 in Scott's purse on his first search. A second investigation revealed $320 in gold, tied in a handkerchief and inserted inside of Scott's right shoe.

With the discovery of the money Miss Welsh admitted that she had taken a sack of money from her uncle's house on leaving Sunday night. She handed the sack to Scott and he subsequently financed their elopement. Both maintain that they did not count the money and had no idea of the amount.

Graus searched for his savings as soon as he learned that his niece had fled with young Scott. On finding the money gone he accused his wife of assisting the girl. Constable Hostler, who brought the warrant today, said that Graus beat his wife, pulled her hair and even shoved the muzzle of a revolver against her head in his frenzy.

District Attorney Donahue and Sheriff Barnet questioned the couple and obtained a confession, though Scott maintained for a time that the money was his own.

They obtained two letters, which Scott had received from the girl, in which she appeared to have instigated the flight and to have urged him to meet her on Sunday night. She demanded an immediate reply and insisted on being notified of his intentions. The letters were scrawled in pencil, badly written and poorly spelled.

Yesterday, when arrested at the Sixteenth street station, Scott said that he was taking the girl from her aunt, who made her life miserable. An aunt of the young woman, who lives in Emeryville, called for a short time today. Few words passed between the two.

Scott and his sweetheart are being held pending further instructions from Kennett.

BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WOUNDS CLUBMAN

Mystery Surrounds Attack Upon Victor A. Scheeler With Keen Edged Knife

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

SAN JOSE, Oct. 13.—An impenetrable mystery seems to envelope the details of the attack last evening of a beautiful woman, armed with a keen edged knife, on Victor A. Scheeler, bachelor, clubman, politician and lawyer of this city, and his disappearance today. Shortly before 6 o'clock last night Scheeler was treated in his office for a wound which extended from his brow to his chin and which required 20 stitches to close.

The police were notified of the cutting, but were told at Scheeler's office this morning that he was out of town. Similar inquiries at his home in Fifth street elicited the information that he was not at home and that his whereabouts was not known. The police worked all day on the case, but if they have secured additional information they have refused to make it known.

Unusual attempts have been made to keep the story from the public. The woman who is said to have made the attack is a resident of San Francisco and is a distinguished looking brunette. It is believed that she has left San Jose.

AERONAUTS DESCEND INTO THE NORTH SEA

American Balloonists Buffeted by Waves Until Rescued by Lifeboat

BERLIN, Oct. 13.—The second of the three American balloons that started in the race for the international trophy Sunday from Schmargendorf has met disaster in the North sea. The St. Louis, manned by N. H. Arnold of North Adams, Mass., and Harry J. Hewitt, was carried overland by treacherous air currents and later in the haze the aeronauts lost their bearings until suddenly last night they saw the guard lights of an unknown coast.

This meant that they must descend or risk the danger of being driven far out of the track of vessels.

They chose the former course and for an hour they were buffeted by the waves, almost giving up in despair. Eventually they were rescued by a lifeboat.

DEATH CLAIMS AGED PRIEST

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—Rev. J. C. Moynihan, the oldest Roman Catholic priest in Chicago and probably in the world, died today at his home here, aged 100 years and 5 months. Despite his advanced age, he was physically and mentally active.

YIELDS UNDER THE PRESSURE OF HIS FAMILY

Police Commissioner Keil Is Said to Have Agreed to Resign

Chief Biggy Strives in Vain to Induce Pet to Remain on the Board

Relatives Grow Weary of the Notoriety and Official May Not Finish Term

Hugo D. Keil has abandoned his desire to be reappointed a police commissioner. He has done so reluctantly, it is said, under the pressure of family influence and against the protest of Chief of Police Biggy, who has found in Keil a strong supporter in the misdirection of police matters.

Keil's term as a commissioner expires January 8, 1909, but it has been intimated to friends by members of his family that he will resign at the end of the year, eight days before the mayor will be called upon formally to name a man for the vacancy. Keil's intention to quit the department became known recently to Biggy, who, learning of the influence that was being brought to bear on the commissioner, availed himself of the first opportunity to counteract it. In the presence of the commissioner, members of his family and several of their friends, who are said to have joined with the Keil family in the effort to induce the commissioner to quit the board, Biggy is reported to have placed his hand fondly on the commissioner's shoulder and in tones of unctuous admiration remarked:

"Mr. Commissioner: Your retirement from the commission would mean a great loss to the city. Your forceful manner, your unquestionable fairness and your standing as a citizen combine to make you a most desirable member of the commission. Yours——"

BIGGY AND POLICE BOAT

But the Keil family had heard enough of their relative's connection with the police commission. It was only a few nights before, they recalled, that the telephone bell at the Keil home in Belvedere had rung, and a voice that sounded like Biggy's had asked if the commissioner was there.

"No? Well, it is very important that he should attend a meeting of the commission tonight in San Francisco," added the voice. Next day the papers contained no reference to an important meeting, but they did refer to the log of the police department launch showing that Commissioner Keil and "friends" had been using the boat for night excursions on the bay.

Keil's unexplained stand against Father Caraher in the latter's attempt to prevent the commissioner from building of a noisy nickelodeon in the shadow of St. Francis church, the commissioner's peculiar decisions on matters pertaining to the regulation of notorious places in the tenderloin, and his inactivity in enforcing ordinances governing disreputable places beyond the confines of the tenderloin, had already stung the pride of the Keil family and forced the latter to the realization that its name was getting undesired notoriety.

KEIL AGREES TO QUIT

"You must resign from the commission," a near relative is said to have urged. Keil demurred at first, but the relative was firm, and after reflecting he is said to have agreed to retire. He could not quit at once, in the midst of the storm of public protest that was raging about his ears, nor could he endure the humiliation that would naturally follow the appointment of another man to his place at the end of his term of office. So he decided to retire a few days before the expiration of his term.

This is the story that comes from Keil's home in Belvedere. It is a story that his most intimate friends are telling. And it is a sad story for Chief Biggy, who is wont to obey directly the instructions of Keil, ignoring the other members of the commission, who are said to be supporting Biggy for no better reason than that they can not agree on another man for his place. Biggy and Keil spend nights together in this city. Frequently Keil, who has no known regular place of residence in San Francisco, shares the apartments of Biggy at the Hotel Nordoff, or else they go to the Hotel Stewart or the Rollins.

Keil is said to have informed the mayor several days ago ago that he contemplated retiring. The mayor, it is reported, simply shrugged his shoulders in acknowledgment of the information.

DESPONDENT GIRL IS FOUND DEAD IN TUB

Maid Servant in Family of J. B. Ruggles Believed to Have Killed Herself

Anna Johansen, a maid servant employed at the home of James B. Ruggles, assistant secretary of the Bank of California, was found dead last night in a bath tub at the Ruggles home at 2445 Baker street. It is believed that the young woman took her life. She was in a despondent mood on Monday night and at that time informed Mrs. Ruggles that one of her friends had circulated false tales about her.

The body was found in the tub, lying face downward in about six inches of water. The discovery was made by Ruggles, who at once summoned Dr. H. R. Oliver, who pronounced the woman dead.

The young woman had a brother in San Francisco. She was 25 years of age.

RUSSIAN CRUISER ASHORE

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 13.—The Russian protected cruiser Oleg, which ran aground about 20 miles from Libau yesterday, is fast on a reef. The cruiser was badly damaged.

Biggy Fails in Effort to Retain Commissioner Keil

Police Commissioner Hugo D. Keil (upper) and Chief William J. Biggy.

KEIL REBUKED BY JUDGE VAN FLEET

Supreme Justice Indignant at Methods Used by Commissioner to Have Juror Excused

Resentful at an attempt of Police Commissioner Hugo Keil to extend his objectionable influence to the United States courts, Justice Van Fleet found occasion two days ago to administer to the commissioner, through an astonished juror, a rebuke that probably will have a lasting effect on Keil, at least in so far as the federal departments of justice are concerned.

The impaneling of a trial jury was in progress in the circuit court when it was discovered that Frank E. Baker of San Mateo had failed to respond to his name. Thereupon he was ordered brought into court by the marshal. Baker appeared before Justice Van Fleet in the latter's chambers next day and on a plea of sickness in his family asked to be excused from jury duty. To emphasize the necessity of his being excused Baker presented to the justice a letter from Keil. The letter was worded as Keil would word a letter to the head of the police or some other municipal department, laying stress on the fact that Baker was a friend of the commissioner.

That Justice Van Fleet regarded Keil's message as extremely presumptuous was evidenced in the manner he acknowledged its receipt through the man who had presented it to him. In a tone of voice that clearly suggested the indignation it had aroused in Justice Van Fleet, the latter gave Baker to understand that influence of any character and particularly of the character exerted by Keil as a police commissioner counted for naught in the federal courts, and would be resented at all times.

Baker was told that he would have to serve as a juror, but later, when Justice Van Fleet learned that Baker's son was seriously ill, he excused him.

When interviewed last night Justice Van Fleet admitted that he had received a letter from Police Commissioner Keil, but had ignored its purport. He declined to repeat the remarks he had made to Baker concerning Keil, but in a dignified way intimated that Keil need not attempt to get jurors excused in his court in the future.

CHOLERA CASES ARE RAPIDLY DECREASING

Authorities Report Epidemic Is Confined to Congested Native Districts

MANILA, Oct. 14.—The number of new cases of cholera has declined to about five cases daily and these are chiefly restricted to one or two of the congested native districts.

The health authorities are vigorously fighting the disease and besides guarding and disinfecting the houses where it occurs are disinfecting the entire city.

The disease is gradually disappearing in the provinces, but a few new cases are being daily reported from Rizal, Laguna, Cavite and Palawan.

WEDDING WILL OCCUR

LONDON, Oct. 13.—The Daily Telegraph's Rome correspondent says that he is able to state on the highest authority that the wedding of the duke of Abruzzi and Miss Elkins will certainly occur very soon.

DIRECT PRIMARY LAW IS UPHELD

Supreme Court of Washington State Declares Legal Provisions of Popular Bill

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 13.—By unanimous decision today of the supreme court of Washington the direct primary law passed by the session of the legislature in 1907 is upheld in every particular. The decision, which consolidated into one case four actions brought recently, covers 11 typewritten pages. It was written by Justice Fullerton, Justices Hadley, Mount, Dunbar and Rudkin concurring.

The decision holds sufficient the title to the act, and in this connection the court ruled that the indefinite provision requiring candidates to file a statement of expenses "not less than 10 days after the primaries," should be construed as meaning "within a reasonable time."

The court declined to pass upon the question whether the nominations for congressman and preference for United States senator are properly a part of the state primary law, stating that the question is extraneous to the issue before the court.

The fee provision is sustained and declared to be a reasonable charge upon candidates toward paying expenses of the primaries. It is also held that because a candidate is compelled to declare his party affiliation before voting at a primary election, such a requirement can not be construed as imposing an additional qualification upon voters.

The court holds that the contention that the primary law tends to destroy political parties is a question for the people of the state to settle for themselves, and one in which the courts are not interested.

TRANSPORT REPAIR IS TOO COSTLY

Work on Logan for $90,000 Torn Out and New Contract for $150,000 Awarded

Investigation by Agents Garbed as Soldiers Reveals Local Scandal

Navy Yard Says Patching of the Sherman Is Worth $200,000, While $300,000 Is Asked

Irregularities in Service Here Are Charged to Chief Engineer Donnelly

An investigation, conducted secretly by agents of the United States government, has brought to light a condition of affairs in the transport service which, it is expected, will lead to a general shaking up in the local office. The most startling feature of the inquiry was the discovery that repairs to the amount of $90,000 had been made on the transport Logan by the Risdon iron works, only to be torn out immediately and a new contract for more than $150,000 awarded to the same company. The details of this peculiar transaction have been reported to Washington and John Donnelly, chief engineer of the transport service, and the officers of the Risdon iron works will be called upon to explain.

For some time rumors that all was not right in the transport service have been fluttering around the national capital. Not only was a general investigation ordered, but two secret service agents were sent to the coast to enlist in the army and prosecute their inquiry from that point of vantage. It is largely through the efforts of these supposed privates that the federal authorities in Washington have come into possession of the facts.

The case of the Logan is not the only strange feature of the situation. The transport Sherman has lain in the stream six months awaiting repairs which the navy yard at Mare Island figured could be made for $200,000, but for which both the Risdon and the Union iron works bid in excess of $300,000.

DEFERS TO DONNELLY

The documents relating to the Logan have gone to Washington and have been referred to the war department. It appears that several months ago it was found advisable to repair the decks and boilers of the Logan and to install an electrical plant. The contract was awarded to the Risdon iron works. The repairs were completed in May of this year and on May 25 the government paid the Risdon people the sum of $90,000. Of this sum $30,000 was for the electrical plant and $60,000 for the repairs.

This work was done at the instigation of John Donnelly, chief engineer of the transport service. Colonel J. B. Bellinger is at the head of the local transport bureau, but he defers to Donnelly in all engineering matters.

Nothing further would have been heard of the matter had the Logan at once resumed her regular run. Instead, however, the vessel remained at the Risdon iron works. A few weeks ago the Risdon company was awarded a new contract for repairs on the Logan and the installation of more electrical machinery. This contract

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$1 prize to H. W. Clark, 4008 Eighteenth street, city.
Double it by betting on Taft.

$1 prize to John F. Hassler, care Central bank, Oakland.
Try to explain how I got it.

$1 prize to Mrs. Dorothy Manderback, 875 Sixtieth street, Oakland.
Dream on.