

CLEMENCEAU TOLLS OWN DEATH KNELL

PREMIER CLEMENCEAU, who has long dominated French politics, has fallen. In a clash last night with M. Delcasse the old warhorse lost his head, and on a vote at the end of an unprecedented war of words in the chamber the government was beaten by a vote of 212 to 176. The verdict in Paris is that Clemenceau has committed political suicide.

TAUNT FLUNG AT DELCASSE SEALS POLITICAL DOOM

Premier, Carried Away by Hatred of Old Adversary, Sacrifices His Own Career

Man Who for Three Years Has Ruled France Goes Down to Defeat

PARIS, July 20.—The Clemenceau cabinet fell suddenly tonight under the most dramatic circumstances at the conclusion of a violent debate over the naval scandals.

M. Delcasse, chairman of the investigating committee, led the attack upon the naval administration, especially during the incumbency of M. Pelletan and M. Thomson, former ministers of marine.

M. Picard, who succeeded M. Thomson, had promised in the name of the government to complete a series of reforms, when an incident occurred which changed a majority into a minority.

Premier Clemenceau, who always has been an adversary of M. Delcasse, smarting under the criticism and doubtless overconfident of a majority, taunted the former minister of foreign affairs, who was thrown overboard by the Rouvier ministry at the dictation of Germany during the crisis of 1905, with having led France to humiliation at Algeiras.

Makes Fatal Mistake The specter of that chapter of France's foreign history, in which Delcasse was sacrificed, was a fatal error. Instantly there was an uproar of dissent from both sides of the chamber. Delcasse flung back the taunt in Clemenceau's face with bitter words, declaring that France had gone to Algeiras in the interest of peace.

M. Delcasse intimated that M. Clemenceau had inspired articles in the foreign press during the crisis, but the latter emphatically denied this. The premier seemed for the first time in his parliamentary career to lose his head. Finally M. Delcasse, as he was explaining the situation of 1905, drew himself up proudly and said:

"I shall say nothing further on that subject. I have nothing to fear. Nothing in the past, nothing in our common memories of 25 years, embarrasses me."

Hurls Back the Taunt Turning to Clemenceau, he said: "You were president of the naval investigating commission of 1905. Your unsparing attacks upon every government during 25 years seemed sufficient guarantee that you would find the root of the evil. What were the results, I ask?"

M. Clemenceau, now evidently in a rage, tried to parry the thrust by returning to the charge. "Your policy as foreign minister," he shouted, "led us to the greatest humiliation France has experienced in 20 years."

Another storm of hostile cries arose, several deputies crying: "It is an outrage to say that!" But the premier tried to assume his old cynical air.

"Oh, no false indignation, I pray you," he cried. "You brought us to the verge of a war without military protection. The whole world knew that the ministers of war and the navy, when the question was put to them, replied that France was not ready. I have not humiliated France; Delcasse has done that."

The Chamber in Uproar The chamber was in an uproar when the premier took his seat. Amid the wildest excitement the vote was taken, and when it was announced that the government had been beaten 212 to 176, Clemenceau stalked out of the chamber, followed by the other ministers in token that he intended to resign.

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KISSES NULLIFY SIZZLING SUIT FOR A DIVORCE

Mrs. Mariet Browne Blames Her Attorney For Sensational Charges

Reconciliation Quickly Effected When Irate Husband Presents Himself

If what you really wanted was a reconciliation with your husband, and brought suit for divorce only to test the persuasive powers of Superior Judge Graham, and if your attorney filed the complaint with a lot of allegations about that husband that would make him think you never wanted to see him again, what would you do?

When Mrs. Mariet Browne, wife of George C. Browne, a member of the San Francisco hardware company, went to her attorney with a tale of woe regarding her husband and under his purring questions— Talked and talked and talked and— When she awoke yesterday and realized the gravity of the sensational charges as they appeared in print and in the petition for divorce she—

What did she do? She kissed her husband and blamed the attorney. It was a woman's prerogative and she made full use of it. Also, the husband backed her up in the stand she had taken, and now their home at 489 Guerrero street is the center of marital happiness, a cooling illustration of love as it ought to be, a billing example of life dominated by the fanciful frigidities of conjugal affections.

What Browne Thought Browne thought he was a happily married man until he read the morning papers and his wife's petition for divorce yesterday. True, he admitted his wife had once attempted suicide, and there was a suspicion that he, also, had endeavored to cut loose from this earth's monotone of joy, but—but— He was happy. He felt sure of the fact. Likewise he knew his wife was happy. Therefore, instead of feeling to another lawyer and following his wife's example by baring to him all the woes of a happily wedded pair, he put the petition and his pride in his pocket and sought his better half. He found her at the home of her father, Frederick Trousseau, 57 Scott street, and demanded explanations.

There was a brief parley. There was a horrified gasp from Mrs. Browne as her husband read the petition to her and laid emphatic stress on her allegations. These latter were pointed. They made out that Mrs. Browne, finding her husband so infatuated with a previous sweetheart—an actress with fame and name—had discovered life unbearable with him. Furthermore, that he had requested her to leave him and in order to get her to do so had turned on three gas jets and attempted to commit suicide.

Kisses End the Scene Whereupon, Mrs. Browne, the truly penitent, sobbed twice and flew to her husband's side. She explained that she had talked to her attorney and talked and talked— "But he had no right to put in all that about my husband," she declared in an interview. "I read in the papers how Judge Graham reconciled estranged couples and that was really what I wanted. I love my husband. I loved him all the time. What if I did say he attempted suicide and—and—those other horrid things! That lawyer was mean—just mean."

Now the divorce case is marked "dismissed" and the attorney holds a wondering head in hands, endeavoring to solve the question of the eternal feminine.

SIX MEXICAN TROOPERS ARE KILLED BY INDIANS Infantrymen Repulsed a Second Time in Yucatan

CITY OF MEXICO, July 20.—The Maya Indians in the province of Quintana Roo, Yucatan peninsula, ambushed the Seventeenth infantry at Ocum last Thursday, killing six troopers and mortally wounding seven others. The infantrymen retreated, but returned to the attack in the evening, when they were again repulsed. The Indian losses are not known.

The soldiers are now pursuing the Mayas, whose depredations have alarmed the whole country. Revolutionists Gather EL PASO, Tex., July 20.—A large body of Mexican rurales is congregating in the vicinity of Fuerta, Sinaloa, to prevent further revolutionary demonstrations, following the arrest of revolutionists there Friday. Many revolutionists are reported gathered in the mountains and are well armed.

WATER COMMISSIONER FORCED OUT OF OFFICE Los Angeles Mayor Removes Sherman From Board

LOS ANGELES, July 20.—Mayor Alexander today removed from office M. H. Sherman, a member of the board of water commissioners and one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Los Angeles, because the latter was a stock holder in an office building which was leased to the city.

SUTTON TRAGEDY SENSATIONALLY TOLD BY BEVAN

Two Officers Holding Lieutenant Down When He Fired Fatal Bullet

Marine Corps Officers Describe Wild Night of Fights and "Gun Plays"

ANNAPOLIS, July 20.—The proceedings at today's session of the court of inquiry, investigating the death of Lieutenant Sutton of Portland, Ore., took a sensational turn when First Lieutenant William F. Bevan of the marine corps, now attached to the battleship New Jersey, testified.

He related his part in the tragedy of October 13, 1907, when young Sutton met his death. Lieutenant Bevan was officer of the guard in the marine camp on that night. Like Lieutenant Adams, he testified that Sutton deliberately shot himself, but his description of Sutton's alleged suicide varied from the story told by Adams.

The most glaring disagreement with Adams' story came when Bevan swore that he and two other officers were on top of Sutton and trying to hold him down to prevent him from using his revolver when Sutton freed an arm from under him and fired a bullet into his own brain after some one remarked that he (Sutton) had killed Lieutenant Roelker.

Wild West Rampage Bevan's testimony also revealed that a situation bordering on a wild west rampage had existed in the marine camp prior to the shooting, when Sutton had been trying to make Lieutenant Roelker dance by leveling two revolvers at his feet and afterward rushed from the camp, disregarding his arrest by the officer of the guard, and shouting that he would quit the marines for good and all.

Lieutenant Bevan made a good impression. Lieutenants Adams, Osterman and Bevan occupied the time of the court today. Lawyer Davis, Mrs. Sutton's counsel, soon completed his cross-examination of Lieutenant Adams, and then Lieutenant Osterman testified.

Osterman, as a member of Sutton's automobile party on the night of October 12, corroborated Lieutenant Adams' story, except to add that he believed Sutton was badly intoxicated that night.

Major Leonard this afternoon brought out for the first time evidence in regard to the time between the firing of the five shots. Lieutenant Osterman said the first three shots were fired in rapid succession, with a perceptible interval between the fourth and fifth. The witness said he could not say what Sutton's physical condition was after the fight with him.

Osterman insisted that no argument took place in the automobile until Lieutenant Utley suggested that they better get out and walk to camp. Then Sutton said he would not get out, no matter what the others did, and turning to Adams called him a coward and said he could "beat hell out of him," according to the witness, who added:

"Adams jumped out and said that if Sutton was going to do any beating for me to start at once." Knocked Him Down Osterman said he knocked Sutton down at least three times in the fist fight on the way to the camp, and the last time Sutton got up and disappeared in the darkness.

First Lieutenant William F. Bevan then testified. Lieutenant Bevan said: "Some one reported to me about 1 o'clock that a fight was going on in the marine camp. I found Lieutenant Sutton in his tent door with a revolver in each hand pointing them at Lieutenant Roelker's feet, who was remonstrating with Sutton and trying to get him to put up his weapons. I arrested Sutton and ordered both men to their tents. Sutton made some remark about disregarding arrest and ran down the walk, exclaiming he was going to leave the camp for good. Shortly afterward I heard several shots fired, and Lieutenant Utley and I ran down toward the parade grounds. There we found Lieutenant Osterman and Sergeant Dehart sitting on Lieutenant Sutton's body. Lieutenant Adams was trying to get at Sutton to strike him. Some one had pulled him away from Sutton and was holding him. I took hold of Sutton by each shoulder, intending to hold him down to the ground so he could not use the two revolvers he had when I laid him down. Some one said, 'My God, he has killed Roelker.' And then I felt a movement under me and saw Sutton extend his arm from under him to the right of his head and shoot. Then his body relaxed. Lieutenant Willing reached down and took the revolver out of Sutton's hand. It was a service revolver."

Court adjourned with Lieutenant Bevan still under direct examination. Adams Cross Examined The second day's session of the naval court opened today with Lieutenant Robert E. Adams, U. S. M. C., still on the witness stand. Mrs. Sutton's lawyer began to question Adams about a

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Dream of Sister Starts Belated Investigation

The chain of curious events following the death of Second Lieutenant James N. Sutton Jr., United States marine corps:

October 12, 1907.—Second Lieutenant James N. Sutton Jr., U. S. M. C., of Portland, Ore., found dead near marine camp at Annapolis naval academy. With him at the time of death were Lieutenants R. U. Adams and E. P. Roelker. Court of inquiry ascribed death to suicide. Sutton had been a cadet at the naval academy, but resigned and entered the marine corps.

1909.—Mrs. Rose Sutton Parker, sister of the deceased, goes to Annapolis, determined to investigate the death of her brother. She declared that he appeared to her in a dream and said that he had been murdered by a brother officer. Mrs. Parker interested the navy department at Washington and secured the appointment of a second board of inquiry. She instituted a private court in an Annapolis hotel and closely examined Lieutenants Adams, Roelker, Osterman, Utley, Scherer, Potts and Sumner.

July 10, 1909.—Mrs. Parker turned her findings over to the navy department. She was strongly impressed with the idea that her brother had been killed by one of his associates. July 16.—Mrs. Parker announces that she has evidence that her brother was challenged to a duel shortly before his death. July 19.—Second court of inquiry into death of Lieutenant Sutton begins at Annapolis. Replete with sensational testimony regarding the condition of officers of the marine corps on the night of Sutton's death. July 19.—Search begins at Wheeling, W. Va., for Roelker, former marine corps officer, who was with Sutton on the night of his death and later left the service. Sutton had been told that he had killed Roelker and the first court thought he committed suicide on account of remorse for that act.

CASTAWAYS ARRIVE FROM DESERT ISLE

Three Mariners Escape From Ship Destroyed by Dynamite in Tropics

Three shipwrecked mariners with a tale of fire and dynamite, gunpowder and desert islands, hunger and thirst and death under the pitiless tropical sky, arrived here yesterday from the lower coast on the Pacific Mail liner Newport.

The shipwrecked mariners were survivors of the crew of the power schooner Charles Hansen, formerly of this port, which took fire June 25 off the coast of Mexico and was blown to pieces by the gunpowder and dynamite that made up her cargo. By means of a raft the crew reached a desert island, where one of them died from exposure and from where the others subsequently escaped and made their way to a Mexican penal settlement.

The survivors who arrived here on the Newport were Charles Burke, the master of the Hansen; W. M. Lloyd, the mate, and Frank Stittler, the chief engineer.

The Hansen was bound from Manzanillo with a cargo of dynamite and blasting powder. The crew, all told, numbered nine men. Four of them were Mexicans and the others Americans. When the engine back-fired there was enough stray gas in the engine room to insure a blaze. For 24 hours the crew fought the flames, out when the four Mexicans refused to work any more the attempt to save the ship was abandoned. The boats had been smashed in a storm, so a raft was hastily constructed.

When the nine men were barely 300 yards away from the vessel the fire reached the cargo and with a roar, that Captain Burke says he can yet hear, the Charles Hansen blew itself into smithereens.

On the raft the shipwrecked party paddled to Cleopha island of the Tres Marias group. They found only a stagnant pool and shell fish. While exploring the island their raft went adrift. On July 2 Harry Nordeck, the cook, was found dead on the beach, as the result of exposure.

Another raft was laboriously constructed of driftwood and on the tenth day the eight survivors started for Madre Island, 15 miles away, on which the Mexican government maintains a penal colony.

FIRES SHOT AT GIRL WHO REJECTS HIS SUIT Napa Man Is Arrested For Murderous Assault

[Special Dispatch to The Call] NAPA, July 20.—F. J. Hurlburt was arrested today in Chilea valley in this county by Officer Cook for discharging a shotgun at Miss Tomlinson. He was placed in the county jail in this city and faces a serious charge.

SOCIETY ANGLERS FISHED TOO WELL

San Mateo County Game Warden Will Arrest Smart Set Members

The rude hand of the law will batter down the doors of San Francisco society this morning, when warrants will be sworn out for the arrests of A. A. Spilvaio, Captain Ashburn, U. S. A., Dr. A. Freeman and Dr. M. Freeman, Mrs. A. H. Freeman and Mrs. Spilvaio, all members of the pink and essence of society. The charge against them will be that of violating the game laws, and Deputy Game Warden J. S. Hunter will be the person who, unmindful of the niceties governing the etiquette of calling upon one without a formal introduction, will swear to the charges.

The society people went on an automobile and fishing trip to La Honda July 3. Justice W. G. Loveland of San Mateo happened to be in that vicinity at the time and declares that he saw them with an illegally large collection of fish, caught from Pescadero creek.

Loveland at first was inclined to be as blind as justice, but on second thought he decided there was only one course for him to take, and that was to impart his information to the authorities. Therefore, he told Hunter.

"They are society people—quite respectable, I should judge," said the worthy justice.

Hunter turned up his nose. What was tea with a lemon in it to him? Was he to be swayed by an engraved visiting card? Was he to step aside at the honk of an aristocratic automobile? Was he to blush at the frou frou of silks and doff his hat to broadcloth?

"Fish is fish," said Hunter, "and folks is just plain folks." Accordingly, this morning he will appear before Justice Ambrose McSweeney and swear to the complaints. He is encouraged in his efforts by the fact that the supervisors of San Mateo county recently offered a reward of \$20 for the successful prosecution of such cases. The penalty for the offense is a fine of from \$25 to \$500, or a jail sentence of from 25 to 150 days, or both.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED IN SOUTHERN STATES Hanging of Slayer of a Sheriff and an Insulter of Girls

PADUCAH, Ky., July 20.—Without firing a shot a mob took Albert Lawson, the negro who killed Sheriff R. M. Compton at Paris, Tenn., Sunday, from the Paris jail at 9:30 o'clock tonight and hanged him to a tree.

Thirty minutes later the body was cut down. An attempt was made early this afternoon to lynch the negro. He was taken to the courthouse yard and a rope placed around his neck, but the mob desisted on account of pleas made by prominent citizens.

TROUBLE IS BREWING IN THE CABINET

Taft May Demand Resignations of Secretary Ballinger and Wickersham

Disruption Grows From Efforts to Get Pinchot's Scalp and Discredit Newell

President Inclined to Side With Men Who Found Favor With Roosevelt

Western Senators Stand Behind Forester and Head of the Reclamation Service

By IRA E. BENNETT [Special Dispatch to The Call] WASHINGTON, July 20.—The disruption of President Taft's cabinet is threatened as the result of acute dissension which has appeared in the interior department. The issue has been so sharply drawn that some senators predicted today that the president would demand the resignations of Secretary Ballinger and Attorney General Wickersham.

The trouble had its inception over differences between Ballinger on the one hand and Forester Gifford Pinchot and Director Newell of the reclamation service on the other. Wickersham was drawn into the imbroglio and upheld Ballinger. Taft has been inclined to side with Pinchot and Newell. Should the two cabinet officials persist in their position it is believed that the president will eliminate them from his council.

After Their Scalps Ballinger has been aggressive in his opposition to both Pinchot and Newell. It is an open secret in Washington that he is determined to get their scalps. The Ballinger-Pinchot differences relate to forest lands. The secretary has complained bitterly against what he terms Pinchot's endeavors to run his department. Pinchot, who returned to Washington tonight, disclaims any such intention, but insists that the forestry bureau shall be allowed to operate unhampered and in accordance with the well settled policy of the Roosevelt and Taft administrations.

The Ballinger-Newell fight has reached a crisis, in which Attorney General Wickersham is involved. A meeting of the senate committee on irrigation is to be held tomorrow morning, to which Wickersham has been summoned. He will be asked to explain the grounds upon which he rendered a decision last May holding that the orders of the reclamation service had been unlawful.

Secretary Ballinger, soon after the taking of office, requested Wickersham to review the methods of the reclamation service as to the making of contracts with water users. Wickersham, who is a stickler for law points, overturned the practice of the service which had been approved by law officers under President Roosevelt.

Purpose to Discredit Him It is claimed by Newell's friends that Wickersham's decision is a technicality and that the purpose is to discredit Newell in order to force him out and make a place for a Seattle man who is a close friend of Ballinger. President Taft has been approached by both sides of the controversy. He is inclined to support Newell. Ballinger is hard at work in the west gathering information with which to unhorse Newell.

Newell and Pinchot are close friends, and their friends in congress are actively at work offsetting Ballinger's efforts to dislodge them. Several western senators interested in irrigation matters have taken a hand in the fight. They declare that rather than see Newell forced out they will go after the scalp of Ballinger himself.

Wickersham, who appears to be assisting Ballinger, is persona non grata in the senate, and western senators especially are waiting for an opportunity to deliver him a body blow.

YOUNG HUSBAND KILLS HIMSELF AT WHITTIER Quarrels With Wife, Father and Mother

WHITTIER, July 20.—Leroy L. Broadbent, a young man who had been married but a month, last night shot and killed himself with a pistol, following a quarrel with his wife, father and mother at the Broadbent home, three miles west of Whittier. His father reproached him for drinking. The young man, angered, secured a pistol and after an unsuccessful effort by other members of the family to wrest the weapon from him fired a bullet into his temple.

\$30 A TON OFFERED FOR BARTLETT PEAR CROP Big Prices Enrich Santa Clara Valley Orchardists

SAN JOSE, July 20.—Bartlett pears which last year sold to the canneries for \$10 to \$15 a ton are now in demand at \$30 a ton, with the prospect of prices ranging higher before the pear harvest a month hence. There is a fair crop in this valley.