

CONFESS TO RECEIVING BRIBES

Pittsburg Grafters in a Wild Scramble to Take the Immunity Bath

FORTY INDICTMENTS

BY THE GRAND JURY

Members of the Present and Former Councils Accused of Bribery

HOW AND FOR WHAT

THE MONEY WAS PAID

PITTSBURG, March 21.—Forty present and former members of the select and common councils are under indictment on a charge of bribery and 10 more, with suspended sentences, are held in \$500 bonds upon their confession of sharing in a pool of \$102,000 to influence the votes of the municipal bodies.

This was the result of the first day's probe of the grand jury following the sensational confession of Captain John Klein, former member of the councils.

Busy Day for Judge

All day Judge R. S. Fraser sat as a committing magistrate in the criminal courtroom, and his desk became "a throne of grace" to the many councilmen under suspicion, who swarmed before the judge to be "washed of their sins."

On one floor of the court building the grand jury would hear the conscience-stricken councilmen, who would then go before Judge Fraser and take the immunity bath offered last week by the district attorney.

Rush for Immunity

While these proceedings were going on the corridors of the courthouse were thronged, and as each councilman put in an appearance there was a clamor of "When are they going to get the big ones?" Once during the late afternoon a north side councilman rushed into the courtroom and wanted to confess, but he was told to come back tomorrow. "We're too busy," brought a roar of laughter from the crowd on the benches.

Up to the adjournment of the court at 5 o'clock 10 had confessed. In most instances the amount of money they confessed to accepting as a bribe was not over \$100. One man got \$500 and another \$200, while others got but \$50.

Guilty Resign Office

As fast as present councilmen appeared after they had relieved their consciences they were ordered immediately to resign from the city government, and in every instance the letter of resignation was written in the district attorney's office and mailed to Mayor W. A. Magee before the guilty one left the building.

The men indicted are from varied professions. Some are professional politicians, one is a private detective, saloon keepers, physicians, marketmen, tailors and a real estate man are on the list. C. C. Schind, who is a marketman, is also a member of the legislature from Allegheny county.

Among the men to come forward during the afternoon was Dr. W. H. Weber, a member of the select council. There was an uproar among the crowded corridors when he was seen to come from the courtroom and the expression was heard, "Where will it end?"

Distributed \$10,000

Doctor Weber told Judge Fraser how he received \$10,000 to be distributed among councilmen for their votes and influence in the passage of an ordinance to vacate a certain street. He pleaded no defense to the charge of conspiracy. Doctor Weber said he gave the money to about 30 or 40 councilmen. He could not remember all the names, but recited a list, including some of the most prominent and active members of both select and common councils.

To each man as he stepped up today the court stated he held in his hand an information entered against the defendant by Henry Muth, chief of county detectives, charging him with having received a specified amount for his vote in councils on the ordinance or resolutions then pending.

"What do you wish to do?" asked the court.

"I will waive a hearing," was the invariable answer.

"Defendant waives a hearing and is held for court in \$500 bail," said the court, and the man in question stepped aside for another to take his place.

An indictment was returned by the grand jury and almost immediately the defendant entered a plea of nolle contendere.

Corroborates Klein's Confession

When Judge Fraser adjourned court it was decided that the grand jury should hold a night session. Doctor Weber, therefore, was taken before the body, where, it is said, he recited his

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DR. GARDNER P. POND IS BURIED IN FAIR OAKS

Laid to Last Rest at the Home of His Father

FAIR OAKS, March 21.—Dr. Gardner Pond, who died of tuberculosis at Pasadena last Saturday, was buried at the home of his father, Rev. Dr. W. C. Pond, here today. Doctor Pond had been suffering for several months, and it was the hope of recovery that he made his home in the south.

Doctor Pond was raised in San Francisco, where his father was the pastor of Bethany Congregational church for 50 years. His first wife, who was Phoebe Painter, died a number of years ago, leaving him a daughter.

March of last year he was married to Miss Josephine Deming of Santa Cruz. The second Mrs. Pond was popular among the younger set of the bay cities, where she had spent much time and had entertained extensively.

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TAFT DEFENDS PAYNE-ALDRICH TARIFF LAWS

President Asserts That It Is Unjust to Blame Measure for High Prices

Declares Cost of Living Not High Enough to Cause Suffering; Aldrich Promises Support

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 21.—With Senator Aldrich seated at his left hand, President Taft tonight earnestly defended the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill in his address at the annual dinner of the New England manufacturing jewelers' and silversmiths' association. Taft received a most enthusiastic greeting. Taft declared that though there had been some complaint about high prices, he did not think prices were high enough to cause suffering. He further asserted that to blame the tariff for high prices was unjust. Senator Aldrich followed the president. He spoke only a few minutes, but his utterance was notable, as he pledged loyal and earnest support to President Taft at all times.

Bears Out Reports

The president expressed the hope that it would not be necessary to apply the maximum tariff rates against Canada, thus bearing out the reports of yesterday that the negotiations with the Dominion government had taken a more favorable turn.

"I can't go on the floor of the house or senate," said the president, "so I have to accept opportunities like this to give vent to my views. At the recent extra session of congress we passed a new tariff bill, which has been the subject, many say, of considerable discussion. But the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Seven months of the new tariff law have proved a number of things.

"First, it is the best revenue getter we ever had.

"Second, it has shown it has the largest free list.

"Third, it has shown the rates of the Dingley bill have been materially reduced.

"Fourth, by creation of a customs court, it has provided a means for the speedy and just administration of the customs law.

"Fifth, it has provided free trade with the Philippines—a measure of justice that should have been given as far back as 1900.

Has Given Leverage

"Sixth, it has furnished the executive by the maximum and minimum principle a leverage to secure from all foreign countries fair treatment for American products without undue discrimination. We are almost through with our negotiations under this clause of the law, and I very much hope that we shall be able to conclude without application of a maximum rate to any country. At any rate this provision has enabled us to secure for American trade freedom from discriminations, from which at times in the past it has suffered.

"Seventh, the new tariff law has provided a permanent board. It is my intention soon to ask of congress an appropriation of from \$200,000 to \$250,000 to enable this board to get at the truth concerning the protected industries of this country, so when we again have occasion to revise the tariff we will have the board record of facts.

"Under this new law we have proceeded to great prosperity. Wage earners have all they can do and at unusually high rates of pay. There has been some complaint about high prices, but I do not think they have been so high as to cause suffering. Our opponents have been attempting to charge high prices to the new tariff law. But the recent high prices have been in those industries with respect to which the tariff rates were either lowered or altogether removed.

Blaming Tariff Unjust

"To put the blame on the poor old tariff bill is—to use a moderate expression—unjust."

President Taft reviewed the legislation he has recently recommended to congress, running over the details of the various measures in practically the same language as his Rochester speech. He declared he had attempted to carry out the Roosevelt policies and asserted also he was attempting, so far as he could, to carry out the pledges of the party platform. He referred to the postal savings bank bill, the interstate commerce amendments, the conservation, statehood and anti-injunction bills.

"As both the labor unions and the manufacturing interests seem to be opposed to the anti-injunction bill," he said, "it must be a fair measure, and I hope it will pass."

The president declared because he attempted to convey his views to congress "in some detail" there had arisen talk of executive usurpation.

"The danger of executive usurpation in this country," he added, "is rather the subject of the fervid imagination of the political orator than something on which to base fear of the stability of our institutions."

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CANNON BETS \$5,000 ALLIES CAN'T OUST HIM

Offers Sum to Charity If House Deposits Him From the Speakership

"Regulars" Wave Olive Branch, but Insurgents Smart Under "Uncle Joe's" Shafts

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Speaker Cannon is reported tonight to be offering \$5,000 to charity if the house ousts him from the speakership.

This statement of the speaker was made among a party of his very closest friends who were discussing the situation which has resulted from his defeat on Saturday. It is an answer to the statements made by Representatives Madison and Norris today and is simply a bet of \$5,000 that the combined anti-Cannon forces in the house can not depose him.

The house passed through its first day of business following the great eruption of last week with remarkable quietude, and tonight, when adjournment came, there was an air of calmness and amity that to the observers of events last week was almost unbelievable.

Peace appeared near notwithstanding that less than 10 days distant is the selection of a new rules committee with all its embarrassing complications.

Many elements contributed to today's calm. The democrats, satisfied with the situation as it left them after the four days of fierce strife, were content to let matters drift for a while.

Regulars Seek Peace

The regular republicans, realizing from the violent outbursts in the press from various insurgents over the Saturday night speech of Speaker Cannon, when he called them "cowardly members," that party harmony was to be gained only by the most diplomatic tender of the olive branch, were most adroit in their relations with their insurgent brethren.

Those insurgents who voted to oust Speaker Cannon from the speakership were eminently satisfied today, and, like the democrats, let things drift.

The score or so of insurgents who voted for the retention of the speaker in the chair only to be rewarded with a withering blast from the speaker supplied the only discordant note. They reached the capitol in a decidedly wrathful frame of mind.

Insurgents Are Wrathful

Several of them, like Representative Norris of Nebraska, Madison of Kansas, Hayes of California and two or three others, gave their views fully to the press, sparing no words in voicing their indignation at the situation. Two or three of them talked loudly of continued warfare—a further fight on the rules of the house, upon Speaker Cannon, on the regulars in the selection of the new rules committee. But notwithstanding their loud cries of rebellion they were met on all sides by smiles and conciliatory words from the regulars.

Not the least influence in producing a general air of forgiveness was the word that came indirectly from the room of Speaker Cannon to the effect that the speaker had moderated in his attitude toward the men he had denounced Saturday night, and there was almost a certainty "that the speaker had been misquoted in his remarks," or something of that kind.

Payne Is Nominated

One of the strongest evidences of the day's tendency toward peace was the nomination of Majority Leader Payne for a place on the new rules committee by Representative Norris, the leader of the insurgents and the author of the resolution that precipitated the recent war.

Representative Norris said as Minority Leader Clark was to be a member of the committee he believed Payne also should be on the committee.

Half the house appeared to find something humorous in the situation and the bitterness and rancor of the last few days appeared gradually to dissipate. Whether it has in it any greater significance than a mere incident of one legislative day can not be foretold.

The republican caucus on the selection of the new rules committee, it was announced by Representative Currier, would not be held before the latter part of the week, probably Saturday night.

Nearly all the insurgents, both those who voted for and against the speaker last Saturday, announced they intend to enter the caucus. Representative Hayes and one or two others early in the day declared they would not, under any circumstances, enter the caucus unless they had assurances as to who the new members of the committee would be and that they would be satisfactory to the insurgents.

Representation for Insurgents

Many regular republicans volunteered the opinion that the insurgents should be represented on the rules committee. A few, but only a few, asserted that they should not have representation. Leaders of the insurgents said they

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Only a Few Feathers Gone



CRUISE TO ALTAR ENDS NAVY CAREER

Midshipman Austin Scuttled the Ship of Regulations and Was Forced to Resign

It is only by courtesy that the withdrawal from the United States navy of Midshipman Lawrence A. Austin, husband of the San Francisco society girl who was Miss Roma Paxton, may be called a resignation. As stated in The Call yesterday morning, he is about to resign, but only to beat a dismissal which impetuous love stored up for him.

The gallant midshipman married Miss Paxton December 17, 1908. The navy regulations provide that no midshipman may marry without the permission of the department, but that ruling did not appeal to Midshipman Austin. He wanted to get married and he probably feared that the headquarters in Washington would not look upon the romance with the kindly eyes of Cupid. So he scuttled the ship of regulations, ordered the rules to walk the plank and took a little privateer cruise to the altar with the fair Miss Paxton.

When the navy department caught his breath it called upon the impetuous lover to explain. Austin had many explanations to offer. But the navy department is not built on romance. So Austin's pleas got scant sympathy.

A long correspondence ensued, but without avail. The ultimatum was put up to Austin. He must resign or be dismissed from the service. He chose to resign.

The young officer has been on the cruiser Albany at Corinto. Mrs. Austin, who has been living with her mother, Mrs. Blitz Paxton, in this city, expected her husband on the steamer Acatapulco, which arrived from Panama last Saturday. He did not arrive. It is believed that he will come north on the next boat.

Young Austin intends to enter business with his stepfather, Major Day, in Dubuque, Ia.

Telegraphic Brevities

SIGNS ELECTROCUTION BILL—Frankfort, Ky., March 21.—Governor Wilson today signed the bill providing for electrocution as the means of inflicting the death penalty.

PULLMAN MELON CUT—Chicago, March 21.—The Pullman company here today the issuance of \$20,000,000 new stock against accumulated surplus, to be distributed gratis among stock holders of record April 30, was approved.

CLARK BUSY AT CAPITAL—Washington, March 21.—Having just arrived in Washington to attempt to secure some needed improvements in the territory over which he presides, Walter E. Clark, governor of Alaska, is busily engaged on behalf of his people.

BROWNSVILLE CASE—Washington, March 21.—All of the evidence in the celebrated Brownsville case is now before the court of equity, and it is expected the report of the court will be ready for submission to congress within two weeks.

CALEXICO NATIONAL BANK—Washington, March 21.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a certificate authorizing the Calexico national bank of Calexico, Cal., to begin business with a capital of \$25,000. P. Kinke is president; A. T. Andrew vice president and William Gusterman cashier.

CHICAGO COUNCIL BARS LONG HATPINS

Violation of Ordinance Will Subject Offender to Arrest and Fine of \$50

CHICAGO, March 21.—It is now a misdemeanor for any woman to wear a long hatpin in public places in Chicago. Any woman caught wearing one is liable to arrest and a fine of \$50.

The city council tonight by a vote of 68 to 2 passed an anti-hatpin ordinance. It was passed in spite of many hisses and "boos" from the galleries, where a crowd of women had gathered to protest against the measure on the ground that the city had no right to attempt to regulate the women's wearing apparel and that long hatpins often formed women's only weapon of defense.

The ordinance decrees: No person, while on the public streets or in any street or elevated car or public elevator or other public place, shall wear any hatpin, the exposed portion of which shall protrude more than one-half inch beyond the crown of the hat, in, upon or through which such pin is worn.

The argument for the measure was that long hatpins endanger the eyes, noses and faces of other people.

When the vote was announced, cries of "Shame! Shame!" came from the galleries.

REJECTED SUITOR KILLS OBJECT OF AFFECTIONS

Lover's Pleadings Spurned, Miner Fires Fatal Shot

MERCED, March 21.—After pleading in vain to be accepted as her sweetheart, Edward Beril, a miner, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Adelaide Sengs in her home, two miles from Pleasant Valley station, on the Coulterville road, late last night. The woman's head was blown off. Beril surrendered to the officers shortly after the shooting, claiming that the shotgun with which the deed was committed was discharged accidentally. There were no witnesses to the tragedy.

SACRAMENTO DEMOCRATS SELECT STATE DELEGATES

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, March 21.—The Sacramento county democratic central committee has selected delegates for the democratic state convention to be held at Los Angeles April 12 next.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR AT ROME

Rome, March 21.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, arrived here today to pay his respects to King Victor Emmanuel, by whom he will be received in audience tomorrow, and to the pope, who will receive him Wednesday.

FIRE DESTROYS BUSINESS CENTER

WINNEPEG, Man., March 21.—Fire which raged all night in Outlook, Sask., destroyed all the business houses, including the postoffice and some residences. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

45 DEAD AS RESULT OF WRECKED TRAIN

40 Persons Injured, Many Fatally, When Pilot Locomotive Leaves Track Near Green Mountain, Iowa

MANY BODIES CRUSHED BEYOND RECOGNITION

Marshalltown Coroner Throws From Red Cross Ambulance While Working With the Victims

ACCIDENT CAUSED BY SPREADING OF RAIL

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, March 21. Forty-five persons were killed and 40 were injured, many of them fatally, in a wreck of a Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific train four and a half miles north of Green Mountain, Ia., at 8:14 a. m. today.

The train, which was a consolidation of No. 19 from Chicago and No. 21 from St. Louis, bound for Minneapolis, was being detoured over the tracks of the Chicago Great Western road. Running at about 30 miles an hour in a cut north of Green Mountain it struck a spread rail. It is believed.

Pilot Jumps Track The pilot locomotive jumped the track and with terrific force was buried in an embankment of soft clay. A second locomotive, coupled behind the first, rolled over and the sudden stop hurled all the rear cars forward.

A coach, a smoker and a Pullman car were smashed to splinters, almost all of the occupants being killed or injured. The superstructure of the Pullman was literally raved off and was jammed like a ramrod through the smoker and day coach.

Many passengers were killed outright. Heads were severed from bodies and arms and legs were cut off. The wreckage was crimson with blood, some of the bodies being crushed beyond recognition in the mass of twisted rails and splintered cars. A few of the passengers were found still living with a rod or splinter impaling them in the wreck. Decapitated bodies were picked up and it was almost impossible to assort correctly the dismembered parts.

Injured Cared For First attention was given to the injured. Their cries came from beneath the cars, calling for prompt aid. Fortunately the wreckage did not take fire.

The rescue party, reinforced later on by wrecking trains carrying nurses and surgeons sent from the nearest available points, worked all day and until long after dark. The injured were rushed to a hospital, several of them dying on the way. Two of the bodies were not taken out until night.

An explanation given by the railroad was that the train was being detoured on account of a blockade due to a freight wreck at Shellsburg, Ia. The section from St. Louis, which left at 2:15 p. m. Sunday, and the section from Chicago, which left at 4:15 p. m. Sunday, had been consolidated at Cedar Rapids. They were to have been uncoupled and run as separate trains at Waterloo. The St. Louis section is operated by the Rock Island in conjunction with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy.

Fatalities occurred only in the first three coaches. The rear coaches all remained on the track.

Thirteen Cars in Train

The ill fated train consisted of 17 cars. The Pullman car from St. Louis was leading the train next to engine No. 1,099. Then came a smoker and a day coach in which there were many women and children.

While the last 10 cars of the train remained on the track, the shock sent the passengers sprawling from their seats to the floor.

Conductor William Worst was the first to grasp the situation. He sent trainmen to flag train 419, bound for Sioux City, while others were hurried to Gladbrook and Green Mountain.