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SENATOR STONE PUTS AN END TO DEVLIN INQUIRY

Committeeman Washes Hands of Whole Affair After Torrid Hearing

Snell Lawyer Tells How He Was Neatly Trapped Into Giving Away Exoneration

With a pyrotechnic display of language, the senatorial inquiry looking into the charges against United States District Attorney Devlin, preferred by Dr. E. B. Perrin, was brought to a conclusion at the Fairmont hotel yesterday evening. Within two days Senator Stone will hie him back to Missouri, taking with him the rather slim bag of political game which his hunting party to the coast brought in. After all these days of potting and puttering the only thing that could be lodged against Roosevelt was that Police Judge Weller said that a grand juror told him that Burns told the grand jurors that Roosevelt told Burns that he would like to see Perrin and Benson prosecuted. And, at this, Weller's statement was contradicted by the grand jurors and others.

The proceedings yesterday consisted in burning up all the powder on hand. At every possible opportunity there was bang, a terrific amount of sizzle and smoke, and then peace and quietude. Everybody in the place, with the exception of Senator Stone, seemed to be anxious to call somebody else a liar, and this was done either politely or pointedly, according to the temperamental emotions of the indignant one. And as a climax to the whole, Doctor Perrin strode forward and stormed and said things. What he said he has mentioned before, but with the evident realization that this was about his last opportunity of making known his views, he injected into his complaint a sincerity of tone and a bluntness of manner which greatly added to the hilarity of the occasion.

FLAGSTAFF'S PUBLIC WEAL

The fireworks started with L. S. Williams, private secretary of Doctor Perrin, who being put on the witness stand, testified to the manner in which an indictment was drawn against Snell in Flagstaff, Ariz. The charge against Snell was that of sending threatening letters, but on cross examination it was admitted that through an overwhelming desire to care for the public weal of Flagstaff, Williams promised the grand jury that Perrin would stand the expenses of the trial.

"I made that promise on my own authority," said Williams, "and spoke to Doctor Perrin about it later."

"Did you pay the expenses?" said Devlin.

"I did not—and neither did Doctor Perrin."

Curtis Hillyer, formerly attorney for Snell, was then put on the stand.

"I refuse to testify," said Hillyer, "until I have been released from my professional obligations to Snell."

This was achieved by the afternoon session. Last Saturday Judge E. A. Harper, counsel for Perrin, had testified that Hillyer, as attorney for Snell, had practically attempted to force the settlement of a civil suit against Perrin by threatening to withhold a statement from Snell whereby the latter exonerated Perrin and charged conspiracy and other offenses against those who had prosecuted him. In reply Hillyer made an absolute denial.

WITNESS EXONERATES HIMSELF

"While I was attorney for Snell in a civil suit he had against Perrin," said Hillyer, "Harper called at my office in regard to it. He spoke of settling it outside the courts, and to this both my client and myself were agreeable. Ultimately Harper gave me to understand that Perrin was willing to settle for $8,700.

"Harper told me that Perrin wished to settle the suit in Flagstaff, Ariz. He said that his client had to go there on business that night, and as he was one of the owners of the bank in that town it would be more convenient for him to pay the money there.

"It was arranged that I should accompany Snell in Arizona. I did not suspect anything, believing that Harper was dealing with me in a fair and honest manner. At the ferry Harper met me and gave me Snell's statement, saying Perrin would like to see it, and that I could show it to him on the train. I took it. My intention was to keep the statement for use in Washington later on if Perrin wished me and Snell to appear before the judiciary committee. I showed it to Perrin on the train and he evinced a desire to have it signed, which, under the circumstances, seemed natural.

LAUGH IS ON WITNESS

"On arriving at Flagstaff I found that waiting for us at the hotel was a notary public. Perrin then suggested that inasmuch as there was on official at hand it would be well to have the statement sworn to. Before I quite knew what was happening the statement was signed and sworn to. Snell gave it to me and I put it in my pocket. A minute later Perrin's son asked to see it, saying he wished to examine one of the statements and I let him have it. He put it in his breast pocket and backed away from me suddenly, saying he intended to keep it. At the same time an officer appeared and placed Snell under arrest on a grand jury indictment. By this time a great light was beginning to dawn on me."

At Hillyer's words there was a burst of laughter. Senator Stone tried to look grave, but it was too much for him and he joined in.

Assistant District Attorney Black was put on the stand and the fireworks began again. Dr. Perrin accused Black of sending in false reports. Black refused to talk to Dr. Perrin or to answer his questions, saying they were insulting.

The spectators awaited in gleeful anticipation of a free for all fist fight at any moment.

Senator Stone put an end to it all by putting an end to the hearing. He wiped his brow and said:

"This concludes the hearing—and any other hearing as far as I am concerned. I am not equal to the manual labor of conducting such investigations alone. Gentlemen, I thank you for your courtesy."

ALLEGED SWINDLER IS HELD IN $5,000 BAIL

The man arrested Thursday as John Carkeek, one of the Maybray gang of smugglers, was held in $5,000 bail yesterday by United States Commissioner Wright. Postal Inspector O'Connell declares the man is Carkeek, but the United States district attorney's office contends that the prisoner is John Fletcher, another member of the gang. In any case a fight probably will be made against extradition to Council Bluffs, Ia., where the gang was indicted, as three other members of the clique have already successfully resisted extradition.

Horace G. Platt, Noted Orator and Lawyer, Dead

Horace G. Platt, who was called to his last rest yesterday.

Clubman, Wit and Street Railway President Passes Away After Long Illness

San Francisco lost its most felicitous after dinner speaker and one of its best known clubmen and ablest lawyers yesterday morning, when Horace G. Platt, attorney and president of the Geary street railroad company, died at the Adler sanatorium after a long period of semi-invalidism. Although in a depressing state of health for years, Platt refused to be depressed by his condition and his optimism and courage were matters of much comment at the Bohemian club, of which he was twice president, and the Pacific Union club, where he made his home up to August 8, when he was removed to the hospital.

RELATIVES AT BEDSIDE

Platt was attended at the end by his sister, Mrs. Andrew W. Kent, who reached here 10 days ago from Europe; his brother, John Platt, who is in the United States internal revenue service, and his nephew, Platt Kent of this city. He left two other brothers, E. C. Platt, who is connected with the Postal cable company, with headquarters in New York, and Charles Platt of the Pacific improvement company, of which Horace G. Platt was acting president. Another surviving sister, Mrs. Augusta Owens, resides in the east. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from Grace Episcopal church, Sacramento and Taylor streets.

While Horace G. Platt was known as a financier and an able lawyer, it will be as an orator and clubman that he will be longest remembered. As an after dinner speaker his fame was not restricted to the exclusive limits of his club, but had even extended across the continent.

DEFENDS WESTERN WIT

When Chauncey M. Depew, New York's most famous after dinner speaker, came to San Francisco a decade ago, it was Horace G. Platt who was selected by his fellows to defend the wit of the west in a banquet tournament with the scintillating Depew.

To Platt was given the delicate task of introducing his gifted rival from the east, and he captured the assemblage with a bon mot that is still repeated wherever the English language is played upon.

"The reputation of Mr. Depew," said Platt, bowing to the guest of honor, in the old Palace hotel banqeut hall, "the reputation of Mr. Depew of New York is like that of some of the tall buildings of that city, for it is built story upon story."

Depew could not match that. The honors went to the west.

BORN IN ALABAMA

Horace G. Platt was born in Selma, Ala., in 1850 and came to California in 1875. His father, a clergyman, lectured at one time on comparative jurisprudence at the Hastings law school. Platt was a graduate of the law department of Yale university and began the practice of his profession in this city. For the last 16 years he had been associated with Richard Bayne in the law firm of Platt & Bayne. Their offices were in the Crocker building. Platt was at first a democrat and in 1881 was elected to the state legislature on the democratic ticket from the twenty-fourth assembly district. That was the only political office he ever held. When Chris Buckley, the "blind boss" of the democracy, was in power here, Platt was his attorney. Up to 1896 Platt was very active in democratic politics and was in demand as a political speaker. It was due to his energy in his party's cause that his health failed. In 1896, when the democratic party came out for free silver, Platt became a republican and was welcomed into the party. He made several brilliant speeches in behalf of William McKinley's candidacy for president.

RAILWAY PRESIDENT

In April, 1902, at the time of the consolidation of most of the streetcar lines in the city under the United Railroads, the Geary street line, which had been under the control of the Market street railroad company, resumed independent operation with Platt as president. Platt was active recently in the contest to prevent the city from taking over the Geary street railroad for municipal operation.

In 1882 Platt joined the Bohemian club. He was twice president of that organization.

Samuel M. Shortridge, the attorney, was a close friend of Platt. In speaking of Platt yesterday Shortridge said:

"Above all things in Horace Platt which we may most admire, I think, was his supreme courage and Christian resignation. In spite of his serious physical infirmities he did not become a pessimist, but retained his good spirits to the end. He was a man of wide culture and of splendid ability as an orator. His speeches will long be remembered. He was an omnivorous reader and had a world of information on the affairs and the literature of the world."

PICTURESQUE TALKER

Frank P. Deering, a former president of the Bohemian club, spoke eloquently last evening of Platt's ability as a public speaker. "He was the most picturesque talker I have ever listened to," said Deering. "His speeches were filled with the most beautiful imagery. At the first of the year he delivered a most touching and noble address at the dinner given in honor of the seventy-fifth birthday of Colonel Hewes. Platt at that time was very ill. His physician had warned him not to leave his apartment, but he came and spoke most gracefully on the subject of "Afterglow," the views of a man whose life is closing."

Many stories are told of Horace Platt's felicity and wit before a gathering. One of Platt's own favorites had to do with his appearance before the Lambs' club in New York. Platt took a trip to New York one winter shortly after the Christmas jinks of the Bohemian club. At those jinks he had delivered a graceful and happy address on "Bohemia." When in New York he attended a gambol of the Lambs. The president of the Lambs' club had promised not to call on Platt, but he did. Platt at first told the club of the breach of faith on their president's part, and then launched into his Bohemian club speech. He won a wonderful reputation with that old speech as an "extemporaneous speaker—the best that had ever appeared before the Lambs."

A year ago at the Bohemian club midsummer jinks he made a graceful speech, but was unable to appear at the grove this season. Platt collected his speeches into a volume entitled "John Marshall and Other Addresses." The address on John Marshall was delivered in Portland, Ore.

RANCHER DIES WHILE RETURNING FROM ALASKA

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

PETALUMA, Aug. 29.—Word has reached here of the death on July 7 of Peter Bauman, a well to do rancher who was on his way home from a trip to Alaska. Bauman died in sleep, presumably from hemorrhages. His widow and his son reside at Penn Grove, near here. Deceased was a native of Germany, and was 38 years old. He died while at sea.

EXPOSITION BONDS TO BE DISCUSSED

Supervisors Will Consider a $5,000,000 City Issue Tomorrow

Will Submit Charter Amendments; Postpone Action on City Hall Project

The question of bonding the city in the sum of $5,000,000 for the Panama-Pacific exposition fund, together with all the proposed charter amendments, will be taken up by the board of supervisors at a special meeting tomorrow. Yesterday, at Mayor McCarthy's request, Attorney Cleveland Dam referred to the call of an extra session of the legislature to submit a constitutional change to the voters authorizing the state's contribution of $5,000,000, as the amendments to be voted on at the general November election would preclude any possibility of again amending the charter till two years had elapsed. Denman further explained that the state constitution by explicit provision might override this restriction, permitting the holding of the special election to adopt a charter authorization of the $5,000,000 issue at will.

The 35 or more charter amendments pending for submission will also be considered at the Wednesday session. It was explained that this was largely a formality, as all save that relating to the police patrol drivers had enough petitioners behind them to necessitate their submission on the ballot.

CITY HALL PROPOSITION

The temporary city hall matter came up. Chairman Nelson of the building committee reported a bill accepting the offer of the Lincoln realty company and L. P. Lankershim to build at Jessie and Fifth streets and to lease to the city at $60,000 per year. The matter went over a week after labor union and minority supervisors had poked questions into the proposition.

Deasy of the committee declared that the thing needed was to get busy on a permanent city hall instead of waiting for private capital to put up sound buildings for rental. Bancroft asked if it was good business to lease in the manner proposed. Murdock thought it was, as the city was "up against it" and couldn't build in a hurry.

McLaughlin and Loughery discovered drawbacks in the building plan contemplated. "There has to be a driveway occupying 20 feet of the 35 foot front on city land to fulfill the present agreements with tenants in the Lincoln realty building," said McLaughlin. Loughery, after the session, expressed a doubt if the municipal offices would relish the rattle of tin cans over cobble stones, as one of these lease holders had plenty of that sort of drayage.

The economy over the present $104,000 rental payment was made out not to be much, as several departments would soon be entering the hall of justice.

Hermann Skaller advanced the claim of the Rialto building for consideration.

Finally the matter went over one week.

SALARY BILL GOES OVER

The bill to set aside $11,500 to pay the salaries of 10 meat inspectors recently appointed by the board of health to enforce the new law was put over a week. Harris, absent yesterday, had expressed the opinion that $115 per month "was not enough to keep a meat inspector honest," and the board awaited his suggestions.

The board authorized Supervisors Walsh and Kelly and Secretary Hagerty to represent the city at the hearing Thursday in Sacramento before the state board of equalization in regard to the county's assessment.

Applications of the Golden Gate and Union athletic clubs to hold amateur boxing bouts were referred to the police committee.

The Admission day festival committee was given the use of the city's 102 flagpoles to aid in the decoration of Market street.

The Twin Peaks tunnel and improvement convention's request that the city take steps for a survey and the submission of a bond authorization to the people and the Downtown association's indorsement of the project, were referred to the public utilities committee.

Mexico

At her finest in September. Go down and join in the Centenary Celebration. $80.00 for the round trip via the Southern Pacifice. Tickets sold August 26 and 27 and September 2, 3, 9 and 10. For particulars see agents Southern Pacific. Ticket offices: Flood Building, Market Street Ferry Depot, Third and Townsend Streets Depot, and Broadway and Thirteenth Street, Oakland.

WORLD IS INVITED TO BIG FESTIVAL

California's Absent Sons Summoned Home for Admission Day Celebration

President, Cabinet, Congressman, Governors and Prominent Men Welcomed

California's summons to her sons in distant lands and her invitations to come to San Francisco and join in the Admission day festival were carried away by the mails yesterday to all parts of the United States and the world. Queen California's royal favors were also sent to President Taft, Vice President Sherman, the members of the cabinet, senators, congressmen, governors, army officials and distinguished persons the country over, bidding all to come and make merry with her loyal subjects on the sixtieth anniversary of statehood.

The invitation sent President Taft, like all the others, was a copperplate and steel die engraving, handsomely embossed in colors. At the top of the first page of a double sheet are crossed old glory and the bear flag. On either side of these are monograms of the Native Sons and Daughters and the dates "1850" and "1910." The text of the invitation follows:

"The Admission day committee cordially invites you to participate in and attend the Admission day, 1910, festival to be held in San Francisco from the eighth to the tenth of September, nineteen hundred and ten, in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the admission of California as a state into the union."

DON GASPAR COMING

Invitations also were sent the old Spanish Californian families throughout the state. Don Nicolas Covarrubias, who impersonated Gaspar de Portola, first governor of California, during the Portola festival last year, will probably be present in his regalia and costume of that date.

Following an informal reception to Queen California and her maids of honor on the morning of the opening day in the St. Francis hotel, the procession will move northward by automobile to the Powell street wharf, where a government steamer will take California's royal house to the Mission street wharf.

Here the regal ceremonies will begin. At 1:30 Colonel Frank W. Marston and a staff of knights from the Native Sons will meet the queen and head the parade up Market street. Grand Marshal Angelo J. Rossi will be in charge. Assistants will be Chief of Staff J. Emmet Hayden and Chief Aid T. B. Leland. There will be an escort of the League of the Cross Cadets, California Grays, the Nationals and some military companies.

CORONATION CEREMONY

The parade will go to Union square for the coronation ceremony. As Queen California takes her stand, 5,000 school children will sing a chorus of welcome. The coronation ceremonies will be in charge of James Rolph Jr., chairman of the festival committee. A band will play.

In the afternoon the various parlors will hold receptions and in the evening the queen will be escorted to the ferry building, where an informal dance will be given.

To increase the general spirit of merry making and add zest to the festival hours C. L. McEnerney of James Lick parlor has been made head of a committee to plan and carry out a program of participation in the festivities. McEnerney is an adjutant general in the parade and chairman of the carnival committee.

BABY PARLOR

The James Lick parlor is the baby parlor of the organizations, and its members are making efforts to vie with the oldest in hospitality. Headquarters will be at Bellevue hotel, Geary and Taylor streets. The parlor's celebration committee is composed of A. E. Kuper, George D. Bush, C. J. Dunnigan, H. C. Christon, H. J. Ellis. The general committee members are C. L. McEnerney, Dr. A. H. White, C. H. Christian, A. E. Kuper, T. J. Falvey, Dr. J. F. Sullivan.

C. L. McEnerney, Head of Parlor's Parade Committee

Five native daughters, each with a homeless baby in her arms, and a sixth rocking a baby in a cradle, will be seen on the beautiful poppy float in the daylight parade of September 9. It will be emblematic of the noble work being done by the Native Sons and Native Daughters' state central committee on homeless children, which maintains a home. Mrs. Emma W. Lillie, of Ivy parlor No. 88 of Lodi, and a past grand president of the N. D. G. W., will be the fairy godmother in charge of the babies.

KING WILL FORECLOSE ON OCEAN SHORE BONDS

Granted Permission to Begin Proceedings

Homer S. King was granted permission yesterday in the United States circuit court by Judge Morrow to begin foreclosure proceedings on certain 5 per cent bonds of the Ocean Shore railroad company which that company left with him as security for his having guaranteed the payment of a note for $30,000 to the Mercantile trust company. A petition asking that permission be given him to sue the receiver of the Ocean Shore company, Frederick S. Stratton, for $26,000 principal and $852.22 interest, which he has been compelled to pay the Mercantile trust company, was filed yesterday morning by King, through his attorney, James M. Allen, and as the suit is apparently but a formality the receiver approved the action and Judge Morrow complied with the petition.

"THERE'S A SNAKE IN MY STOMACH," SAYS HALPIN

Physician Thinks He Suffers From Salamanderitus

"There's a snake in my stomach," said William Halpin, a laborer, 60 years of age, living at 1001 Tennessee street, to Doctor Howard at the central emergency hospital yesterday morning, "and every time I start working it comes up into my throat and chokes me."

"How did the snake get into your stomach?" asked the doctor, and Halpin said: "Seventeen years ago when I was working for the Spring Valley company I drank some water out of the reservoir and must have swallowed the snake."

Halpin insisted that the X-ray should be used in an effort to locate the snake and the doctor advised him to go to the city and county hospital and tell the physicians there that he was suffering from salamanderitus. Halpin left, saying he would take the doctor's advice, as he must get rid of the snake at all hazards.

FISH TRUST HEAD TELLS FISHY TALE

Rivals of Octopus Nominated for Piscatorial Ananias Club

Paladini Disclaims Role of Gate Keeper of Rome in Court

A. Paladini, the reputed head and dictator of the fish trust, was a witness for the defense yesterday in the suit for $15,000 damages against the members of the combine instituted by the Portola fish company on the ground of conspiracy to ruin the business of the plaintiff company. Paladini's testimony consisted entirely of denials. According to his statements, most of the witnesses called by the plaintiffs testified falsely. The cross examination of Paladini will be undertaken today by James A. Devoto, attorney for the Portola company.

G. G. Gigi, head of the Portola company, had testified that Paladini had figuratively informed him of his exclusion from the combination by using the remark, "The gates of Rome are closed, and you are outside." Paladini yesterday pleaded not guilty. He said he never used the epigram. He denied that he had refused the Portola company soles and sand dabs or that he had threatened to cut off the supplies of retailers who purchased from the Portola company. He admitted that before the Portola company opened Gigi consulted him and that he promised to sell the company soles and sand dabs. After the opening Gigi did not again come to him, he said, and consequently he had not refused him fish.

All the evidence of G. Tofanelli about the blacklist was also denied by Paladini. Tofanelli had testified that Paladini showed him the blacklist, and that it contained the names of six dealers. This was not true, said the witness.

The testimony of G. Scafedi that Paladini had refused him fish until he quit patronizing the Portola company, that Paladini told Scafedi he would be put on the blacklist, and that in a week all the retailers who dealt with the Portola company would be on the blacklist, was also denied by the witness.

At the morning session 12 peddlers testified that they had not been threatened that their fish supply would be discontinued if they dealt with the Portola company.

ZETA PSI FRATERNITY DELEGATES MEET FRIDAY

Special Train From East Bringing National Officers

The first national convention of Zeta Psi, the university fraternity, to be held on the Pacific coast will open Friday morning, when the delegates from all parts of the United States will arrive at the St. Francis hotel, convention headquarters. The chief national grand lodge officer, Charles A. Moss, and a large eastern delegation are speeding west now from Chicago in a special train and delegates are arriving daily from coast and western points.

Of the number of university fraternities, Zeta Psi is the oldest at both Stanford and the state university, the local chapters having been established almost with the institutions. A delegation of local men has arranged to meet the Moss special at Lake Tahoe and escort the grand chapter officers into the city. After the exchange of courtesies at headquarters the convention will open in the Greek theater at the University of California Friday afternoon. William Randolph Hearst, who dedicated the structure to the state is a member of the organization.

Aside from the program of official business a social itinerary will carry the visitors to all points of interest about the bay counties. The closing festivities will take place at headquarters with a banquet and ball.

H. C. USINGER BANKRUPT—Henry C. Usinger, formerly a salesman in this city, but now of Fort Bragg, yesterday petitioned the United States district court to declare him a bankrupt. He gives his liabilities as $2,181.35 and says he has but $282.50 worth of assets, the greater part of which are exempt.

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