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BANKER MORSE BREATHES AIR OF FREED MAN

President Taft Commutes to Immediate Expiration Sentence of Convict

Act of Clemency Based on Report of Surgeon Who Predicts Death

Wife of Disgraced Financier, Who Fought for Liberation, Hastens to Atlanta

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—President Taft tonight commuted to expire immediately the 25 year sentence for violation of the national banking laws and for which Charles W. Morse, the New York banker and "ice king," has served two years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

The commutation of sentence, which gives Morse his freedom—but which, unlike a pardon, does not restore his civil rights—was granted upon recommendation of Attorney General Wickersham and Surgeon General Torney, United States army.

According to the surgeon's report, Morse could not live one month longer in confinement and even at liberty probably would not live six months.

Attack of Heart Block

The White House statement granting freedom to Morse follows:

The president this afternoon commuted the sentence of Charles W. Morse to expire at once. This action was taken upon the recommendation of the attorney general, based upon the following report of Surgeon General Torney:

"A careful review of these reports makes it clear to my mind that he is suffering from a combination of diseases due to degenerative changes, which are incurable and progressive. The reports show that both the condition of the kidneys and the heart are growing worse. I regard the attack of cardiac dyspnoea, or heart block, from which he suffered on the morning of the 15th inst., as an ominous occurrence. In my opinion, the prisoner's duration of life will be in all probability less than one month if kept in confinement, and in the event of his release under commutation of sentence it is not probable that he will live as long as six months."

Wife to Join Him

Mrs. Morse, who arrived here today from New York, was informed late this afternoon of the president's clemency to her husband. She will leave tomorrow for Atlanta to join her husband.

The attorney general telegraphed to Warden Moyer of the Atlanta penitentiary, who technically was in charge of Morse, even if he had been removed to the Fort McPherson hospital, to release the prisoner. The army surgeons at Fort McPherson were similarly instructed. Morse will be freed by the telegraphic orders, it being unnecessary for the Atlanta authorities to await the formal warrant of commutation, which will be sent by mail.

Due to Mrs. Morse

Efforts for a complete pardon were unavailing, and under the law Morse could not be paroled until he had served five years. Under the commutation he will be allowed to leave the army hospital at Fort McPherson at once. Recent efforts in his behalf developed that his friends wished to take him to Carlsbad for treatment, and tonight it was deemed probable here that he would be taken abroad at once.

The commutation of Morse's sentence came at the end of months of unremitting effort on the part of Mrs. Morse and of the banker's friends. Almost since the day the doors of his cell closed on him, Mrs. Morse and influential friends have besieged the department of justice, and through it the White House, for mitigation of the sentence.

Mrs. Morse in person conducted a campaign among senators and members of the house of representatives and obtained scores of signatures of prominent men to a petition in her husband's behalf.

"Glad" Morse's Only Comment

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 18.—"I am glad to hear the news," was the only comment made by Charles W. Morse when informed by the post surgeon at Fort McPherson that President Taft had commuted his sentence. It was uttered in a weak voice, which carried little or no elation.

Warden Moyer, who has been Morse's jailer at the federal prison since January 2, 1910, hurried to the post hospital as soon as he received official notification of the president's action and formally released Morse.

It was shortly after dusk when Morse heard the good news, with no member of his family present but his sister, Miss Jennie Morse. From Washington came two telegrams from Mrs. Morse, and the sick financier brightened perceptibly.

Morse will be removed from the post

Charles W. Morse, Whose Sentence Taft Commutes



BRIDEGROOM'S GIFT TOTALS MILLIONS

Edward T. Stotesbury Presents Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, Bride, With \$4,000,000

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Four million dollars in stocks, bonds and other securities was given to Mrs. Oliver Cromwell today by Edward T. Stotesbury, head of Drexel & Co., bankers, as a marriage present at the ceremony which united them this afternoon. Besides the securities Stotesbury gave his bride jewels valued at \$1,000,000.

The splendor of the bridal gifts amazed Washington society. Chief among the jewels presented by the groom is a long string of pearls, the most beautiful collection which Washington society has been permitted to view, bought from a Parisian jeweler at a cost of \$500,000. So long is the string that Mrs. Cromwell can wear it only after it has been coiled around her neck several times.

The collection of jewels given by Stotesbury also includes several other strands of pearls, a diamond and sapphire necklace, a large diamond bar pin, a corsage ornament in the shape of a bow knot of small pearls outlined with diamonds, a gorgeous diamond and pearl tiara set in a frame work of platinum, a tiny platinum locket watch set with a large diamond and hung on a platinum chain, a curious watch of old gold on a black velvet wristband, held in place with small diamond buckles, and a solid gold toilet set.

The bride gown is a Paquin creation of white uncut velvet trimmed with a quality of old English point lace and bands of Russian sable fur. It is said to have cost \$20,000.

The bride has been known as the most beautiful widow in Washington society. Her first husband's death occurred two years ago, after an illness of three years, on the eve of the coming out party of his daughter, Louise, now Mrs. Walter B. Brooks Jr. of Baltimore. Young Brooks was accounted the most beautiful debutante of the season. Her debut party was the most elaborate of its kind ever held in Washington.

HOWLING COYOTES WORRY MILLIONAIRE SLEEPERS

Marshal and Posse to Pursue Ravenous Beasts

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

HILLSBOROUGH, Jan. 18.—A herd of howling coyotes has invaded Hillsborough. Complaints have been made to the board of trustees and if official action is not taken the millionaire residents threaten to organize a squad of horsemen to exterminate the noisy pests.

According to present plans, Marshal Gerald Conens and Deputy C. M. Hershey will lead a posse of residents into the foothills after the coyotes. Among the homes that have been disturbed by the coyotes are those of Miss Jennie Crocker, Osgood Hooker, Henry T. Scott, Charles Templeton Crocker, George H. Howard, Rev. William A. Brewer, Thomas Driscoll, Henry T. Scott, Francis J. Carolan, Samuel Knight and William H. Crocker.

Miss Jennie Crocker has ordered John Cawwell, manager of her kennels, to maintain a strict watch over her valuable Boston terriers and French bulldogs, to protect them from the coyotes.

WEST VIRGINIA IS SAID TO FAVOR TEDDY

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 18.—Governor William E. Glasscock of West Virginia issued a statement tonight in which he declares a careful canvass of the political situation in West Virginia has convinced him that the people of the state are overwhelmingly for Colonel Theodore Roosevelt for the republican presidential nomination, and he calls upon the people to elect delegates to the Chicago convention who will vote for his nomination.

BOURBONS TOLL DEATH KNELL OF WILSON'S BOOM

Defection of Watterson and Harvey Believed to Be Fatal to Professor's Aspirations

East and South Expected to Be Particularly Affected by Two Editors' Withdrawals

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Woodrow Wilson candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination has sustained a blow as a result of the governor's loss of the support of Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, and Colonel George Harvey, editor of Harper's Weekly.

This is the private opinion of democratic politicians here, not including the supporters of the New Jersey schoolmaster. He is charged with the most heinous offense known to politics—ingratitude—and he will be deprived of the support of politicians away by that powerful incentive of activity: "What is there in it for us?"

When the democratic national committee was in session in Washington his agents made a determined effort to capture their support. These committeemen are strong because of their alliances and the expectation of their friends that if a democratic president be elected they will be able "to deliver."

It is believed here these men will become lukewarm, if nothing more, as a result of the abandonment of the Wilson candidacy by Colonel Harvey, creator of the "scholar in politics," and Colonel Watterson.

Added Troubles

Added to the troubles of Wilson is the recollection of his treatment of former Senator Smith of New Jersey, who gave his support to Wilson's candidacy for governor and whose aspirations for return to the United States senate were thwarted by the former president of Princeton.

There is the famous Joliet letter, urging that Bryan be knocked into a "cocked hat," which has aroused the Nebraska's following and which has irritated Bryan.

Throughout the west a popular movement has been growing for the nomination of Wilson, but this movement is beginning to lose strength, evidenced by announcements, either public or private, of leading politicians.

Matt J. Reagan of Wisconsin and James C. Dahlgren, mayor of Omaha, Neb., already have issued anti-Wilson statements.

Senator Gore of Oklahoma is the most outspoken of the supporters of Wilson, and in a statement issued today approves his attitude toward Colonel Harvey, claiming it is a noble and brave proof that the governor will go into office mortgaged to no man.

Hostile Influences

It is believed that it will be in the east and south that Wilson will be affected, particularly by the Harvey and Watterson withdrawals.

Added to the influence hostile to him will be that of Colonel Hemphill, the Charlotte (S. C.) editor. Watterson and Hemphill have a host of friends in the south who questionably will be disposed to heed the advice of their leaders.

Watterson will be here tomorrow to meet a number of southern democratic politicians and his advice to them will be against the nomination of the schoolmaster.

It is the assurance of other men struggling for the nomination, that Wilson now can not control two-thirds of the convention, the proportion necessary to nominate. This assurance is based on the certainty that the politicians of the party will be able to command more than a third of the delegates.

With Wilson stock falling, the hopes of the other candidates are rising. Each expects to profit through the disintegration of the Wilson strength.

Rivals in Accord

Harmon, Underwood, Clark, Hearst and the others are publicly in accord with this sentiment, but at the same time they desire the popular movement, which each is seeking, to have a solid framework of men versed in the game of practical politics.

There will be other favorite sons in the field. Thus a situation is being created which has no terrors for the professional democratic politician, and, above all, for William Jennings Bryan. This much is certain as to Bryan: He would like to be the candidate himself, in spite of the renunciatory statements he has issued, and, falling this, he wants to determine who shall be the democratic nominee. To meet the views of all elements in the party, there is growing in favor a compromise ticket made up of Senator Kern of Indiana, who was Bryan's running mate in 1908, and Senator O'Gorman of New York.

Bryan and Wilson Praised

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 18.—Leading Wisconsin democrats who gathered here today to organize the state for Woodrow Wilson gave the loudest applause to the name of La Follette. It came when William T. La Follette, of France,

U.S. ATTORNEY'S HOME ENTERED BY A BURGLAR

Indications Point to Theft of Testimony in Indictment Cases as Motive

Prowler Flees When Presence Is Discovered by Sister of Oscar Lawler

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—Leaving several pools of blood as the only clues the police have to work upon, a burglar ransacked the New Hampshire avenue residence of Oscar Lawler, United States special prosecutor in the dynamiting investigation conducted here by the federal grand jury, at 2 o'clock this morning and escaped with a small amount of money.

The police declared it was not money the man was after. Evidence relating to indictments returned by the grand jury, the police contend, was what the robber was hunting.

The authorities base their claim to this belief upon the fact that much valuable silver ware and many other articles of intrinsic value were found scattered over the floors and tables of the Lawler residence, but none of these articles was taken.

The burglar, it was found, had entered the residence by cutting out a rear window. He had visited every room in the house and every drawer was found to have been opened.

It was while he was going through the dresser in the room occupied by Miss Hattie Lawler, a sister of the government prosecutor, that he was discovered. Miss Lawler was awakened by his noise and screamed. The man dashed for the front door and escaped. The police do not know how the man was injured, but his movements in the house could be traced by a trail of blood that led from one room to the other.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawler were not at home. Lawler is in the east and Mrs. Lawler was visiting some friends at a nearby town.

The police say that they have positive information that Lawler kept no papers relating to the work of the grand jury in his home, and therefore that the burglar obtained nothing that could be used by any one opposed to the government's investigation.

'STARVATION CURE' PICTURED IN COURT

Prosecuting Attorney Tells a Strange Story in Trial of Mrs. Hazzard for Murder

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SEATTLE, Jan. 18.—The jury to try Mrs. Enda Burfield Hazzard, the "starvation doctor," accused in the Kitsap county superior court at Port Orchard of murdering Miss Claire Williamson, a wealthy English spinster, was completed today and two witnesses for the state were examined. Court adjourned early to hear arguments on the motion by the defense to exclude testimony of Miss Dorothy Williamson, sister of the woman alleged to have been starved to death, concerning her personal experiences while under Mrs. Hazzard's care. Miss Williamson is expected to be the star witness for the prosecution, and the exclusion of her testimony would be a severe blow to the state. Judge Yakey will announce his decision tomorrow.

TOOK STRANGE CURES

The opening statement of the prosecution was made by Special Prosecutor Frank H. Kelley of Tacoma. He reviewed the life of the Williamson sisters, telling how they were in the habit of taking up with strange cures and how they went to Mrs. Hazzard for treatment in February of last year. He said the state would endeavor to show that this treatment consisted of a greatly reduced amount of food, resulting in their losing flesh rapidly. Claire became subject to fainting spells and periods of coma and Dorothea was frequently delirious.

Mrs. Hazzard learned, the statement continued, that the Williamson sisters were of greater means than she had anticipated, whereupon she became their manager, looking after their financial affairs and handling their bank accounts.

TOO WEAK TO EAT

"In April," Kelley declared, "the starving sisters were removed to Ollalla, where Mrs. Hazzard conducted a sanatorium. They were too weak to take nourishment and were frequently promised that they would awake some morning in a glorious state of health. Mrs. Hazzard induced Claire to add a cod-liver oil to her diet, and the Hazzard sanatorium with \$125 annually, and obtained orders on banks holding funds belonging to the Williamson sisters authorizing the payment of money to Mrs. Hazzard. On May 19 Claire died, having been reduced literally to skin and bones. No notification was sent to the relatives, but a family nurse in Australia, hearing of the death of Claire, hurried to Ollalla, and found Dorothea a living skeleton. Mrs. Hazzard said Dorothea was insane and had already applied for appointment as guardian and as administrator of Claire's estate."

GERMAN-AMERICAN ISSUES A PROTEST

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Dr. Ernest Richard, president of the German-American Peace society and chairman of the peace commission of the National German-American alliance, issued today an appeal to German-Americans protesting against what he styles the erroneous interpretation of the arbitrage treaties with Great Britain and France.

Women Enter Home Rule Fight Duchess Is Head of Ulster Host



Duchess of Abercorn, who presided at Ulster Women's Unionist association that issued defi to Irish nationalists.

Resistance to Rule of "Rebel Parliament" Promised in Public Manifesto

BELFAST, Ireland, Jan. 18.—Fifty thousand women members of the Ulster Unionist association today issued a fiery manifesto to their sisters in Great Britain to aid them in defeating the home rule bill.

The duchess of Abercorn presided at the meeting of the council of the Ulster Unionist associations, which made the appeal. In her speech she said:

"We will not accept home rule, and if we are thrown out of our heritage we shall stand by our men folk, resisting to the uttermost the domination of a rebel parliament in Dublin."

The manifesto declares the unionists' determination to hold Ulster for the empire and asserts that home rule "will reduce the whole country to the rags and poverty which are found in Ireland only in those districts where the rule of the Nationalist league is supreme."

Land Purchase Trouble

DUBLIN, Jan. 18.—Most of the active politicians having returned from a brief holiday, interest in the home rule campaign is becoming more acute daily.

MCGREGOR URGES CANAL'S FREE USE

Union Iron Works Head Says Concession Would Stimulate American Marine

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The free use of the Panama canal for American ships, whether engaged in the coastwise trade, was urged today before the house committee on interstate commerce by John A. McGregor, president of the Union Iron works, San Francisco.

Such a concession by the government, McGregor said, would do much to stimulate an American merchant marine. He explained that there is no American merchant marine. He explained that there are no American ships in the foreign trade, while all coastwise vessels by necessity must be under American registry. With free use of the canal, he declared, ship builders and capitalists would have an incentive to construct American ships to enter the foreign field of commerce because of the advantage they would have.

Chairman Adamson and his democratic colleagues were inclined to object to McGregor's plan, saying it would offer a subsidy for American ships. They oppose at this time a subsidy for the building of a merchant marine.

THIS WAY, CASTRO, IF YOU PLEASE, SAYS COLOMBIA

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Advices received today from sources apparently reliable say that Cipriano Castro, the exiled former president of Venezuela, has been called to Bogota, Colombia, by the Colombian government. Castro has been at Cucuta, a small Colombian town in the Andes close to the Venezuelan frontier, and the government of Colombia is believed to have caused him to come to the capital out of friendliness to Venezuela.

KING GEORGE PLANS VISIT TO UNCLE SAM

Opening of Canadian Railroad to Be Followed by Trip to Washington

[Special Cable to The Call] LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Call's correspondent is informed that King George and Queen Mary are considering a trip to Canada, New York and Washington.

The king, in accepting the duke of Connaught's invitation to attend the opening of the new transcontinental railroad in Canada in 1914, will extend his visit to Washington and New York. This naturally would do even more to establish closer relations between the two countries than the visit of the Connaughts, and it is believed here that the king will defy precedent and achieve the distinction of being the first British monarch to pay an official visit to the great English speaking republic.

King George's father, the late King Edward, was the only member of the royal family close to the throne of Great Britain to visit the United States. In 1860, when he was prince of Wales, he traveled incognito under the name of Baron Renfrew.

CARDINAL O'CONNELL SAILS FOR BOSTON

NAPLES, Jan. 18.—Cardinal O'Connell and suite left today on board the White Star liner Canopic, which is due in Boston on January 29. The cardinal was accorded a hearty farewell.

SOCIALISTIC TRIUMPH FEARED

German Government Fails to Bring Other Parties Together in Opposition

FERVID APPEALS MADE TO DISREGARD ORDERS

"Save Fatherland" Is Cry of Semiofficial Organ of Conservatives

ELECTIONS CAUSE GREAT ANXIETY TO MINISTERS

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—Following the failure of governmental efforts to form a coalition of all non-socialist parties against the socialist candidates in the second ballots, which are to be held from January 20 to January 25, the semi-official Nord Deutsche Algemeine Zeitung fills its columns with a series of fervid appeals to progressive voters. It calls on them to disregard party orders and to save the fatherland by voting against the socialists.

The government's anxiety as to the result of the elections is extreme and well founded. A complete breach has occurred between the radicals and conservatives with their allies, the members of the center. The desire of the latter parties to wreak vengeance on the radicals at any cost in all probability will throw 11 seats formerly held by radicals into socialist hands.

The national liberals are giving their support to the conservative and center parties against the socialists.

The second ballots will be held as follows: 77 on January 20, 80 on January 22 and 24 on January 25.

SECURITIES INSURED BY \$5,000,000 POLICY

Company Collects Premium and Police Will Form Guard

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A five million dollar insurance policy, the life of which is three hours, was issued today to guarantee a New York banking house against loss by highwaymen during the transfer from the burned Equitable building of a fortune in cash and securities that must be carried six blocks. Although the surety company assumes the risk of loss, the actual protection devolves upon the city, for a squad of police will be the only guards.

The surety company called the policy a "holdup and robbery policy," and receives \$500 for the risk.

RICE MAKES ADDRESS IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

Says Other Wall Street Firms Guilty if He Is

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The defense opened in the Scheffels case today, and George Graham Rice, on trial with B. H. Scheffels and others for alleged misuse of the mails, made his own address to the jury. He pleaded no little ability as an orator.

If the Scheffels firm was guilty of crooked dealings, so were many other firms in Wall street, Rice declared, and he challenged the government to produce any false entry in the books.

The "squam" list he described as a simple complaint list that any firm would have.

BURLINGAME HAS A NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

[Special Dispatch to The Call] BURLINGAME, Jan. 18.—Despite vigorous opposition from nearly 200 of its men and women citizens, Burlingame now boasts of a grammar school district. The school trustees, who were appointed recently by County Superintendent Roy W. Cloud, held a meeting today and completed organization by electing William Edwards chairman and Mrs. George B. Miller clerk.

The other member of the board is C. C. Barre of Easton. Already Burlingame are planning to put a \$50,000 bond issue before the electors of Burlingame.

HATS

The first thing about you to attract attention is your hat. It should be clean, shapely, suitable to your face, size, complexion, height and of the present style. Knowledge of what is suitable and courteous attention to all these and every other necessary detail is rendered here when you call to choose a hat.

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