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INQUIRY MAY BE TRIAL OF CHIEF WHITE

Commission Seeks Somebody to Hold Responsible for Police Corruption—Search to Cover Three Last Administrations—Report Bids to Be Authentic Department History

FLANNERY DOES NOT PROVE GOOD GUIDE

McCarthy's Commissioner Tells Little—Other Witnesses Hold Back Details for Grand Jury—Roche Says That Board Would Dismiss White if He Is Found to Be Incompetent

Is Chief of Police White responsible for the present demoralization of the police department, or does the responsibility go back, wholly or in part, to his predecessors, Martin and Seymour? For the purpose of getting at the truth of this matter, the present investigation is being conducted by the police commissioners, according to a statement made yesterday afternoon by President Theodore Roche of the commission.

"There seems to be some idea prevalent," said Commissioner Roche, "that I am trying to protect Chief White. There is nothing in that. Speaking for the commission, I can say that if we find that the chief is incompetent, there is not a member of the board but will recommend his dismissal."

INOFFICIOUS FLANNERY

Little of value was elicited from Flannery. He told the commissioners that he had absolutely nothing to do with the appointment of any member of the police force, with the solitary exception of one man appointed to the identification bureau. He said that he himself did not know he was to be appointed commissioner until 24 hours before the appointment was made. He was not consulted by Mayor McCarthy concerning the appointment of John Martin as chief of police, though McCarthy did once suggest to him that he thought Martin would make a good chief. He disclaimed having used any influence in the appointment of men to the upper office. Once before his appointment he visited McCarthy's office and found him and Martin examining a list of officers to be appointed. This may have been the list of eight men sent in by McDonough Brothers. Flannery declared he knew nothing about the origin of the conditions complained of today, whether they originated in Martin's administration or since Chief White took office.

Millard Duxbury, the convicted robber, who claims to know of police connection with the gambling scandal, declared previous to going before the commission that he would not tell much.

"I'll tell my story to the grand jury," he said. "I can't see how it will help me any to talk to the police commission."

Assistant District Attorney Cotton later asserted that Duxbury will be a witness before the grand jury tonight. DUXBURY IS WARY

President Roche explained after the meeting that while Duxbury named only one officer—presumably Policeman Tracy—now under suspension—he went more into detail in his story than he had at any previous time. However, it is not believed that he gave the commission much information upon which to base action, except that he charged that a percentage game was conducted at the Waldorf club.

The only other witness before the commission yesterday was De Paoli, who has charged Policeman Tracy with taking graft money. His testimony was about the same as the statements he had previously made, that he paid Tracy money to allow him to run a blind pig.

For the first time since the commission began its present line of investigation, Theodore Roche yesterday outlined the general idea of the inquiry. He declared that the commissioners meant to start with past administrations and lead up to the present moment. It is their intention, he said, to find out definitely whether responsibility for the present demoralization in the police department devolves upon Chief White or whether it antedates his administration and goes back to Martin and Seymour. He said that very probably

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Chinese in Fierce Fight Rebels Attack Kiangnan

Ten Thousand Men Repulsed by 2,000 Defenders; Rumors Current That Japanese Assisted the Besiegers

SHANGHAI, July 24.—Southern rebels, reported to number 10,000, attacked Kiangnan arsenal at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning. The defenders, not exceeding 2,000, were strongly entrenched, and, assisted by the navy, repelled their attacks. The fighting lasted until 7:30 o'clock. According to the estimates 800 rebels were killed. Another attack was also repulsed at 1 o'clock Thursday morning, the southern rebels being unable to gain any ground. Reports say that only 3,000 southerners were engaged in the attack, but their casualty greatly exceeded the original estimates. MANY CIVILIANS KILLED. Many of the killed were civilians. The attacks were delivered simultaneously from three sides. Thick vegetation and insufficiency of men prevented the garrison from attempting a sortie and enabled the rebels to fall back to their camps and reorganize their forces. Reports are current that Japanese

were fighting in the southern ranks. Foreign volunteers were called out to guard the settlement. A few shells burst in the French concession and several Chinamen were injured, but no foreigners. The latest estimates place the casualties at 1,000, for the most part innocent peasants. The flagship Haichu poured a steady fire upon the attacking forces. It is expected that a foreign naval brigade will be landed. Volunteers are erecting barricades around the approaches to the settlement. Many shells from the arsenal fell into the French concession, damaging the houses, and much damage was done to the Chinese cities. Many of the Chinese fled to the French concession. It is reported that the French consul will intervene, owing to the damage sustained in the French quarter. One French man was wounded. In view of the danger to the British settlement, the Shanghai Mercury demands that the powers shall arrange a neutral zone.

RICH AUSTRALIAN FOND OF AMERICA

J. B. Reed "Peeved" on First Arrival Changes Mind Following Visit

When J. B. Reed, the Australian millionaire horseman arrived here from the antipodes a few weeks ago he was very indignant because the immigration officials presumed to classify him as an "alien." He protested that an "alien" was a foreigner and that he was an Englishman. It was his first visit to the United States and would be his last, he said. Mr. Reed has changed his mind about the United States. The Union Steamship company received a letter from him from London yesterday asking that passage be reserved for him on the liner Tahiti, which leaves here next month. "They may have called me an alien," he told a friend before leaving here, "but they treated me like a brother, and if I wasn't an Englishman I'd want to be a San Franciscan."

ABDUCTOR OF OAKLAND GIRL PLEADS GUILTY

He Endeavored to Lure Her to Notorious "Black Hole" in Mexicali

(Special Dispatch to The Call) LOS ANGELES, July 23.—George Leaghy, who was accused of trying to lure Annie O'Donnell, aged 20, to the notorious "Black Hole" in Mexicali, pleaded guilty today in Judge Wilbur's court.

He was charged with contributing to the delinquency of Miss O'Donnell, who was a telephone girl, and who was brought here from Oakland by Leaghy. He will be sentenced Friday. Leaghy made no defense against the charges. The girl will be taken back to her sister's home in Oakland. Leaghy claims to be the son of a captain in the San Francisco fire department.

SHERIFF SEEKS ACTRESS

He Falls to Serve Attachment on Fritzi Scheff

NEW YORK, July 23.—Will Fritzi Scheff please call on Sheriff Harburger? The sheriff spent two hours last night visiting all the larger New York hotels in an effort to leave his visiting card with the actress, but failed to find her registered at any of them. Deputy Sheriff Winters has an attachment for \$1,094.73 on Fritzi's property, and it was Sheriff Harburger's intention to demand this amount if the actress had received him. The judgment is in favor of Milton P. Bagge.

"TYPHOID KING" IS HELD

Superintendent of Marine Hospital Says He Will Keep Olsen Safe

Harry Olsen, a sailor, known to medical men as the "California typhoid king," whose widespread dissemination of the disease has caused the death of 18 men, all fellow seamen, will not be turned out of the marine hospital in San Francisco because the state refuses to pay his board bill. Dr. R. M. Woodward, superintendent of the hospital, said last night that he had no intention of discharging Olsen.

ACTRESS ROBS HER SISTER

She Admits Stealing Jewels When Arraigned on Charge

NEW YORK, July 23.—Admitting she had stolen \$400 worth of jewelry from her half-sister, Anna Miller, who appears in a vaudeville sketch called "Trained Nurses," Maria Goodner, also an actress, 23 years old, was today held for the grand jury when arraigned in the Coney Island police court on a charge of grand larceny.

WEIGHT OF BODY SAVES ELECTRICIAN

Woodland Man Takes Hold of Wire Containing 600 Volts; Falls 30 Feet to Ground

(Special Dispatch to The Call) WOODLAND, July 23.—A fatal accident was averted this morning by the weight of a man's own body. John Alger, an electrician, caught hold of a supposedly dead wire, which contained 600 volts. As he hung to the wire his swinging body struck the side of a tree and his natural weight tore him loose. He fell to the ground, 30 feet below, landing in a grass plot between a cement sidewalk and curbing. He suffered only slight injuries.

ELLIOTT SEEMS LIKELY FOR NEW HAVEN POST

J. P. Morgan Falls to Deny Report That He Would Be Mellen's Successor; Decision Friday

NEW YORK, July 23.—The decision of the special committee appointed by the directors of the New Haven railroad to choose a successor to President Mellen will be made public after a special meeting of the executive committee of the road Friday afternoon. The arrival here today of Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific railroad, added strength to a report that he would be Mr. Mellen's successor. J. P. Morgan would not deny this, but said: "The committee has reached no decision and no decision will be made until Friday."

GUNBOAT TO BE SHIPPED OVER SEA IN SECTIONS

River War Vessel Will Be Reassembled at Cavite in the Philippines for China Service

VALLEJO, July 23.—The new gunboat Calos now being built at Mare island navy yard is to be shipped across the Pacific ocean, crated in sections—knocked down—and will be reassembled at Cavite, P. I. Orders were received at the navy yard today to have the vessel ready for shipment by November 7, and a sister vessel, also to be turned out from Mare island navy yard, the Monocacy, is to be shipped in December. The two are small, slight draught craft and are designed for river service in China.

TEDDY TETZLAFF'S SPEED TOO FAST FOR HIS WIFE

When Year is Up She Will Sue for Divorce, She Says—Pace Is Killing Her

(Special Dispatch to The Call) LOS ANGELES, July 23.—Mrs. Teddy Tetzlaff, wife of the famous auto racing driver, said today that she would file suit for divorce in a week, that period ending one year's separation between them. "I can not stand this speed," she said; "it's killing me." "It's nothing but rush—speed, more speed, all the time. And now Teddy wants to break in our little son, and that is the last straw. I will not stand for it."

SPOUSE HAD SOME TEMPER

Wife of Capitalist Says He Pursued Her With Sharp Knife

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SAN JOSE, July 23.—That John J. Dover, capitalist, who owns a country estate near Saratoga, had many of the attributes popularly ascribed to a cave man is to be inferred from allegations made by his wife, Mrs. Bertha E. Dover, who was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce today. Once, in 1910, she alleges, he flew into a violent rage and pursued her with a sharp knife, throwing her down and threatening to cut her throat.

DIVORCE ALSO ENTERS INTO GRANT FAMILY

Same Day That General's Namesake Sails on Honeymoon His Brother Sues in Nevada

WIFE IS SURPRISED AT HUSBAND'S ACT

Affair Recalls Their Daughter's Recent Marriage to Naval Lieutenant

"Hail and farewell to matrimony" is the duet of the two surviving sons of General U. S. Grant.

U. S. Grant Jr. has just left San Francisco on his second honeymoon and yesterday word came from Goldfield, Nev., that Jesse Root Grant, youngest son of the union general and president, has filed suit for divorce against his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman Grant of 3701 Washington street, this city.

When Mrs. Grant was informed last evening that her husband had brought a suit for divorce on the ground of desertion she was incredulous. "I can not understand it," she said. "Mr. Grant gave no intimation that he intended bringing an action. I can not say what I shall do in the matter, whether I shall oppose the suit or not. I have no lawyer and can not speak on the subject until I have further considered it."

"Mr. Grant is a mining man and that has taken him away from his home, but I have traveled about with him considerably to New York and into the mining country. However, we have not been together during the last year. I knew nothing of the suit until this morning."

OTHER MATRIMONIAL AFFAIRS. Miss Nell Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant, was married unostentatiously in this city May 15 last to Lieutenant Commander William Pigott Cronan, U. S. N., of Annapolis. The naval officer came to San Francisco to claim his bride and a home wedding was planned, but when the couple went to the county clerk for the license they decided suddenly to marry and sought out a justice of the peace and had the service performed immediately.

Mrs. Grant is a member of the old Chapman family of this city and is prominent socially. Her son, Chapman Grant, lives in this city. Chapman Grant and Mrs. Cronan are the only children of the couple, who were married in this city September 21, 1880.

News of the divorce action brought by Mr. Grant came in a dispatch to The Call from Goldfield, Nev., which told that the suit was filed yesterday morning in the district court in Goldfield. Mr. Grant has resided in Goldfield for more than six months. His headquarters has been the Goldfield hotel.

DESSERTION ALLEGED

The complaint is brief. It relates that the marriage took place in 1880, states that there are two children of full legal age and that there is no community property. The ground on which divorce is asked is simple desertion.

U. S. Grant Jr. and his young bride sailed yesterday on the liner Aorang on a honeymoon that will take them all around the world. Grant was so happy that he didn't take the trouble to correct Mayor Rolph when the burgo-master addressed the bridegroom as "general."

The mayor, whose firm is the local agent for the Union Steamship company, which owns the Aorang, wished the bridal pair every happiness, guaranteed them the freedom of San Francisco when they returned and promised to ask Captain Stevens, commander of the liner, to see that they received special attention during the voyage.

"I have neither a care nor a responsibility in the world," said Mr. Grant, "and have not the least idea when we will return. Mrs. Grant is now the boss."

FIRST TOKAYS SENT EAST

Shipment Breaks Last Season's Record by Seven Days

OROVILLE, July 23.—The first Tokay grapes of the season were sent east today by J. H. Leggett. The fruit was grown on land previously dredged for gold that had been reclaimed to horticulture. Today's shipment broke last season's record by seven days, and the previous state record by more than two weeks.

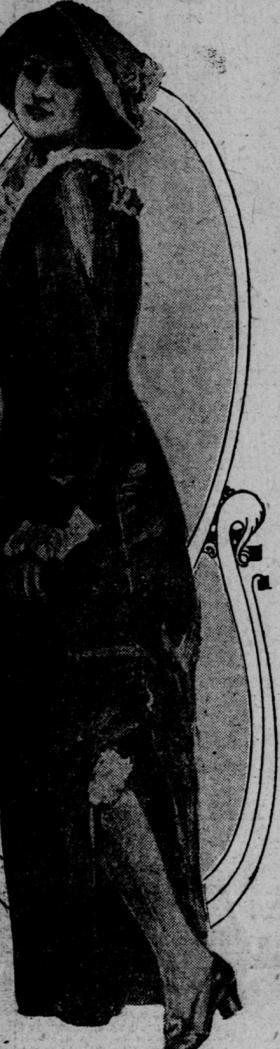
VISITS SEAL ROOKERIES

Unusual Privilege for Seattle Chamber of Commerce Party

SEWARD, Alaska, July 23.—The Seattle Chamber of Commerce tourists arrived today from Nome on the Victoria. During the passage through Bering sea the Victoria visited the seal rookeries on the Pribilof islands. This was the first time a tourist party has been permitted to visit the seal breeding grounds.

Slit Skirt to Journey Will Invade New York

Miss Blossom Browning, only woman ever fined for wearing a slit skirt, whose reported visit to New York has been heralded until Gothamites await her arrival with curious interest.



Curiosity of Gotham Is Aroused by Only Girl Fined for Garment

(Special Dispatch to The Call) NEW YORK, July 23.—Broadway is waiting with tremulous impatience for the appearance here of Miss Blossom Browning, who has the distinction of being the only girl in the United States who has had to contribute to the revenues of a municipality because she wore a slit skirt. Miss Browning was fined \$25 in Richmond, Va., for wearing a creation which

had a skirt severed from hem to knee. Miss Browning declared that she did not mean to be naughty, that she had the gown demurely sewed up, but the seam worked loose and exposed, without her knowledge, silken hosiery.

Broadway declares that it won't cost Miss Browning \$25 to wear her famous skirt in New York. Anthony Comstock's report isn't in yet.

SEES HUSBAND IN MAN WHO WEDDED TELEPHONE GIRL

Mrs. Martin Bradford Clark Declares M. B. Startzman Married Her in 1903; "Double," Is Defense

Martin Bradford Startzman, wealthy realty broker, who recently married Miss Maizie Heaney, a beautiful telephone operator employed at the Palace hotel, is believed by Mrs. Martin Bradford Clark of Winnipeg to be the man who married her in 1903. She has started an investigation through attorneys and friends in California, which will probably bare a scandal if her allegations are true.

At the Alamo hotel, 325 Sutter street, Startzman is living with his bride, wholly unconcerned about the charges. He says if any member of the Startzman family married the woman in Winnipeg it was his brother, "Bill," who he says, has always been a black sheep and has often got him, Martin Bradford, into trouble by using his name.

He alleges that brother "Bill" resembles him so closely that their mother used to have trouble in identifying them. In 1902 Startzman married Miss Jessie Garrod of San Francisco. She got a divorce three years later on a charge of desertion. Her mother, Mrs. James Garrod, said yesterday that Startzman deserted her daughter, leaving all the bills unpaid and owing \$600 on furniture.

Meanwhile the new bride, who was known as the most beautiful woman ever employed by the Palace, says she has absolute faith in her husband.

MUTINOUS GUARDS KEEP VATICAN IN STATE OF SIEGE

Gendarmes Surround Palace and Hold Rebellious Swiss as Prisoners Following Refusal of Demands

ROME, July 23.—Throughout the day the Vatican was in a veritable state of siege. This was the outcome of the mutiny of the Swiss guards whose demands in the form of a memorial relating their grievances and setting forth conditions in which they would remain in the service flatly were rejected today. The commander and other officials stood with drawn revolvers when the refusal was read, prepared to suppress trouble.

The three leaders in the movement who expelled from the Vatican. Four others left tonight and twelve have been requested leave to depart for their homes in October. Those who left were accompanied to the gates of the Vatican by their comrades. At the moment of separation they cried "Viva Garibaldi!" Some of them joined in singing the "Marseillaise." Never before was such a scene witnessed in front of the Vatican.

Yesterday the guards were relieved of their cartridges and today even their rifles were taken from them, as it was discovered that they had succeeded in concealing cartridges. Count Ceceperli, commander of the gendarmes, has been ordered to hold his men in readiness for emergencies.

BOSTON MAN APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Charles Sumner Hamlin, Boston, has been selected as assistant treasurer in charge of customs service to succeed James Fergus, who will retire on August 1. Secretary McAdoo formerly recommended the appointment to President Wilson.

SALE OF ARMS TO HUERTANOS IS FORBIDDEN BY PRESIDENT

Executive Order of Strictest Neutrality Strengthens the Position of General Carranza and Constitutionalists—Edict Is Given After Conference With Two Congressional Chairmen—Plea of Rebels Is Thereby Granted by the Government of the United States

FINAL POLICY STILL AWAITS AMBASSADOR

Senator Bacon, Leaving the White House, Says Huerta Administration Can Not Be Considered Legitimate—Only Legal Governments May Buy Munitions—2,000 Attend Japanese Demonstration—Relief Is Sought for Americans

BULLETIN

EL PASO, Tex., July 23.—A negative reply tonight was received to a telegram sent by a local newspaper to Congressman A. R. Smith, proposing that a force of armed Americans be sent from El Paso to Madera, Chihuahua, to relieve the distress of the 14 defenders of the Madera lumber camp and their families, who are reported to be threatened with massacre by Mexican bandits headed by "El Mocho" Martinez.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—President Wilson has determined that no faction of the Mexican revolution shall obtain arms or ammunition from the United States, and that neutrality must be observed in its strictest sense. This was the interpretation of the neutrality laws decided upon today after conferences with Senator Bacon and Representative Flood, chairman of the two congressional committees on foreign relations.

While the Mexican rebels have been getting no arms heretofore, today's developments mean that the Huerta administration will be deprived of the privilege previously given the former Madero government, and the United States will treat all sides alike in the present dispute.

CARRANZA'S ADVANTAGE

The situation was precipitated by the recent complaints of the constitutionalists and their sympathizers in this country that if the United States did not actually assist the Huerta government by selling it munitions of war a termination of hostilities would be possible.

Sentiment in favor of a new policy grew in congress to such an extent that canvass was made today of the foreign relations committees in both houses. It was found that there would be little objection to repealing the joint resolution of March 14, 1912, giving the president discretionary power to prohibit exportations of arms or munitions of war to countries where domestic violence existed, but permitting him to allow the legally constituted government of any country to buy war supplies as usual.

HUERTA NOT LEGITIMATE

Senator Bacon, however, reiterated as he left the White House today that the Huerta administration could not be considered a legitimate successor of the Madero regime or a legally constituted government. The constitutionalist representatives here had protested to the state department that inasmuch as the Huerta government had not been recognized it ought not to obtain arms. This construction of the case found favor in official circles, and while the repeal of the resolution of March 14, 1912, was considered by administration officials as one way of equalizing conditions, it was decided that the same purpose could be served by denying ammunition to all factions.

There is nevertheless a firm feeling in congress in favor of lifting the embargo on arms and giving both sides an equal opportunity to equip themselves. This sentiment gains favor especially among those who believe that the Carranza rebels have public opinion behind them in Mexico, and if given the arms with which to supply their large unequipped forces, the revolution would end speedily in their favor.

EXACT NEUTRALITY

For the present, however, the administration will issue orders to its agents everywhere to keep arms from entering the rebellion torn country. This will interfere materially with the plans of the Huerta forces, since orders for large supplies of arms and ammunition are said to have been placed with firms in the United States very recently. Although the constitutionalists hold no reports of consequence, they have demoralized the railroad systems and it will be difficult for the federals to get