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TRIAL COURT REVERSED

EX-MAYOR AMES OF MINNEAPOLIS GIVEN HIS FREEDOM BY SUPREME TRIBUNAL.

HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BRIBERY

EVIDENCE HELD NOT SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT CONVICTION OF CRIME CHARGED.

St. Paul, Jan. 30.—Dr. A. A. Ames, four times mayor of Minneapolis, is again a free man. The state supreme court has rendered an opinion upholding the indictment, but declares the evidence does not sustain the conviction secured thereunder.

The court's opinion is unanimous as to result, but divided as to reasons. The majority opinion, written by Justice Lewis and concurred in by Chief Justice Start and Justice Collins, is a surprise alike to defense and state. It overturns the lower court on a point hardly emphasized by the defense, while sustaining the state on the contention which the state feared most and which the defense based all its hopes upon.

The court says the indictment was valid and charged but one offense but declares that the state did not prove the offense charged.

Dr. Ames is now a free man unless he can be indicted again upon some other charge.

Dr. Ames was under sentence of six years in state prison on conviction of the crime of accepting a bribe from women of the town.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Second Trial of Mrs. Lulu Prince Kennedy-Kramer.

Kansas City, Jan. 30.—Mrs. Lulu Prince-Kennedy-Kramer, on trial a second time for the murder in January, 1901, of her first husband, Phillip H. Kennedy, was found not guilty by a jury here. At her first trial she was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. The case was reversed and during her release

on bond last February she married John Kramer, an attorney, who had defended her brother, Will Prince, who later was convicted on a charge of conspiring with the defendant to kill Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy killed Kennedy, who was local agent for the Merchants Despatch Transportation company, a month after they had been married. He had refused to live with her, bringing suit to have the marriage annulled on the ground that he had been forced into it.

The first verdict was reversed on a technicality. Mrs. Kennedy's defense was emotional insanity and evidence was presented to show that her grandfather and great grandfather had died in insane asylums, one in New Hampshire and one in Connecticut.

The verdict of acquittal was found solely on the ground that Mrs. Kennedy was insane when she shot her husband. The jury, however, found that "the defendant has since regained her sanity," which will save her from being sent to an asylum.

UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

Blackmailers Try to Secure \$10,000 From Southern Pacific.

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—It is stated that the Pinkerton detectives who are investigating the anonymous letters sent to the Southern Pacific company demanding \$10,000 under threat to dynamite trains have centered their suspicions on five men now in the vicinity of Fresno and that one of them has been picked out as the author of the letters. The men are said to be under surveillance, but immediate arrests are not looked for owing to the absence of positive evidence. The detectives say that the activity displayed by the railroad in the effort to apprehend the authors of the plot has frightened the would-be wreckers and that the danger of the threats being consummated is entirely past.

TUNNEL RAILWAYS.

Great System for Freight Planned Under City of Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—The Illinois Telephone and Telegraph company has sold all its property to the Illinois Tunnel company, with an authorized capital of \$30,000,000. The sale gives the latter company the control of the tunnels, tracks, telephone cables, etc., forty feet underneath the city of Chicago.

It is the purpose to make the tunnels terminal transfers. The railroads will deliver freight at depot tunnels and trains will carry it to business houses.

HERRIED DEFENDS DIVORCE MILL

Governor of South Dakota Says Famous Divorce Laws Are Misunderstood by the Public.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Governor Charles N. Herried of South Dakota defended the divorce laws of his state at the Palmer House, declaring that they were misunderstood by the public. "To secure a divorce in South Dakota," said the governor, "a person must be a bona fide resident of the state. The only cases in which Eastern courts have held that South Dakota divorces were not valid were ones in which it was shown that the applicants for a decree were not bona fide

residents of the state, but had gone to South Dakota for the express purpose of securing a divorce.

"There is no sentiment in the state against the present laws governing divorce and I do not anticipate that they will be changed. Six months' residence in the state is necessary to become a bona fide resident and even then residence is not considered bona fide if applicants have gone there solely for the purpose of securing a divorce."

ITCH ASSAILS WOLVES

Disease Bids Fair to Wipe Out the Coyote Pest in South Dakota.

Oacoma, S. D., Jan. 30.—About four years ago the commission firm of Becker & Degan shipped into Lyman county from Texas about 10,000 head of cattle for the range. It proved to be a bunch that was slightly affected with the Texas itch. The result was a contamination of the range cattle in a greater or less degree. Stockmen have by great diligence wiped the disease almost out, but still there is an occasional case let run until the animal dies.

Now comes a strange development in the matter. Wolves and coyotes that have eaten of the dead animals have become affected and it is no un-

SECRETARY ROOT RETIRES

Portfolio of the Secretary of War Now in the Hands of Gov. Taft.

Washington, Jan. 30.—President Roosevelt, Secretary Root and Governor Taft were the principal figures at the day's meeting of the cabinet. All the members except Secretary Hay were present.

Governor Taft arrived at the executive offices soon after the cabinet had assembled and was shown directly into the cabinetroom. He remained throughout the session, leaving in company with Secretary Root.

The meeting, after the transaction of the usual departmental business,



SECRETARY OF WAR ROOT.

developed into a farewell for Secretary Root and a reception for Governor Taft. The former formally presented Governor Taft to his colleagues as his successor, expressing at the same time his personal regret at the severance of official relations which he so long had sustained to the president and members of the cabinet.

Tribute to Retiring Secretary.

President Roosevelt spoke with deep feeling of the retirement of Secretary Root. He wished it understood that, while in the circumstances he could make no public expression of his feelings without the appearance of trenching upon propriety, he was sincerely indebted to Secretary Root for the great work he had accomplished. No one, not even a member of the cabinet, could realize the labor, self-sacrifice, generosity and disinterestedness which had characterized Secretary Root's entire career as a member of the cabinet, or how much his devotion to his great task had meant to the administration and to the country. Especially had all this been true of the secretary's work during the past six months when he had expended lavishly of his energy and ability, without thought of credit to himself, but solely with the idea of advancing the interests of the president, his successor and the people of the United States.

In the president's tribute to Secretary Root the other members of the cabinet cordially joined.

common thing to see a coyote snarling on the prairie devoid of hair. Many of the animals have died from the effects of the cold and stockmen believe that the entire extermination of the pests is only a matter of a short time.

As the loss from the depredations of wolves is much heavier than that from the itch the exchange is a good one and cattlemen are not sorry over the result.

VERY HARD PRESSED.

Kaffirs Join Hereros in Attack on Okahandja.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—The commander of the German gunboat Habicht, lying at Swakopmund, German Southwest Africa, cables that he has received news from Lieutenant Zuelow, in command of the German forces at Okahandja,

that the Kaffirs have effected a junction with the Hereros who are besieging that post. As Okahandja was already hard pressed the announcement has caused concern at the colonial office here.

The following dispatch from Lieutenant Zuelow, sent by messenger via Karibib, has been received here:

"Okahandja, Jan. 20.—Am holding Okahandja. Occupied it Jan. 15 with 200 men after heavy fighting. Am waiting for guns from the Pabicht. Ask for a division of artillery. Weak relief corps with machine gun from Windhoek repulsed 12th and 13th. Loss reported eight reserves. In order to establish connections with the rear and bring forward military transports we attempted today with sixty men to reach Karibib by rail."

A later dispatch, dated Jan. 21, says:

"Yesterday afternoon, near Kawatuerasane, between Waldau and Okahandja, there was a sharp fight. A division about seventy men strong, sent forward by rail, lost four dead and three slightly wounded. The enemy lost twenty to twenty-five dead."

WOMEN BECAME HYSTERICAL.

Fire in Chicago Building Results in a Panic.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Notwithstanding recent experience with smoke and flame tenants of the Masonic Temple, a twenty-story structure, failed to scare when a fire broke out in the Cosmopolitan building adjoining. The occupants of the Cosmopolitan made a hasty exit. On the upper stories of the Cosmopolitan a number of women became hysterical and, blinded by the smoke, made efforts to spring from the windows. Cooler heads, however, prevented this and the women were carried down the fire escapes.

Mina Herma Verba was so severely burned that it is believed she cannot live. Chemicals she was mixing on the sixth floor exploded and caused the fire. The woman in a dying condition was carried down a fire escape by C. W. Randolph, secretary and treasurer of the Cosmopolitan Light company. Several other persons were burned, but not seriously. The fire was confined to the fifth and sixth floors.

Edward Stokes, who assisted in the rescue of Miss Verba, was probably fatally burned and was taken to the county hospital. Of the thirty-five people on the floor where the fire started twenty-five were girls and women.

ACCUSED OF MISCONDUCT.

Bechtels Make Charges Against Prosecuting Attorney.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 30.—Counsel on behalf of the members of the Bechtel family has made formal complaint before Judge Trixler against District Attorney Edwin J. Lichtenwalner, charging gross and willful negligence in his conduct of the prosecution of the cases growing out of the murder of Mabel Bechtel and the suicide of Thomas Bechtel.

Mrs. Catherine Bechtel, her daughters and Mrs. Henry Newhard, a neighbor of the Bechtels, made affidavits before Commissioner Leidy alleging that the district attorney was in a state of "beastly intoxication" during two days of the trial, making a postponement of the case by the court necessary.

It is alleged that he repeatedly kissed Mrs. Bechtel during a visit to the Bechtel home on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 27, the date of the finding of Mabel Bechtel's body.

Mrs. Brobst, Mrs. Bechtel's daughter, alleges that the district attorney made improper proposals to her and Martha Bechtel swears that Mr. Lichtenwalner endeavored to make an appointment with her.

HAS NO SECOND CHOICE.

Oney Insists Cleveland Should Be Democratic Nominee.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Former Secretary of State Richard Oney of Massachusetts, who is in Washington in connection with the meeting of the trustees of the Peabody educational fund, is still of the opinion that Grover Cleveland should be the Democratic nominee for the presidency. Asked for his reasons in believing the former president should be renominated he said:

"I can only repeat what I have already said. There is no Democrat in the country who has as much strength among the conservative people as Mr. Cleveland. I am still satisfied that if he were nominated he would be elected."

The former secretary had no second choice and he declined to discuss the position of William Jennings Bryan in regard to the Chicago and Kansas City platforms and his intention to antagonize the Eastern Democrats, or "reorganizers," as he terms them.

UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES MEET.

Those of Catholic Institution Decide on a Liberal Policy.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The annual meeting of the trustees of the Catholic university was held here during the day. Among those in attendance were Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul and Archbishop Keane of Dubuque.

A decision was reached to add a department of pedagogy and a bureau of statistics in Catholic education to the university. This announcement was interpreted by Catholic students and beneficiaries as indicating a liberal and broad policy and a healthy condition of the finances of the university.

Thursday's action will mean the addition of a new corps of instructors. The work to be done by the bureau of statistics of Catholic education will cover the entire United States.

ANSWER IS DELAYED

RUSSIA'S REPLY TO JAPANESE NOTE WILL NOT BE SENT UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

ADMIT THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS SAY EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON ATTITUDE OF JAPAN.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—The authorities here now say that the Russian reply to Japan will not be transmitted until next week.

It is said that the delay was necessary in consequence of the extreme care taken in drafting the document. Viceroy Alexieff's views are also awaited before its transmission to the czar.

It is fully realized here that the forwarding of the answer will mark another critical stage in the negotiations, everything depending on Japan's attitude. It is feared that, despite pacific influences, the hands of the authorities may be forced on account of the extreme excitement of the press and people. A high official said:

"Of course we cannot prevent war. Russia will do her utmost to offer Japan a basis for durable peace, but there are limits beyond which we cannot go. In Korea we grant practically everything and in Manchuria we already recognize all the treaty rights of Japan and all the other powers. Should Japan reject our conciliatory propositions the world must place the responsibility upon Japan."

An important fact in connection with the situation has been learned by the Associated Press. Within a fortnight both Russia and Japan have officially communicated to the United States and to the European chancellors their positions regarding some of the points at issue. This course was considered necessary in view of the wild and varying reports disseminated.

INTERMEDIARY STEP.

Conference of Russian Official and Japanese Minister.

Paris, Jan. 30.—It is understood that the conferences between Foreign Minister Lansdowne and M. Kurino, the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, have permitted the latter to advise his government concerning the position Russia is likely to take in the forthcoming answer, but the officials here say this was merely an intermediary step towards adjusting the remaining differences, as the answer is subject to change until officially communicated. It is further said that Russia will not answer until she feels reasonably assured that her answer will not have the effect of precipitating hostilities.

The officials here are gratified at an apparently authoritative statement that Japan does not intend to fortify the straits of Korea. They say it will remove one of the main obstacles, as the most recent negotiations showed that Russia was unalterably opposed to the creation of any condition in Korea which would lead to closing that outlet from the sea of Japan. A strong intimation has been made that the maritime nations of Europe and the United States would have taken up the question unless this declaration had been made.

Korean Disturbances Spread.

New York, Jan. 30.—Internal disturbance in Korea is spreading, cables the Herald's Seoul correspondent. It is the result of increased taxation. The governors of three provinces report that their officers have been captured by organized bands and government funds taken.

FOUR DEAD AND NINE DYING.

Many Girls Poisoned in German Cooking School.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—A medical inquiry is being made into a strange case of a number of girls belonging to a cooking school at Darmstadt who were poisoned recently by eating salad made from canned beans. Four of the girls are dead and nine dying. Up to the present the investigation has failed to define the exact nature of the poison, whether it was due to some new plant poison or whether it developed from decomposed meat used in making the salad.

MONEY NEEDED IN FAR EAST.

Flotation of Proposed Cuban Loan Postponed.

New York, Jan. 30.—Negotiations for the flotation of the proposed \$55,000,000 Cuban loan have come to a temporary halt. The banking interests which have this matter under consideration declare that the Russo-Japanese situation makes such a transaction inadvisable at this time because it would tie up a large sum of money which might be used elsewhere to better advantage.

Bryan Hastening Home.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 30.—W. J. Bryan is hastening home from the East in order that he may see his sister, Miss Nannie Bryan, who is very ill. Miss Bryan has tubercular peritonitis and an operation may have to be performed to save her life, although she is now too weak to undergo it.

O'LEARY and BOWSER

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA.

After Inventory Sale

We have just completed our semi-annual inventory, and on account of the unusually large business done the past year we find a large amount of remnants on hand.

REMNANT DAYS

Friday and Saturday we have designated as Remnant Days. Our entire stock of remnants will be placed on sale and a great reduction in price. There will be Dress Goods, Wash Goods, Prints, Sheeting, Lace, Embroideries, Ribbon, Carpets and Oil Cloth.

Five hundred yards of 5, 6 and 8 cent Outing Flannel at 3 3-4 cents a yard.

One hundred Men's Fine Winter Caps, worth from 75 cents to \$1.25, for 50 cents each.

Friday and Saturday will be the last day of our Clothing Sale.

CARNATIONS: We expect a shipment of Carnations Friday morning for McKinley Day.