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COURT DECLINES TO AIR SCANDAL

Refuses to Admit Testimony on Widow's Early Life.

CAMPBELL WILL LITIGATION

Present Trial at St. Louis is to Determine the Parentage of Mrs. Lois C. Burkham, Who Was Bequeathed Half of the Campbell Estate of \$16,000,000.

St. Louis, May 4.—Mrs. Florence Campbell, widow of James Campbell, the railway promoter, whose will now is in litigation, testified in court that she never had seen Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Hicks, who, contestants of the will claim, is the mother of Mrs. Lois Campbell Burkham, referred to in the Campbell will as Campbell's daughter.

Attorneys got into a wrangle soon after the cross-examination began over the questions which Attorney Ottofy, for the contestants, indicated he would ask. These questions, he said, would enter into Mrs. Campbell's life before her marriage and that they would be germane to the case, in that they would assist the jury in determining whether Mrs. Campbell was of such a character that she would concert a scheme to palm off a foundling as her own child.

The presiding judge ruled that Attorney Ottofy could not ask a specific question bearing on Mrs. Campbell's life before she was married. He based this ruling on a supreme court decision that the credibility of a witness cannot be attacked by a specific long past delinquency and that "it is neither right nor justice to go into a long forgotten scandal and uncover scars and old wounds to discredit a witness."

Mrs. Campbell testified Lois Campbell Burkham was her daughter and was born in the Grand Union hotel, New York, March 11, 1893. The present trial is to determine the parentage of Mrs. Burkham, who was bequeathed half of the Campbell estate of \$16,000,000.

It is the claim of the contestants that the Campbells adopted the Hicks baby to have an heir to the estate.

Mrs. Campbell said she never knew Mrs. Hicks and "never heard of her until I saw a photograph in a newspaper advertisement."

She said she never had seen a purported photograph of the Hicks baby. "It is not a photograph of my baby," testified Mrs. Campbell. "I never saw the baby of which that is a photograph."

ROAD DENIED INJUNCTION

Baltimore and Ohio Threatened With Contempt Proceedings.

Charlestown, W. Va., May 4.—Judge S. D. Littlepage refused an injunction to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company, which sought to prevent the West Virginia public service commission and other public officers from compelling the railroad to continue the 2-cent passenger fare in this state.

The court held that the only recourse for the company was through the public service commission.

Judge Littlepage declared he would entertain contempt proceedings against the railroad if it did not stop charging the 2½ cents a mile rate, which it put into effect Saturday.

SEBASTIAN DENIES GUILT

Los Angeles' Suspended Chief of Police Takes Witness Stand.

Los Angeles, May 4.—Charles E. Sebastian, suspended chief of police, testified in his own behalf that he was innocent of the moral misconduct alleged in the indictment charging him and Mrs. Lillie Pratt with having contributed to the delinquency of Edith Serkin, Mrs. Pratt's minor half-sister.

Victoria Despartie, a ward of the juvenile court, who made the first accusations against Sebastian, caused a stir by announcing that employees of the district attorney's office had coached her for the story she told the grand jury.

CHILD IS FOUND MURDERED

Mutilated Body is Discovered in Tenement Near Home.

New York, May 4.—Charles Murray, four and one-half years old, was murdered near his home on the lower East Side by an unidentified person. The child was mutilated when found in the hallway of a tenement not far from the scene of the recent murder of Leonore Cohen, aged five years.

The Cohen girl's body was found on March 19 last and like that of the Murray boy had been hacked with a knife. The murderer never was captured.

Noted Astronomer Is Dead.

Fairfield, Conn., May 4.—Daniel W. Edgecomb, seventy-five years old, state secretary of state in 1873, inventor, astronomer and manufacturer of telescopes, is dead. He was a member of the British Astronomical association and of the Societe Astronomique of France.

MAYOR THOMPSON.

Takes Further Steps to End Strike in Chicago.



MAYOR WOULD END STRIKE

Council to Seek Peace Between Carpenters and Bosses.

Chicago, May 4.—Peace between the carpenters and their employers, as a result of whose differences 125,000 men in the building trades here are idle, will be sought by a special committee of the city council appointed by Mayor Thompson.

Five aldermen who were named on the committee will seek to persuade both parties to the strike to accept mediation.

BOY IS CHOKED TO DEATH

Mother and Boarder Are Detained by Police.

Milwaukee, May 4.—An autopsy by the coroner's physician revealed the fact that little Adam Wojcik, six years old, died of strangulation at the hand of a person yet unknown.

The lay was found in an alley near his home in a sitting posture against a telephone post with his head resting on his shoulder as if asleep. A rag was tied around the boy's neck and the end of it had been inserted in his mouth, indicating that he may have been the victim of foul play. The boy had disappeared from home Sunday night.

Mrs. Susie Wojcik, mother of the boy, and Steve Callic, a boarder, are being detained by the police pending further investigation.

THREE COUNTIES VOTE DRY

Chicago, Isanti and Lac qui Parle Oust Saloons.

St. Paul, May 4.—Three more counties in Minnesota joined the dry ranks following county option elections in Isanti, Chicago and Lac qui Parle counties. The vote in each was about 2 to 1 for prohibition.

Isanti county had been dry through local option elections and the only effect of the vote was to drive out wholesale liquor houses which are located at Stanford.

The wet interests say no fight was made in either of the counties voting. Taylors Falls and Wyoming are the only towns affected in Chicago county, while in Lac qui Parle the only saloons are at Bellingham and Nasau.

SEES TRADE OPPORTUNITY

Beloit Scientist Says Yankee Drummer Must Learn Courtesy.

Beloit, Wis., May 4.—"South America is demanding all kinds of American made goods, but before he can compete with the German and Englishman the American drummer must learn to be courteous," said Robert H. Becker, sociologist for the Field museum, Chicago, who returned to his home here after a five months' scientific expedition to South America.

"Every nation I passed through has been affected by the war and there is urgent demand for all kinds of American manufactures."

Mr. Becker was a member of the Roosevelt expedition which "discovered" the River of Doubt.

SWEDEN WARSHIP LAUNCHED

Armament Was Bought by National Subscription.

London, May 4.—A Reuter dispatch from Stockholm says that the Swedish battleship Sverige, the powerful armament of which was bought by national subscription, was launched at Gothenburg in the presence of King Gustave, the members of the royal family and the ministry.

The Sverige will carry a crew of 468 men. She is 93 feet long and has a draught of twenty feet. The vessel is designed for a capacity of 20,000 horsepower and a speed of 22.5 knots an hour. She will carry four eleven-inch and eight six-inch guns, six twelve-pounders and two torpedo tubes.

ADMITS TAKING PLATT'S ADVICE

Roosevelt Tells of Consulting New York Boss.

ADVANCE COPY OF MESSAGE

Letter Shows Colonel Sent Republican Leader Proof of His Message to New York Legislature.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 27.—Theodore Roosevelt admitted under cross-examination in the libel suit of William Barnes that while governor he had consulted freely with the late Senator Thomas C. Platt, "boss" of the Republican party in New York state, regarding the appointment of officials in the state government and various legislative and political matters.

The former president said he took the advice of the senator in many matters, among them appointing a Democrat to the office of tax commissioner to please Grady, whom the colonel described as a lieutenant boss of Richard Croker, then leader of Tammany Hall.

The testimony resulted from questions asked after letters that passed between Colonel Roosevelt and Senator Platt had been read to the jury. In one Colonel Roosevelt asked the senator's advice about making speeches.

In another Senator Platt told the colonel he had received a copy of a bill introduced by Grady, in which the senator said he considered it inadvisable to give Tammany from \$3,000,000 to \$12,000,000 on an appropriation to expend upon the water front of New York, as it "would simply be putting an unnecessary club in the hands of those people with which to knock our brains out."

With another letter the colonel sent the senator a proof of his message to the legislature, which dealt with, among other things, public utilities, the franchise tax, the trusts, industrial conditions and labor.

The part dealing with the trusts, the colonel wrote, "had been submitted to several 'experts,' including Elihu Root, President Hadley of Yale, Professor Jenks of Cornell and James A. Dill, who was described in the letter as a 'big corporation lawyer.'"

And in the last letter read, which was dated in 1901, Colonel Roosevelt told the senator that he did not want to be vice president of the United States, as it was not an office in which he could do anything.

The colonel said he should like to be governor for another term and that "in spite of all the work and worry—and very largely because of your constant courtesy and consideration, my dear senator—I have thoroughly enjoyed being governor."

The colonel added that not being a moneymaker, he felt "in honor bound to leave his children the equivalent in a substantial sum of actual achievement in politics or letters."

FIFTY PERSONS DIE IN TEXAS FLOODS

Austin, Tex. April 25.—Fifty persons are known to have perished in the floods that swept Austin.

Forty-five bodies have been recovered. Some of them are unidentified. Twenty-five persons are missing and most of them are believed to have perished. The worst is over here.

Trolley car service has been resumed. Pressure on the big Colorado river dam was eased by a lowering of the river.

Popular subscription is being made for the purpose of relieving the flood sufferers. No outside aid will be needed.

JOHN CUDAHY, PACKER, DIES

Chicago Board of Trade Leader and Banker Succumbs.

Chicago, April 24.—John Cudahy, board of trade leader, banker and pioneer packer, died at his home here, aged seventy-one years.

Cudahy entered the packing industry as a boy in Milwaukee first with Edward Roddis and then with John Plankinton. He became a partner of Chapin & Co., in Chicago in 1875, the firm becoming Chapin & Cudahy in 1877 and later the Cudahy Packing company. He also entered partnership with his brother Michael as Cudahy Brothers of Milwaukee.

CHINA WOULD AVOID WAR

Will Ask United States and Britain to Use Good Offices.

Honolulu, April 27.—Chinese residents of Honolulu at a mass meeting decided to send an appeal to President Wilson at Washington and to the British foreign office at London asking to resist the demands of Japan to the end that China may, with honor, avoid war.

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