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WHEN BALLINGER LIED

I DECIDED TO TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH SAYS KIRBY

Here's the Truth About the Comet

(Written for the United Press by Harold Jacoby Rutherford, Professor of Astronomy at Columbia University.)

NEW YORK, May 17.—"Will the comet injure the earth tomorrow night? I think not. Comets have struck the earth before and will continue to hit it in the future."

"In the Museum of Natural history in New York there is a meteor weighing 27 1/2 tons. There may be several chips like this in the head of Halley's comet, and if the head struck we would have some local disturbance at least."

"However, the head will not come closer to the earth than 14,000,000 miles. Astronomers disagree on the figures, but agree on these facts."

"Perhaps the tail may be long enough to reach the earth, and astronomers feel fairly sure that the tail will be long enough. We know the comet's head to be solid. We also know that the tail is less dense than the air in the best vacuum we can make with a mercury pump. This is thinner than thin."

"The molecules in the comet's tail will be separated from each other by several cubic feet, so there should be no fear of ill effects from Halley's comet."

"JUST LET US ALONE" SAYS BEAN

WILL GIVE TACOMA BEST CAR SYSTEM IN THE WORLD—PROMISES BISMARCK CAR LINE—OTHER IMPROVEMENTS UNDER WAY.

"If they will let us alone for a year we will give the people of this city the best street car system in the world," said Manager Bean of the T. R. & P. this morning.

The McKinley park line is to be extended to Bismarck and double truck cars will be put on, according to Mr. Bean. New cars are being built now for the Sixth avenue line, and the old Sixth avenue cars will then be put on the McKinley park line.

Manager Beans says lots of other improvements are also contemplated and that the company is going to get busy now and do things in Tacoma.

Actress Will Be In America One Day



MISS PAULINE CHASE.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Pauline Chase, the pretty American girl who has delighted London and Paris theater audiences for several seasons, is coming to America for a day's visit. She will arrive on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse one morning and hurry back the next morning on the Mauretania to start on a continental tour in "Peter Pan."

Miss Chase is bringing over some autographed photographs, among them T. R.'s, for which she went to Paris when the colonel was there. These are to be auctioned off at the actors' fund fair, and to be the auctioneer, Miss Chase is making this record-staying trip.

EXPLOSION, 18 KILLED; 20 INJURED

(BULLETIN.)

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CANTON, O., May 17.—Eighteen persons are reported to have been killed and 20 more injured in an explosion in the works of the American Sheet & Tin Plate company this afternoon.

A boiler in the engine room of the works exploded, wrecking the plant. Shortly after the explosion twelve bodies were recovered from the blazing ruins of the boiler house.

One man was hurled through the air and fell through the roof of a house 50 yards away.

PUYALLUP MAN ASKS A QUESTION

Editor Tacoma Times:

For a number of years, the Puyallup river in flood has made devastating inroads into the orchards and fields of residents up on its banks. The last legislature made an appropriation for straightening the channel and jettying, with intent that the work should be completed in time to prevent such damage during last winter's high water and in the future.

A Tacoma paper makes the statement that the contract for making the cuts at the Lacey and Stewart property is being completed by the county. This contract was awarded to the Wells Construction company last September, to be completed in seven-to-five days. Now, after six or seven months, there is a cut anywhere from 7 to 8 feet deep and a ditch running through the center 3 to 4 feet wide and 3 to 5 feet deep.

We occasionally learn through various papers that the work is going along finely, and that there is some water running through. As a matter of fact, the water never ran through these cuts at any time except when the river was bank high, and considerable damage was done to property during the high water last March.

The only excuse given by the commission is that the contractors were delayed in getting their piling. It is natural to ask why it has taken them six or seven months to find out that they needed any piling. And it is also natural that some people in Puyallup should ask this question: Has the Wells Construction company, of which County Commissioner Simon Mettler is president, been allowed to dally and drag along for months beyond the contract time because Chairman Paulhamus of the commission wants to run C. H. Williams, another member of the commission for county commissioner and needs Mettler's support?

Puyallup, Wash.

NORWEGIANS CELEBRATE TODAY

Norwegians all over the world today are celebrating the annual independence day of the nation, marking the anniversary of the date upon which Norway became free from Sweden.

Especially preparation has been made by Norwegians in Tacoma to honor the occasion, and two celebrations will be held here by the two Norwegian societies. At the Germania hall the Sons of Norway will this evening put on the famous comedy "Jappa paa Bjerget," in addition to having singing by the Norwegian society and dancing, with addresses on features of Norwegian independence.

At the armory tonight the Ancient Order of Vikings will celebrate with a great meeting, addressed by Governor Hay, Mayor Fawcett, Judge John M. Arntson and others. There will be special music for the occasion also, and following the regular program there will be dancing.

Kilgore's band of 25 pieces will furnish the music for the dancers.

MAN WHO JOLTED TAFT AND BALLINGER CROWD TELLS WHY HE DID IT

GOVERNMENT CLERK WHO CAUSED SENSATION BY REVEALING FACT THAT TAFT'S LETTER WHITEWASHING BALLINGER WAS WRITTEN BY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LAWLER, TESTIFIES ON WITNESS STAND AS TO MOTIVES WHICH IMPELLED HIM TO MAKE THE TRUTH PUBLIC.

SCRIPTS NEWSPAPERS THAT OBTAINED BIG SCOOP, DID NOT URGE HIM TO GIVE OUT HIS STORY.

(BULLETIN.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Attorney Brandeis this afternoon asked the Ballinger investigating committee to demand the department of the interior to produce all correspondence between Secretary Ballinger and J. W. Perkins, of the Morgan-Guggenheim combination. The request followed a statement made on the stand by Frederick M. Kirby, former stenographer in the interior department, that Perkins had asked Ballinger personally to recommend an engineer for work in Alaska and that considerable correspondence on the matter had been exchanged.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Frederick M. Kirby, the former stenographer of the interior department, who Saturday gave out a statement telling of the preparation of the "Lawler memorandum," which he said was the basis of Taft's letter clearing Ballinger, was today called as a witness before the investigating committee. Senator Knute Nelson, chairman of the committee, after placing President Taft's letter of explanation of May 16 on the record, asked that Kirby be called.

On one page of Ballinger's testimony given under oath before the investigating committee, Kirby said the secretary had lied in eight instances. In one place, in answer to questions by Brandeis, as to Ballinger's knowledge of the documents carried to Beverly in Lawler's portfolio, Ballinger had replied, "I could not definitely define just what he said."

"In my presence," Kirby said, in commenting on this statement, "Lawler and Ballinger put all the documents in that portfolio."

Again Brandeis had asked Ballinger: "Will you tell us what, so far as you know, Lawler took with him in the way of memoranda? I had understood that all documents and records that you know of had been taken to the president on Monday preceding Lawler's visit."

Ballinger had replied: "They had been."

Brandis's next question was: "What were the memoranda you knew of?"

Ballinger had replied: "He had memoranda covering a sort of resume of the facts as set out in the record."

When Attorney Vertrees asked Kirby if he was a "confidential clerk" Kirby said: "Occasionally we handle confidential information. I considered that my position as clerk in the government service was not that of confidential clerk to the secretary of the interior, but confidential clerk to the government."

Kirby said that the memorandum, made by the assistant district attorney and forming the basis of Taft's letter, was the only document he ever gave out.

He admitted that he was friendly with former Secretary of the interior Garfield, but denied having received any communication from Garfield regarding his recently issued statement.

The witness said he told Garfield when he met him in February that he would testify, if necessary, but did not want to do so because he would lose his job.

"Why?" asked Representative Denby of the committee.

"Well, I knew what happened to Garvie," replied Kirby.

Then he said Garfield had told him too many had been sacrificed already and he appreciated Kirby's "delicate position."

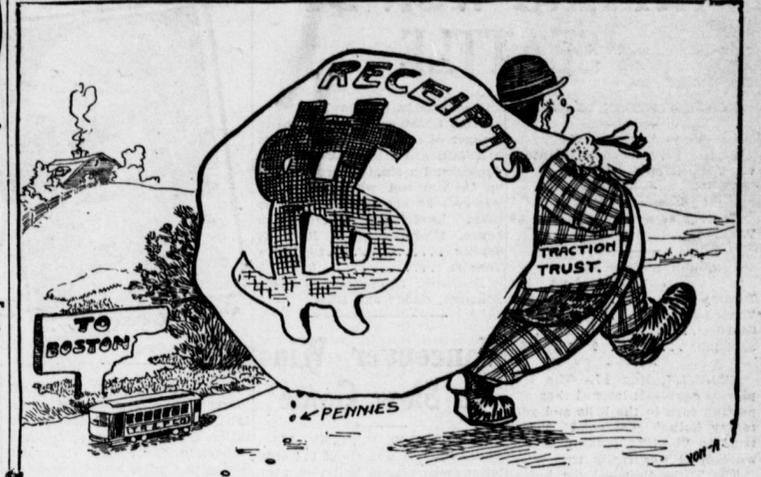
Kirby declared that he gave his statement to Robert P. Wilson, a correspondent of the Scripps newspapers and the United Press associations.

"Do you know that Wilson and his newspapers are against Ballinger?" Attorney Vertrees asked.

"I do not," Kirby answered. Kirby testified that he had attended a conference with former Secretary Garfield at Pinchot's home. The conference he said was of his own seeking.

Intended to Fire Newell. Kirby said that Garfield had particularly asked him not to set as a spy. He said he saw Brandeis later on the night of the conference. He said that he knew (Continued on Page Eight.)

Isn't It Awful, the Way He's Losing Money



"Big Gun Furth of the Traction Trust says universal five-cent fares simply cannot be granted. 'We're losing money now,' says Furth."

Here's Our Suggestion, Johnny L. Better Take It

Johnny L. Wilson, Seattle's candidate of the privileged class for senator, is trying to "work" the little newspapers in the state.

John has sent out a circular to the newspapers calling attention to the fact that he has always "exchanged" with them and sent the P. I. when they wanted it, and calling on them to line up for him.

Johnny says he notes that many papers are printing matter favorable to another candidate. Right you are, Johnny, and their readers seem to like it, judging by the way insurgent clubs are springing up all over the state.

Johnny makes a final bid for favor by trying to flatter the editors around the state by asking them if they will support him to send in suggestions for his campaign.

The Times can't support him, but it is willing to help with a suggestion, anyway, and it suggests that Johnny take a tumble to the fact that the day of the stand-patters is passing and that the most popular thing he and his fellow candidates of the special interests can do is to retire from the field and save their political reputations.

For it does look as if the people were going to assert themselves this year.

Prize Winners in Mystery Story Contest

More than 100 "last chapters" of "The Shadow Burglar" were received by the Mystery Story Editor, and out of this number at least 40 readers of the Times followed the same general idea in giving a solution of the mystery.

The prize winners, and the "last chapters" deemed the best, follow:

FIRST PRIZE.

Mrs. Ray A. Gamble, 2107 North Twenty-first street.

SECOND PRIZES.

F. L. Palmer, 3736 South Thompson avenue.

Mrs. J. J. Flynn, 307 1/2 J street.

Eva Ethel Nelson, 1215 South Adams street.

The prize winners will receive the tickets to "The Thief" by calling at the Times office tomorrow.

CHAPTER V.

The editor of the evening newspaper had scarcely established himself at his desk the next morning before a very tall, very young and rather odd looking young chap bustled past the office boy on guard at the door and began to speak rapidly.

"You are the editor, aren't you?"

The editor admitted the soft impeachment.

"I am Carpenter, the hypnotist. I open at the Al Fresco theater here next week." The stranger paused.

"Dramatic man's out just now," said the editor.

"This has to do with 'Neill Erup,' purred the soft voice of the tall young man.

"What?"

"I'll tell you, old man. I pulled off the whole stunt, thinking it would be a crack-a-jack press story, but it went too strong."

"How did you manage it?" enquired the editor.

"I threw the night watchman of the Security building into a trance," continued the hypnotist.

"I really didn't damage anything up there, you know. I did happen to knock an inkstand down behind a desk. I suppose it is still there. When I saw how strong your very intelligent chief of police regarded that handkerchief, which I know nothing about, by the way, I wrote you those post cards. The 'Neill Erup' mark meant 'pure linen' of course. I was in the mob outside the bank the day they put the 'bulls' on guard, and I gave the cashier the bad glare through the window. He simply kidded himself that the strong-b-x was gone. That's why he'll find it O. K. today. Do you think that you can give me a front page position on this?"

"Nothing doing, nothing doing," said the editor softly.

But he did give the story a page 1 position at that.

MRS. RAY A. GAMBLE, 2707 North Twenty-first St.

CHAPTER V.

Upon receipt of the card signed "Neill Erup," the editor telephoned the bank, and as soon as (Continued on Page Three.)

BIRTHS.

Perikis Mossis, 1013, South K street, girl.

S. M. W. Neff, 3412 East G street, girl.

C. O. Magruder, 614 South Traf-ston, boy.

It is supposed that Bertucci shot Paonone in defense of his son, Niall Bertucci, after the latter had been wounded.

MONSTER CROWD FILLS STREET WHEN KING'S BODY IS REMOVED

LONDON, May 17.—The removal of the body of King Edward from Buckingham palace, where it has lain in state, to Westminster Hall, where it may be viewed by the gentry of England today, resembled a glittering dress rehearsal for the great funeral pageant that will be held Friday. Numbers fell to give an idea of the vast throngs that lined the streets for the funeral procession.

Eleven thousand picked troops, King George V and members of the flower of the English army, formed an impressive border for the funeral cortege as it passed along.

The course was only a mile in length, but apparently the greater part of London's population had gathered to view the spectacle.

Alexandra of Denmark, the queen mother, widow of King Edward, rode in the first carriage, accompanied by her mother and the dowager empress of Russia.

King George V and members of the royal household, followed.

Quake Drove Woman Insane Now Restores Her Reason

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 17.—John A. Geraghty, of Pasadena, Cal., who is in Minneapolis today, received a telegram saying his wife, who lost her reason in the San Francisco earthquake, regained her reason in the earthquake at Pasadena Sunday.

"We were living in San Francisco at the time of the quake," Geraghty said. "Our home on Market street was destroyed. Fortunately, with my wife and two children, I escaped. We made our way to the Presidio, where we lived in tents."

"My wife was in poor health and the shock and hardships drove her insane. Immediately after the quake we moved to Pasadena. When I read of the quake there I telegraphed my son. I was afraid that the shock would kill my wife."

"Imagine my astonishment when I received the tidings that she had completely recovered her mental powers, although she remembers nothing that has happened since the disaster in San Francisco."

Hyde is Cheerful; Wife Stands By Him

(By United Press Leased Wire.) KANSAS CITY, May 17.—The conviction of Dr. E. C. Hyde for the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, apparently caused the physician no loss of sleep during the night. He awoke in his cell in a cheerful mood and was smiling when he greeted visitors.

GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA HAS CLOSE CALL

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PHOENIX, Ariz., May 17.—Gov. Sloan of Arizona, his wife and daughter and scores of other guests narrowly escaped death today when the Hotel Adams, the largest hostelry in Arizona, was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Then It Happened

Our Daily Discontinued Story.



They were now a mile from shore, Juliet and Clarence, and he took a respite from rowing.

"Are you fatigued, Clarence?" asked Juliet sympathetically.

"Oh, no, not at all," grinned Clarence, a wild light in his orbs. He was SUOH a cut-up, was Clarence. "Look, how I can rock the boat."

THE END.

This is the "merry month of May." Don't let the comet depress you.

A professor rises to remark that sound has color. Also there are loud colors.

WEATHER FORECAST. For Tacoma and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Light easterly winds.

(BY W. S. CROUCH.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—"The biggest and cleanest cut scoop in the history of Washington journalism," is the unanimous verdict of Washington correspondents and government officials on the great feat of the Scripps newspapers in getting for exclusive publication the statement of Frederick M. Kirby, stenographer in Secretary Ballinger's office, in which it was shown that President Taft's letter of September 13, exonerating Ballinger was adapted from a letter prepared for Taft's signature by Oscar Lawler, attorney in Ballinger's department. For weeks the attorneys for the prosecution have been trying to bring out this vital fact, but owing to the evasion of all the witnesses they failed. When the Scripps newspapers came along with their tremendous expose, official and journalistic Washington was first stunned, then amazed. Washington got the first news from the United Press associations. The Kirby expose was published in some five hundred papers, clients of the United Press.