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IMPEACHMENT OF MAYOR PRATT PENDING

SMASH! BANG! GO THE TERMINAL RATE FIGHTERS

BLAMED FOR ALL THE TROUBLE AT CITY HALL

Want to Give the Mayor Same Dose That He Tried to Give Daggett at One Time.

IMPEACHMENT proceedings are about to be filed before the city council against Mayor Nelson S. Pratt. The grounds on which the charges are to be filed are his condoning of the incompetence of his subordinate, City Engineer J. C. Ralston; the revelations in the corporation counsel's office; conditions in the police department; and the utter failure of Mayor Pratt's appointees to "deliver the goods."

be in the same position in which he placed former Mayor Floyd Daggett a few years ago. Pratt filed impeachment proceedings against Daggett, but the only support he had at the time was Councilman Estep of the Third ward. The proceedings were dismissed by a vote of 8 to 2 in the city council. Some of the present councilmen are disgusted with the turmoil and strife at the city hall and think that by getting a new man in the mayor's chair the need of continually removing the mayor's appointees would be done away with. Some of the councilmen are for removing City Engineer Ralston, Corporation Counsel Burcham and a majority of the board of public works, at one fell swoop, but they can not see where this would help matters, as other men equally objectionable would be appointed. So the impeachment proceedings look like the only way out, to these councilmen.

"VAMPIRE" ON TRIAL IN PICTURESQUE MURDER TRIAL

In Sheltered Gondola, Guarded by Cook-Hatted Carbiners and Firemen With Nozzles Ready, This Countess Accused of Husband Killing Goes to Trial—Her Plan Was to Get Rid of Husband and Two Lovers All at Same Time.



COUNTESS TERNOWSKI LANDING FROM GONDOLA AT ASSIZE COURT, VENICE.

In beautiful, sun-kissed Venice, the city of romance, the most sensational and picturesque murder trial of modern times is being held. In those silk-covered and plush-lined gondolas, gliding softly upon the bosom of the famous Venetian canals, drifting lazily beneath the bridges, rich in stories of love and intrigue, there is only one topic of conversation. It is of the beautiful Countess Ternowski and her career of scandal, intrigue and crime. She is who is on trial for the murder of her husband in August, 1907.

Each morning a closely sheltered gondola leaves Giudecca prison for the assize court. In it the countess is carried to her trial, carefully guarded by hundreds of carbiners, artillerymen, police and firemen. Guarded, not to prevent her escape, but to prevent the enraged women of Venice from tearing her to pieces. The picturesque carbiners, with their brilliant uniforms, long cloaks and cocked hats, who escort the prisoner everywhere, standing with guns ready to repel any attack, give the trial the appearance of a military court martial, and is often pelted with refuse from the markets nearby. Women especially hurl execrations at the cowering creature. Their loathing for her many crimes leaves no room for anything like pity in their hearts.

Gondolas trying to get too near her are turned back by firemen, who hold the nozzles of the fire hoses over ready to send a deluge of water on the venturosome.

CASH MELTS AT MONROE BRIDGE

\$18,000 GONE FOR A FEW YARDS OF CONCRETE IN ACTUAL WORK.

RALSTON FLOUNDERING

THREE DIFFERENT PLANS DEVISED IN BEGINNING WORK.

TO DATE the new concrete bridge at Monroe street has cost \$81,000 and yet the only thing that has been done toward actually building the bridge is the placing of a small deposit of concrete for the foundation of the piers at the bottom of the river.

J. C. Ralston, the genius in the Sprague avenue fill, is the man the highest and most difficult concrete bridge ever undertaken in the country.

To show how much Mr. Ralston actually knows about the work he is undertaking it, might be cited that he started to build the bridge first from a wooden foot bridge, erected at a large expense to the taxpayers.

He then concluded that this plan was not just what he wanted, so he conceived the idea of an overhead cable suspended from two wooden towers. Up go the cable and towers at an expense of \$15,000 and Mr. Ralston is not yet certain as to how to proceed.

Now he is starting from underneath and building up a frame structure to support the old bridge and help erect the new one, which will cost several thousand more.

DOWNED BY UMBRELLA

Knocked down by a crashing blow across the head with an umbrella in the hands of a man with whom he became involved in an altercation, Gilbert Frublood, a porter in the Arlington bar, was rendered unconscious last night. He had not regained his senses at midnight, despite all efforts on the part of Steward I. W. Dare of the emergency hospital. The police are searching for the assailant. The fight occurred in the Arlington bar room.

TO ACQUIT TWO MURDER DEFENDANTS

(By United Press Leased Wire) WATSEKA, Ill., April 2.—That Judge Dibel, presiding at the trial of Dr. William R. Miller, Mrs. Lucy Sawyer and John Grunden, on the charge of murdering Banker John B. Sayler of Crescent City, will indicate in his final instructions to the jury that at least the two last named defendants should be acquitted, is the belief here tonight, following the conclusion of the state's testimony. This belief prevails despite the action of the court immediately after the state rested this afternoon in overruling a motion by counsel for the defense to instruct the jury to acquit Mrs. Sawyer and Grunden.

The abrupt ending of the state's case disappointed the spectators. Promises that sensational disclosures were not even hinted at in the preliminary investigations would be made were not fulfilled, and the general feeling is that there is little on which to hold Mrs. Sawyer and her father, Grunden.

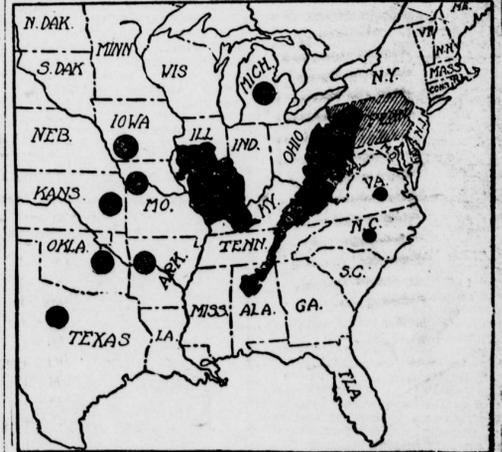
FIRST HYDROPHOBIA VICTIM IN ENGLAND

(By United Press Leased Wire) LONDON, April 2.—Albert Seaman, age 24, died today at Hackney, the first hydrophobia victim in the United Kingdom since 1909, when the disease was stamped out by the order for the muzzling of dogs. Seaman was bitten by a dog last September while in the Norfolk regiment at Gibraltar.

THOUSAND MEN GET INCREASE IN WAGES

(By United Press Leased Wire) CUMBERLAND, Md., April 2.—The Cumberland & Pennsylvania railroad announces a 6 per cent increase in all wages tonight. It affects nearly 1000 men and was voluntary.

CRITICAL PERIOD OF MINERS' STRIKE



THE BLACK AREAS SHOW WHERE COAL IS MINED EAST OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. THE PART OF THE COUNTRY EFFECTED BY THE GENERAL MINERS' STRIKE, PENNSYLVANIA IS FAR AHEAD OF OTHER STATES IN NUMBER OF MINERS. THEN FOLLOW ILLINOIS, WEST VIRGINIA, OHIO, INDIANA, ALABAMA, COLORADO, KENTUCKY, IOWA, KANSAS AND TENNESSEE.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 2.—President Lewis of the United Mine Workers declared tonight that the national officers of that organization are merely marking time until after the conventions of miners to be held in the various districts and subdistricts next week. At these conventions, according to Lewis, much progress will be made toward deciding what the miners will do in regard to the strike which began yesterday.

It is expected, therefore, that the coming week will witness important developments in the situation. The national officers think the most critical situation at present is in Illinois, where 75,000 miners are on strike. Although President Lewis believes that a settlement of the difficulties between the Illinois miners and operators is probable, it will be impossible to do much in that direction until April 11. On that date Illinois miners and operators will meet in joint conference in Chicago.

NEITHER WILL ACCEPT THIRD ARBITRATOR

CHICAGO, April 2.—W. R. Gray, assistant superintendent of the Southern Pacific, and Timothy Shea, vice president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, today served notice on each other that neither would accept any name in the lists submitted from which to select the third arbitrator. Gray proposed managers and executives of railroads and Shea officers of unions. Commissioners Knapp and Neill will now have to appoint the umpire. After the selection of the third arbitrator the commission will then hear the arguments.

NOW AFTER HIGHERUPS

(By United Press Leased Wire) PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 2.—That the men higher up, the great givers, will be the next fellows to become entangled in the meshes of the grand jury indictments and that the net will be drawn about them early next week is the general belief here tonight, following the appearance of Common Councilman Hugh Ferguson before the grand jury today. He was the only member of the "big five" who had refused up to the present time to confess. Every other member of the "big five," the men who are alleged to have planned the collection of money from six banks which were named city depositaries have been quizzed by the grand jury, bankers and bank employees have also gone through severe grilling, bank ledgers have been examined, and when the crash comes the reputations of a lot of well known citizens will crumble, it is said.

MARINERS OUT 10,000 STRONG

(By United Press Leased Wire) CHICAGO, April 2.—Navigation on the Great Lakes was resumed today and simultaneously the strike of 10,000 mariners was resumed.

The strike began last season when the Lake Carriers association refused to grant higher wages and the union men struck. The men remained out until the close of navigation. Many acts of violence marked the long struggle and much bitterness was caused on both sides.

In preparation for a stubborn fight the owners have opened agencies in every big port.

FIRE PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES

(By United Press Leased Wire) CHICAGO, April 2.—Simon T. Fish, president of the Fish Furniture company, in whose store and factory 12 persons were burned to death, was required to testify before the coroner this afternoon as to the safeguards for the protection of his employees.

GRAND JURY PROBE NEEDED AT CITY HALL

UNDER CHARGES OR NEEDING INVESTIGATION. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE CORPORATION COUNSEL'S OFFICE, AWARDED OF CONTRACTS, PURCHASE OF NAME FOR THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE, KNOWN VIOLATION OF THE WAGE SCALE. FAVORITISM BY INSPECTORS, THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE, ISOLATION HOSPITAL, PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES, CAR TICKET ABUSE, STRAW BOSSES.

Right at the present time a grand jury is needed at the city hall. There is enough material in sight to keep it busy for weeks. There has been grafting right along—nothing big that appears on the surface, but a steady grind of dishonest expenditure of the people's money—extravagance, waste and inability to safeguard the public funds.

A grand jury could go deeper than a mere individual inquiry and many things that cannot now be brought to the surface could be sifted if a man like Blakeley of Pittsburgh were here to take the reins. Now is the time to forever break up this notorious conduct and neglect of duty at the city hall. A grand jury is the only way that it can be reached.

NAPLES IS AMERICAN CITY TODAY

ROOSEVELT ITS GUEST—WILL DINE WITH THE KING.

(By United Press Leased Wire) NAPLES, April 2.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, accompanied by his wife, his daughter, Ethel, and son Kermit, will leave Naples tomorrow afternoon for Rome, where the former president will be received by King Victor Emanuel and by the pope.

Arriving here this afternoon on the steamer Prinz Heinrich, Roosevelt spent a quiet day. The day was occupied in going through a mass of mail and cablegrams that awaited him and in receiving visitors.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel spent the day shopping, while Kermit rushed to Pompeii, where he spent the entire day inspecting the ruins. After returning from the aquarium, Colonel Roosevelt gave an audience to the local newspaper men. He reiterated that he would not talk, now or at any other time on his trip of American politics, of American internal affairs, and he laughingly told of the story of the trip taken by night by the American newspaper men who wanted to get him to talk on American politics, and of his absolute refusal to discuss these questions.

In the evening Colonel Roosevelt and family drove through crowded streets to the San Carlos opera house, where they listened to the opera. The hotel Excelsior, in which the Roosevelt party is stopping, is decorated with American flags, and the orchestra played American national airs. Scores of private homes and business houses are decorated with flags. The city has taken on a gala appearance.

Ambassador Leishman who came down from Rome to receive Mr. Roosevelt, has returned to the capital and will greet the Roosevelt party there tomorrow.

It has been decided that the colonel shall be received in private audience before the king Monday and that he shall dine with the king in the evening.

PROUD, THOUGH SMARTING FROM DEFEAT, HE SPEAKS

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, April 2.—Still smarting from the sting of defeat inflicted by the insurgents and democrats two weeks ago, Uncle Joe Cannon removed his mask of the "Iron Duke," laid aside his mailed glove of authority, descended to the floor of the house late this afternoon and delivered one of the most impressive speeches ever made in congress.

LOCAL OPTION FIGHT BITTER IN MICHIGAN

(By United Press Leased Wire) DETROIT, Mich., April 2.—The whole state of Michigan tonight is reverberating with the oratory of speakers for and against local option in the windup of the most bitterly fought campaign against the saloons Michigan has ever seen. On Monday 36 counties will vote on the question of allowing saloons to do business.

The dries have invaded four counties hitherto unquestioned as wet territory. These cover the cities of Lansing, St. Clair, Port Huron and Sault Ste. Marie.

The fight in Grand Rapids ended this afternoon in the swearing out of 10 warrants against men charged by the dries with illegal registration. In all other cities both sides have lists of alleged illegal registrations and are making threats of wholesale arrests.

UNREST AMONG HARBOR UNIONS

NEW YORK, April 2.—The unrest among the harbor men and dock workers of this city which the strike of the Masters, Mates and Pilots' association was the visible sign, spread today to the Harbor Boatmen union, numbering 24,000 men and comprising the cooks, firemen, deck hands, float men and others around the harbor.

AVIATOR INSTANTLY KILLED

(By United Press Leased Wire) SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, April 2.—M. Leblon, a noted French aviator, was instantly killed this afternoon by the collapse of his monoplane while flying at the grounds of Miramar, the palace of King Alfonso, under royal grants. While soaring at 150 feet he apparently discovered a defect in his motor, because the spectators saw him stop it. He then attempted to glide toward his shed but high winds drove him toward the seashore and he fell with great force on the road.

IPEK, Albania, April 2.—Governor Ismail Hakkibey was shot and mortally wounded tonight by a brigand who approached his carriage. Staff Officer Dibeby was killed in attempting to save the life of the official.

DOLAND IS ASKED QUERIES

DETERMINED STAND FOR RATES MADE BY COMMITTEE.

ANSWER TO LETTERS

HOW ABOUT YOUR REDUCTION IN FREIGHT RATES ON DRUGS, MR. DOLAND.

With a smash and a bang which will echo and echo about the city, and set the railroads to figuring hard again, the men holding out for terminal rates in the Milwaukee and North Coast franchise re-entered the lists against the men working for the entrance of the roads without terminal rates.

Some very pointed and pertinent questions are asked A. W. Doland, one of the biggest and oldest jobbers, and the whole situation is lined up from the viewpoint of the fighters for terminal rates. Following are the rather sensational letters:

SPOKANE, April 2.—Mr. A. W. Doland—Dear Sir: Since you are chairman of the citizens' committee and are taking an active part in asking the council to recede from its position on the terminal rate and common user clauses, and you so frequently refer to the prominent part you have taken in the fight for terminal rates before the Interstate commerce commission, we desire to ask you the following questions:

1. Did not, in January, 1905, the Harriman lines, at your request and solicitation, reduce the rate on drugs from \$2.12 per hundred to \$1.90?
2. Did not this reduction by the Harriman lines force the Hill lines to make a similar reduction in your favor?
3. Does not this prove that one railroad can itself grant reduced rates and force other roads to meet that reduction?
4. Have you not since that time given the Harriman lines by far the greatest portion of your freight shipments?
5. Have you not frequently spent that J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Harriman system, gave you his personal assurance that you would be protected in your rates and territory at all times?
6. What would be the effect on that agreement for you to come out openly in support of the terminal rate provision in the provision in the franchise?
7. Is it not true that, by reason of the existing schedule of rates on drugs your position is more advantageous than that of any other jobber in this city?
8. Do not your traveling men, by reason of your favored position, obtain orders from cities further distant than those of any other Spokane jobber?
9. Is it not true that the community of interest between the North Coast, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Harriman systems is very close?
10. Is there any truth in the rumor that the North Coast railroad is to become part and parcel of the Harriman system?

PEOPLE'S TERMINAL RATE COMMITTEE.

By B. L. Gordon, Chairman.

Answer to open letter of Mr. A. W. Doland, president of the "citizens' committee," sometimes called "railroad committee," addressed to the "union wage earners of Spokane."

To the Public: The advocates of the railroad plan have but two arguments in favor of permitting the railroads to do what they desire to do, regardless of the rights of the people. One of them is that the word of the railroad officials must be accepted as conclusive upon everything concerning which those officials speak and the other is the expenditure of some money in this community.

It must be apparent to everyone that the amount of money which the railroads can or will spend in the construction of their road in the county of Spokane is a mere bagatelle, compared to what the railroads propose to exact from the people of this county in excessive freight rates. The railroads expect to take out many dollars for every

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