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THE SPOKANE PRESS IS FIGHTING THE PEOPLE'S BATTLE FOR A BIG MORAL VICTORY

The Spokane Press is supporting the charges filed today against Acting Chief of Police John T. Sullivan with the city council, not because of the personality and character of Sullivan, nor because of his personal attitude toward The Press, but solely because, in the investigation of the conduct of the police department, this newspaper believes it has obtained enough evidence to amply prove to everyone that he is not the proper man to be at the head of the department, and that a new and better police system is needed.

During the past few months The Press has again and again exposed rotten police methods, brutal police actions, ignorant, inefficient and unjust police management. Although Mayor N. S. Pratt refused to take any action toward removing Sullivan and appointing an efficient and actual chief of police, the accumulating evidence became so overwhelming, apparently, that even the police heads and those who play with them became afraid that the wall of official protection would not be strong enough.

So, it is alleged in the charges filed, a plan was formed to strike a blow, like an assassin, in the dark. An alleged attempt was made to hold up The Press, and, with revolver at its head, to say: "STOP THIS EXPOSURE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR WE WILL RUIN YOU!" If the facts as alleged are proven, it will be shown to be one of the blackest plots ever attempted through the aid of a police department, planned by men cringing and afraid that their deeds would find them out. The alleged plot failed. And The Press has gone right on quietly, dispassionately collecting facts to support its assertion that the police department of Spokane needs a thorough cleansing.

If this fight is won, as The Press is absolutely confident it will be, a distinct moral victory will be achieved for the people of Spokane. This city will then have a chance to organize its police department under the famous "Golden Rule" system adopted by Chief Fred Kohler in Cleveland, Ohio, and it will have a chance to secure a capable chief of the Kohler kind.

The Press is proud of the enemies it has made. No independent newspaper, truly representing the people, should dodge the responsibility of exposing public wrongs, injustice or corruption wherever found. It is not a pleasant task; it is often an unthankful task; but if, in the long run, a newspaper can prove to the people that it is fearless, incorruptible and intelligent in its fight for them, that paper will be assured of their united and permanent support.

So The Press is proud of the enemies it has among the court house ring, which has ruled and misruled county affairs for twenty years; it is proud of the enemies in the city hall, whose wasteful and utterly inefficient methods have been exposed; it is proud of the enemies in the police department, where deeds of Old World brutality have been performed, and where the whole idea of conduct is based on practices in style in the Dark Ages, but not in this age.

By the same token, The Press is proud of the friends it has made among the great mass of men and women—the average men and women who make the foundation of Spokane. It is proud of the fact that this paper has always stood by them, listened to their desires, and fought for them. It is proud of the fact that whenever there is a wrong to be righted, or a good and gracious deed to be praised, the people say: "Tell it to The Press."

And, finally, this newspaper is confident that in aggressively carrying on the fight for the improvement of the police department, and in fighting for the election of independent men for county offices at the November election, it is but reflecting and putting into action the real desires of the majority of the citizens.

The Press is in both fights to win, and it will stay with them until they ARE won.

SULLIVAN CHARGED WITH CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER; REMOVAL ASKED; CHARGES FILED WITH COUNCIL

ALLEGED SCHEME AGAINST EDITOR OF THE SPOKANE PRESS

Plan Alleged to Cause Arrest in Order to Stop "Press" Exposure of Methods—Elliott Signs the Sensational Charges.

- THE CHARGES AGAINST SULLIVAN.
- 1—Shielding of L. D. Gilder in the Elliott case.
 - 2—Reduction of bonds and the disposition of the funds in the Chinese gambling cases.
 - 3—Conspiracy to ruin the reputation of the editor of The Press.
 - 4—Barring representatives of The Press from an inspection of public records at the police station.
 - 5—Improper regulation and favoritism in the control of the disorderly houses.
 - 6—Demoralization of the police force.
 - 7—Usurpation of the office of chief of police in violation of the city charter.
 - 8—General unfitness for the position.

Alleging that John T. Sullivan, acting chief of police, through malfeasance in office, has usurped himself to further hold the position that he has usurped in violation of the city charter, J. H. Elliott, the old soldier and victim of Sullivan's police methods, through his attorneys, Robertson & Miller, today filed formal charges against Sullivan with the city council.

There are eight specifications in the charges, as above set forth. Backed by The Press, J. H. Elliott is prepared to lay the whole measure of Sullivan's unfitness bare before the public, and for this reason the charges are now filed.

The only recourse in the present proceedings is with the city council. Every matter and thing specified in the list of charges have been placed before Mayor Pratt, the man responsible for Sullivan, but ignored by him. Hence The Press and the public expect that the city council will again step in and render justice to the people at a point where the executive department of the city has signally failed to protect the best interests of the people.

CHARGES IN DETAIL.
The first specification is based on the conspiracy that resulted in J. H. Elliott being incarcerated in the county jail in order to permit the corrupt and immoral policeman, L. D. Gilder, to continue his relations with the old man's adopted daughter, Rose Elliott. This affair is alleged to have been called to the attention of Sullivan at least four different times, but he permitted it to continue without interference on his part until a criminal operation was committed on the girl

5 PLUNGE TO DEATH IN AUTO

Machine Runs Over Bank Into Canal at New Orleans.

(By United Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 24.—An automobile carrying five passengers plunged into a canal here this morning. It is reported all were drowned.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 24.—Three members of the "Queen of the Moulins Rouge" company chorus, Thomas Butler, owner of the machine, and Jos. Freedman, a perfume salesman, were killed today when the machines in which they were riding plunged into the canal. Later reports say another man, as yet unidentified, was also killed. The party, out for a joy ride, left a downtown cafe shortly after 3 o'clock. They were rounding a curve in the machine when Butler, at the wheel, lost control. The automobile turned turtle and landed in the canal 15 feet below the roadway. Police today are endeavoring to raise the machine and recover the bodies of the victims.

the contents of the envelopes, which money never went into the city treasury, although the bonds were forfeited. In this specification it is further charged that Sullivan wilfully permitted defendants charged with a felony to depart on forfeited bonds without filing a charge against them in the superior court.

ALLEGED PLOT.
The full story of the alleged plot against The Press and its editor will be told later. The woman was sent to the editor of The Press and he was informed that if he would come to her room she would give him a clipping from a Portland paper which would be of value in the police fight. The alleged scheme had been revealed to The Press in all its details, and of course it was defeated.
After the discovery of the plot the woman fled and remained away from Spokane for months, and returned only after she thought everything had quieted down. It was then that The Press managed to obtain

BURKE SPENT \$18,361 TO LOSE; POINDEXTER \$1,080

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 24.—According to statements just filed with the secretary of state, Judge Thomas Burke, the standpat candidate for the republican senatorial nomination, spent \$18,361 in his losing fight for the nomination, while Congressman Miles Poindexter, the insurgent who won such an overwhelming victory, paid out \$1080 for campaign expenses.

from her admissions confirming testimony already in hand. The details of the alleged conspiracy are simple, being the crude tactics that the police have employed from time immemorial when they want to shake anyone down or get rid of an unwelcome critic. (Continued on Page Six.)

THREE NEW YORKERS EAT 954 CLAMS AT SINGLE MEAL
NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Three men whose aggregate weight is 945 pounds, consumed 954 clams at a sitting at the annual bake of the Progress Republican club at North Beach. Fifteen hundred people saw the contest. William Lickmann quit after he had downed his 395th clam. Michael Gassman stopped at 340 and Phillip Lommel contended to munching 219.

GHOST BOBS UP AGAIN.
The ghost of the Sprague avenue (fill) bobbed up again yesterday when Mrs. Bessie Ida Blair, widow of Clinton Blair, who was killed by a cavein while at work, filed suit for \$25,000 damages, alleging faulty plans and poor construction.

SPANKED BRIDE WHEN SUPPER WAS LATE.
The advantage of having a young wife was proved by John W. Hall, a gray-haired man of 59, when his 14-year-old bride didn't have supper prepared. He turned her across his knee and spanked her, and she had him arrested.
She was the schoolgirl daughter of William C. Horseman, one whose farm Hall worked. After jail was discharged to keep him away from her they met clandestinely.
Finally Hall borrowed an automobile and took the girl from a second-story window down a ladder, eloping to Denton, Md.

LITTLE DELLA AND HER HURT, THAT OUGHT TO GET WELL, BUT "NEVER DON'T"

Here's the story of little Della. It isn't much of a story, just one of those things which happen in everyday life. Maybe you'll think it's pathetic, some people might. Little Della is a hunchback. She was not born that way, but some time in her babyhood days she fell off a table, and ago a she fell down stairs. She says she doesn't know which one of these accidents it was, but in one of them her little baby

6 DIE IN A COLLISION

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
TIPTON, Ind., Sept. 24.—Six persons were killed today in a head-on collision between two electric cars on the Indiana Union Traction line near Tipton. The dead: DR. H. HOSTCHAUSER, Brooklyn, N. Y. W. H. HOSTCHAUSER, his brother. MOTORMAN BAKER, Tipton, Ind. VERNAL S. RAILBACK, Hymera, Ind. LOUIS BROO, Kokomo, Ind. B. T. WALSH, Fort Wayne, Ind. Dr. Hostchauser was en route to Tipton, where he was to marry Nellie Coxen.

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that an effort is being made to organize a housemaids' union here.
That five counties in the state of Washington were named after presidents of the United States? They are Adams, Lincoln, Pierce, Garfield and Jefferson.
That Elisha P. Ferry was the first governor of the state of Washington, and that Ferry county is named after him?
That Isaac I. Stevens was the first governor of the territory of Washington?
That Spokane first really began to boom the day after the "big fire," and founded its solid growth upon the opening of the Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai and Roseland mining districts?
That Benton county is named after Thomas H. Benton, United States senator from Missouri?
That Edward Lander was the first chief justice of the territory of Washington, holding that position from 1852 to 1858?
That Frank Dallam, founder of the Review, once ran a country newspaper at Loomis, Wash.?

BIG WRECK IN RUSSIA.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
ROSTOV ON THE DON, Russia, Sept. 24.—Many persons were killed and many others injured today in a collision between a freight train and a passenger on the Vladikavkas railway, according to reports received here. Details of the accident have not been learned.

\$750,000 IN GOLD IS ENROUTE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—More than \$750,000 in gold bullion is now enroute to the Seattle banks from the gold camps in Alaska, according to advices received here today. Large quantities of gold will be shipped out of Tanana and Fairbanks on the last steamers coming out and all of it will pass through local banks. Records of the assay office show that 55 per cent of the gold coin received has been paid out in new gold coin, the remainder in drafts on New York.

FOUR MORE INDICTMENTS.

Four more indictments were returned by the grand jury, all on the charge of selling liquor to the Indians. George Gray, a 14-year-old boy, who robbed the postoffice at West Branch, was sentenced to one hour in jail, Judge Whitson saying that he did not wish to spoil his future.

QUEEN'S BODY IS STOLEN.

GENEVA, Sept. 24.—The body of Queen Hortense, mother of Napoleon III, has disappeared from the chapel attached to the Chateau of Arenberg, and is believed to have been stolen 10 years ago.

Buy Bargains Tonight

Ads tell of many good ones. The ads in this afternoon's Press have many interesting things for the readers. For instance, one of them contains these items:
Clothes pins, per dozen, 1c.
Women's 20c hose, special, 15c.
New \$2 waists on sale at \$1.19.
\$2 and \$2.50 corsets at \$1.19.
Children's 15c and 20c hose, per pair, 9c.
These are a few of the good ones. Read all the ads thoroughly and you will be surprised at the many things you will find advertised at bargain prices. There is sure to be something among them that is just what you want.

MYSTERIOUS DOUBLE MURDER

Man and Woman Found Dead—Husband Discovers Them.

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 24.—As the result of a mysterious shooting in the home of Lawrence Distel here today, Mrs. Martha Distel, 42, and Paul Mueller, a mail carrier, are dead. The bodies of the two were found in Mrs. Distel's bedroom, both shot through the heart. The police were summoned by the woman's husband.

Distel was closely questioned, but was not arrested. On the floor of one corner of the room in which the bodies were found was a .32-caliber revolver. All the chambers were empty. The bodies of the dead man and woman were found side by side on the floor.
Distel was sleeping in a different part of the house. "I was sleeping when I heard the first shot," he told the police. "I ran to my wife's room and found her and Mueller dead on the floor. Then I called the police. My son and daughter arrived in the room a moment after I did." Distel has been in poor health and has been sleeping in a tent outside of the house.
Genevieve Distel, the daughter, says she heard a man running away from the room after she was awakened by the shots. She said she thought nothing when she heard the first shot until she heard a woman's scream, then another shot. She called her father and brother. While calling them she heard the footsteps going down the hall.

PRES. TAFT'S QUIET DAY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 24.—President Taft spent a quiet day today. He had no appointments with Ohio politicians today and spent the time visiting with old friends.
Secretary Norton announced that E. F. Griswold of New York has been chosen secretary of the railway securities committee, which was created in the railway regulation act of the last congress.
The Taft party was scheduled to leave at 3:15 p. m. for Washington.