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GUM DROP PARTY THINKS FLENTGE "FLEW THE COOP"

Advocates of Fourth City Ticket Hear Postmaster Has Deserted Them.

REPORTED TO BE IN SCHULZ BAND WAGON

High Priests to Expel Him From Council if He's Bamboozled Them.

Has E. W. Flentge deserted the "gum drop" party? That is the question asked since Monday night by members of the fourth ticket club.

When the high chiefs of the "gum drop" met more than a week ago to discuss plans for nominating a candidate for mayor and his running mates, Postmaster Flentge was among those present.

"While he wasn't enthusiastic, he seemed interested," said a booster for the fourth ticket yesterday. The question of selecting someone to make the sacrifice and accept the nomination for mayor was discussed, but no decision reached.

At the suggestion of one of the high priests, Mr. Flentge was selected as a steering committee of one, authorized to issue a call for volunteers and choose a candidate for mayor. He was requested to report back to the committee as a whole Monday evening, when the leaders in the movement would look over the candidate for weak points. If none could be found, he was to be declared the nominee.

The meeting was scheduled for 8 o'clock last Monday evening, and some of the faithful reached the scene before the appointed hour. It was expected that Mr. Flentge would be there ahead of time with a candidate ready for examination.

That was where the rub came. Mr. Flentge did not come and neither did the candidate. After waiting a reasonable length of time some member threw a bomb into the meeting by asking: "Do you gentlemen think he flew the coop?"

"Never," snapped a woman. "Mr. Flentge is with us to the finish."

"But may be he thinks this is the finish," answered the suspicious one. The lady only shook her head.

After the meeting was adjourned, the highest high priests held a council of war on the street corner and devised ways and means of ascertaining whether Mr. Flentge was slipping away from the brethren.

The next day the searching committee learned that the postmaster had not looked for a candidate to lead the "gum drop" party, and would not take part in the work of the "fourth party club." The committee was informed, it is said on good authority, that Mr. Flentge had flogged from the "gum drop" party into the Schulz bandwagon.

Cries of treason were shouted by members of the Men's Club yesterday when the report became generally known. A member of the fourth party club informed The Tribune last night that the postmaster would be summarily dismissed if the charges against him could be proved. It is said he has been ordered to report to the high priests.

The Tribune was informed that Mr. Flentge and Edward F. Regeharit, better known as the human Light House, would take charge of the Schulz campaign. When asked about this report last night, Mr. Schulz said he did not know what the political plans of Flentge and Regeharit were.

TO OPERATE ON FEEBLEMINDED

Nebraska Senate Passes Bill for Treatment of Wards of Institution.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 24—The State Senate last night passed the bill providing for surgical treatment of a certain class of feeble minded and insane in State institutions. It had previously been amended so as not to apply to criminals. The intent of the bill is to parole from state institutions such inmates if they will submit to operations.

The bill was drawn at the behest of the State Board of Control and provides that a board of physicians is to pass on each case, and none are to submit unless they are their parents or guardians consent.

ADMIRAL DEWA



Baron Shigoto Dewa, admiral in the Japanese navy, is just now the guest of the United States and is being extensively entertained. He came as commissioner of his country to the opening of the Panama-Pacific exposition and has been spending some time in the east.

SAYS JUDGE DAYTON CALLED JURY "CHICKEN HEARTED"

Witness Testifies Expression Followed Woman's Acquittal Under Man Act.

Washington, Feb. 24—Testifying today before the House Judiciary subcommittee investigating the charges against Federal Judge Dayton of West Virginia, Charles M. Showalter of Parkersburg, W. Va., told how two Italians had been indicted, convicted and sentenced to the maximum penalty under the Mann act, in the Judge's court, all in one day. The Judge, he complained, called a jury "a chicken hearted bunch" when they acquitted a woman accused of a similar offense.

A. C. Fulmer, a coal operator of Akron, O., told how he had agreed to let Judge Dayton arbitrate, privately, a case between himself and Dave Elkins, a son of the former West Virginia Senator. Although the case had been in court four years, Fulmer testified, the Judge gave a decision to Elkins in 10 days.

Under questioning Fulmer said he did not believe the Judge had any business connections with the Elkins family.

PRESIDENT STILL HOPES FOR PASSAGE OF SHIP MEASURE

Conference Held With Stone, Simmons and Fletcher on Situation in Congress.

Washington, Feb. 24—President Wilson conferred on the situation in Congress today with Senators Stone, Simmons and Fletcher, and it was reiterated at the White House that the President has not abandoned his hope that the ship purchase, Philippine and Shields water power bills might be passed in the remaining seven days of the Congress.

In the effort which is being made in Congress to clear up all pending legislation before adjournment of the session, the Senate met two hours earlier than usual today.

There the postoffice appropriation bill carrying \$317,945,869 was again taken up, while the general deficiency bill carrying \$9,000,000, was ready for consideration in the House. The fortifications bill, carrying \$6,000,000, was sent to the Senate today following its passage by the House.

Consideration of the postal supply bill was begun in the Senate late yesterday following the passage of the army appropriation bill carrying \$103,000,000.

MAXIMUM SENTENCE ON \$133,000 SWINDLE CHARGE

New York, Feb. 24—Richard J. Hartman, former theater ticket broker, who was convicted recently of swindling Mrs. Charlotte Mackenzie out of \$133,000 left her by her husband, was sentenced today to serve not less than five years, nor more than nine years and seven months in Sing Sing Prison. This is the maximum penalty.

Although Hartman was charged with the larceny of \$133,000, Mrs. Mackenzie testified her husband's estate, aggregating about \$640,000 had been dissipated by Hartman, to whom she had trusted her affairs since 1911.

DRUG FIENDS TO VANISH DECLARE CAPE DRUGGISTS

Harrison Anti-narcotic Law Forbids Pharmacists Selling Opiates To Users.

DOCTORS TO AUTHORIZE ALL "DOPE" NEEDED

Heavy Penalty to be Imposed on Physicians, too, if They Violate Law.

Members of the Cape Girardeau Druggists' Association and a majority of the medical fraternity met at the Commercial Club last night to discuss the new Harrison anti-narcotic law, which was recently passed by Congress.

This measure, which is soon to go into effect, will mark the passing of the "dope fiend" or persons addicted to the use of drugs. The law makes traffic in morphine and other powerful narcotics punishable by heavy penalties, and forbids druggists to sell narcotics without a physician's prescription.

It also requires all dealers who sell morphine and other similar drugs to register with the United States Internal Revenue office. Every prescription calling for these drugs must be made out on blanks furnished exclusively by the Internal Revenue office, and druggists who sell these forbidden drugs without a physician's authority lay himself open to prosecution by the government.

This law will require every druggist in the United States to register with the Internal Revenue office and every physician as well. Druggists will be permitted to keep forbidden drugs in stock, but every purchase will be recorded with the government, and every blank upon which prescriptions will be made out must be obtained from the government.

"This law will put an end to the drug habit," said James A. Kinder last night. "It is an excellent measure and every legitimate druggist is glad it has been passed. While it does not prevent druggists keeping the forbidden drugs in stock, it will prevent traffic in them. At present a person addicted to the drug habit can enter a drugstore and buy morphine or anything else, if the druggist cares to sell direct to such consumers. This practice has been indulged in for a long time, but its end is near."

"This new law provides a heavy penalty for druggists who encourage 'dope fiends' to continue the use of drugs. By issuing the blanks to the physicians, the government will also prevent doctors ordering drugs promiscuously to consumers. Each doctor will be credited with the number of blanks he procures from the Internal Revenue office, and those who evade the law can be easily checked up."

"For instance, should a physician persist in issuing prescriptions to 'dope fiends' the Internal Revenue office would discover the practice by the heavy demand for these blanks. And by this means, it will be almost impossible for a doctor to take advantage of the law."

"As druggists will be forbidden to sell to private individuals who are not supplied with prescriptions from physicians, it will put an end to the traffic as now practiced by unscrupulous drug men."

"But the new law is going to play havoc with hundreds of cough syrups. A great many of these remedies contain drugs and all that do can only be sold by prescriptions furnished by physicians and filled upon government blanks."

"All medicines that contain drugs will soon be on the contraband list, and druggists and physicians who violate this new law will subject themselves to prosecution by Uncle Sam."

President Coerver of the Druggists' Association addressed the meeting, and was followed by Doctors Patton, Howard, Schulz, Cunningham, Hope, Rolston, Vorbeck, O'Dell and others. Seventeen physicians were present and ten of the eleven druggists who comprise the organization were present. After the discussions concerning the new law were concluded, sandwiches and coffee were served.

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GETTING MORMON CONVERTS IN BROOKLYN



Two pretty girls have been lately going about the Ridgewood section of Brooklyn, canvassing from door to door for converts to the Mormon church. The girls are Miss Gertrude Phelps of Salt Lake City (left) and Miss Edna Crowther of Mesa, Ariz. (right). They call at a home, make friends with the woman of the house, call a few days later and begin talking Mormonism. At the third visit the prospect is usually very receptive and the girls tell of the "great benefits offered by the Mormon church," what it has accomplished and expects to accomplish. A day or so later an elder of the church calls and tries to make the conversion complete.

CAPAHA BALL CLUB WILL SELL STOCK

Local Team to Have Stars as Players During Coming Season.

Managers Dep Barenkamp and C. M. Freeman of the Capaha Baseball Team are busy making arrangements by which they will be able to maintain a pennant winning team in this city for the season of 1915.

Mr. Barenkamp in discussing the situation with a Tribune representative last evening, said: "At this time we have available some of the best talent outside of the big leagues, and if we are successful in making contracts with them, it is a safe bet that Cape Girardeau will be declared winner when the season closes."

"Mr. Freeman and I have gone into the matter carefully, and do not feel justified in signing contracts with these players, until we have some sort of positive assurance that we will be supplied with the funds necessary to meet possible losses in case the team fails to make the expenses necessary for its support."

"We have concluded tonight, that we will have issued 2,000 shares of baseball stock, which we will dispose of to the citizens of the Cape for 50 cents a share. Each share will be numbered, and as an inducement to hurry the sales and enable us to close contracts with the players we want, before it is too late, we are going to give a brand new Ford Automobile to the party purchasing the share bearing the lucky number."

"We are also figuring on other money raising methods, and we hope to succeed in securing the funds necessary to insure us against loss, and have our team thoroughly organized and ready for business at the opening of the season in May."

"My brother, 'Big Bill' Barenkamp, who has been pitching in league teams for the past several seasons, is better than ever, and while he is offered a splendid contract for the coming season, he writes me that he is tired of traveling across the continent as a ball player, and that he intends to retire from professional ball and settle down in Cape Girardeau."

"Bill has a girl over in New England and I think he intends to get married and come back to his old home to live. His services will add great strength to our team, and if we care to do so, we can secure the services of his catcher, Green, who has expressed a willingness to come to the Cape and play ball if Bill comes."

"We feel positive that we can win the pennant this season if we do not delay signing our men until it is too late. We are going to get busy at once and if possible get an aggregation of players together that will carry off the honors for Cape Girardeau."

LOCAL MEN LEASE PARK PLAY HOUSE

Freeman and Strain to Take Over Rival Theatre Next Monday.

C. M. Freeman and J. H. Strain have secured a twelve months' lease on the Park Theater, and on Monday, March 1, it will pass into their management.

Mr. Freeman, when interviewed by a Tribune representative, last evening said: "We have had the matter of leasing the Park under consideration for several days, and finally came to terms and consummated the deal late Tuesday night."

"Mr. Strain and I will have exclusive management and control of the play house during the term of the lease, and we intend to make it one of the most popular places of diversion and entertainment that has ever been maintained in this city."

"We do not intend to turn it into a regular vaudeville show, but on occasions when we are able to secure some first class vaudeville attractions, we expect to diverge from or rather add to our regular form of entertainment by giving both vaudeville and pictures."

"Our picture service will be of the very best, and Mr. Strain and I are going to St. Louis tonight for the purpose of interviewing the film people, and deciding on the service we shall adopt."

"We expect to hold the Princess, and when business will justify, run nightly shows. During the dull seasons the Princess will be closed through the week, and on Saturday nights we will open it with the very best picture attractions obtainable."

"Mr. Strain, who has heretofore retained his position with the Roth Tobacco Co., will resign, and give his entire time to the show business."

TREES ALONG THE ROADSIDES

Many Organizations Have Promised Their Aid to Provide Free Fruit for the Weary Traveler.

Fresh fruit plucked from roadside trees is a pleasure travelers will be able to enjoy several years hence, when they stop for lunch in some shady nook.

In many communities civic associations, farmers' organizations and horticultural societies have promised their aid to provide free roadside fruit for the traveler.

This very pleasant idea was originated by a Southern Missouri nursery, which has placed 50,000 apple, peach, pear, plum and cherry trees along the side of the Missouri section of the National Old Trails highway. The fruit will be free to transcontinental motorists.

2 MERCHANTMEN AND A COLLIER SUNK IN 1 DAY

Parona and Harpolian Go Down in War Zone and Coal Ship Deptford is Also Sent to Bottom by the German Submarines.

BERLIN REPORTS TRANSPORT WAS WRECKED BY TORPEDO

British Steamers are Shattered in Channel and English Admiralty Believes Armed Merchant Cruiser is Also Lost—German Held in New York.

New York, Feb. 24—Richard Peter Stegler, a native of Germany who had signified his allegiance to the United States by taking out first papers, was arrested today for obtaining a fraudulent passport.

Papers found on Stegler bear the signature of Captain R. Boyed, a naval attache of the Germany Embassy and personal representative in this city of Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador. Stegler said Boyed had asked him to go to England as an American citizen and locate a fleet of British dreadnaughts believed to be hiding in St. George Channel, and to cable the information to New York whence it would be transmitted by wireless to secret German bases in North Atlantic. Submarines were to make a daring raid on dreadnaughts. Stegler said that he was about to take passage on the Lusitania when love for his adopted country and the protests of his American bride made him suddenly change his mind and decide to turn over all evidence to the United States authorities. Gustave Cook, an ex-prize fighter was also arrested, charged with aiding Stegler to secure a passport under the name of Madden.

Eastbourne, England, Feb. 24—The steamship Roy Parona was sunk seven miles east of Eastbourne, this afternoon. The crew of thirty-one was rescued by another steamer. It is believed here that the Roy Parona was torpedoed by a German submarine.

London, Feb. 24—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph states that steamer Harpolian has been torpedoed off Beachy Head in the English Channel. Forty-one members of the crew were rescued, and three are dead on the vessel.

The collier Deptford was sunk today off Scarborough, either by a mine or a torpedo. One life was lost.

London, Feb. 24—A steady advance all along the line is reported officially by Paris tonight. The offensive movement begun last week continues without check anywhere, and semi-official dispatches tell of taking trench after trench from the Germans.

Berlin, Feb. 24—Correspondents, who have just returned from the East Prussian front, say the Kaiser was actually on the firing line when Field Marshal von Hindenburg closed his ring about the beaten Russian army in the Mazurian Lakes region, capturing over half of it.

Within 30 minutes after Lyck was taken by the Germans, after heavy loss His Majesty drove into the city in his great military automobile, and while detachments of his soldiers were gathering in the isolated units of the enemy he addressed the army in the market square, bitterly indicting the Russians for their wanton destruction of property and livestock as they fled.

The correspondents say that the Emperor's staff officers had great difficulty in restraining him from actually taking part in the fighting. He witnessed several bayonet charges during his observation of the four days' fighting around Lyck.

Berlin, by wireless to London, Feb. 24—Official announcement was made last night that the British transport No. 192 was sunk by a German submarine off Beachy Head at 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The report that a British transport had been sunk by a German submarine, but without giving the number of the vessel or the time of the attack, came out of Berlin Sunday night, and received no notice from London. Today's report is believed in London to refer to the damaging of the British collier Branksome Chine, which was struck either by a mine or torpedo in the English Channel 20 miles southeast of Beachy Head, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

New Haven, England, Feb. 24—Eighteen members of the crew of the Cardiff steamer Branksome Chine, a Government collier, landed here last evening. Their boat either struck a mine or was torpedoed in the English Channel, 20 miles southeast of Beachy Head, about 2 o'clock this afternoon. They say the Captain and mate of the steamer are standing by the vessel, which is badly damaged and awash. An attempt will be made to pull her on the coast and beach her. A large steamer is reported in distress near the same spot. Life boats are in attendance upon her.

London, Feb. 24—The British steamer Oakby was torpedoed by a German submarine off Rye, 63 miles southeast of London, yesterday. Her crew was rescued by a fishing smack and landed at Ramsgate today.

The Oakby was bound in ballast from London for Cardiff, Wales. She was struck on the port side. Her main hatches were blown off, her decks were splintered and the binnacle was hurled into the air.

One lifeboat was swamped by the great volume of water blown up by the explosion of the torpedo.

The fishing smack Gracia, which was four miles off, felt the shock and hastened to the scene, arriving in time to take off the crew of the Oakby, none of the members of which was injured.

The periscope of a submarine was seen before the explosion by the chief engineer of the Oakby. An attempt was made to tow the Oakby to Dover, but she sank off Folkestone this morning.

The loss of the Oakby apparently was mentioned in a dispatch from Lydd, England, last night. This message referred to the torpedoing of two vessels off Hastings. One sank, but her crew was saved and landed at Ramsgate. The other was in a sinking condition and a mine sweeper was described as endeavoring to tow her into Dover.

The Oakby was 275 feet long and of 1251 tons. She was built in 1897.

London, Feb. 24—The Official Information Bureau announced this afternoon that the Clan MacNaughton, an armed merchant cruiser, is missing. The vessel was last heard from Feb. 3, and it is feared she has been lost. The text of the bureau's announcement follows:

"The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to announce that H. M. S. Clan MacNaughton, an armed merchant cruiser, Commander Robert Jeffreys, R. N., has been missing since Feb. 3, and it is feared that the vessel has been lost."