

## MAYOR WILL ASK GRAND JURY TO INDICT LIBELERS

Executive Will Present Letters Sent Through Mails by Opponents During Campaign to Federal Court When it Convenes.

## LAWYER SAYS LITERATURE WAS NOT FIT TO GO INTO THE MAILS

Mayor Kage Has Witnesses Who Saw Two Prominent Men Drop Circulars in Postal Box—Big Sensation is Expected.

Mayor Kage announced yesterday that the Federal Grand Jury would be asked to take up the charges made against him by the campaign managers of his opponents, and which were circulated through the mails.

The Grand Jury will be in session within the next two weeks, and the Mayor and his attorney will appear before the inquisitors on the day they convene. Mayor Kage and his attorney have collected a number of letters which were received through the mails by voters this week.

His attorney has advised him that the Federal laws have been violated, and if those responsible can be identified, indictments may be returned.

It was stated yesterday that several witnesses saw two prominent Cape Girardeauans, who were closely associated with the campaign of one of Mayor Kage's opponents, deposit a large number of letters, containing the objectionable statements in a mail box.

"The methods that were used to take votes from me were without precedent," said Mayor Kage yesterday. "I have several letters, which were sent to friends of mine, in which it was insinuated that I was interested in an objectionable place in the western part of the city.

"I have taken the matter up with my attorney and we have decided to bring charges to the attention of the Federal Grand Jury. I have received information leading to the source of these letters, and I am going to see what can be done.

"Quite a number of men were parties to the charges made against me, and they will be called upon to explain the allegations. If they have any information substantiating their charges, they will have an opportunity to make it public.

"I decided to ask the Grand Jury to consider the matter last Monday, but I declined to make known my plans before the election, because I did not want my friends to think that I was trying to win votes. I gave those who were responsible for the letters an opportunity to get all they could out of their campaign literature, but I propose to push the matter to the very limit.

"A certain man in this city, who has resorted to every unfair means to injure me, both in campaigns and in the performance of my official duties, figured prominently in bringing the charges and giving them circulation. I have positive information that he deposited a large number of the letters in the mails.

"If the Grand Jury considers the circulation of these charges a misuse of the mails, then I expect indictments to be returned, and if they are returned, I shall prosecute them to the finish."

A well-known attorney has been in consultation with the Mayor regarding the letters for several days, and he announced yesterday that those who were responsible for the circulation of the charges through the mails, were guilty of a violation of the postal laws.

If convicted, he said, the punishment might include a term in the Federal prison.

Neither the Mayor nor his attorney would disclose the names of the persons who are implicated, but they stated that they were men of prominence. It is said that one of the men suspected has been a bitter opponent of Mayor Kage for several years. He is one of the two parties who were seen depositing a bundle of the letters in a postal box.

It is understood that the Mayor has received information from sources very close to those who framed the charges, and they have furnished names of those who drafted the letters and ordered them deposited in the mails.

It is said that there were about 2000

## ELECTION CALLED FOR APRIL 23 TO VOTE SCHOOL TAX

Plan Defeated Tuesday Was Same That Was in Force Last Season.

IF THE PROJECT LOSES SCHOOLS MUST CLOSE

Supt. Crocker Says its Impossible to Continue After Christmas.

The School Board yesterday issued notice of a special election to be held Friday, April 23, to again vote on the proposition to increase the school tax from 40 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation to \$1 on the \$100 assessed valuation. This tax increase was voted down at the city election Tuesday by an overwhelming vote.

It is believed that its defeat was due to the fact that the people were under the impression that it called for an increase over last year's school tax. The school tax rate would be just as it was last year, had the proposition carried Tuesday.

Under the constitution a city is not permitted to levy a tax of more than 40 cents on the hundred dollar assessed valuation unless the voters authorize it at an election. This increase was voted last year, but in order to keep the tax rate in force, it is necessary for the voters to approve of it each year.

The tax proposition killed Tuesday was exactly the same that the people approved last year. Nearly every city in Southeast Missouri levies a school tax of \$1 on the \$100 assessed valuation. Among the best known of these cities are, Jackson, Charleston, Sikeston, Fredericktown and Poplar Bluff.

Nearly all of the cities in the central part of the State make this levy, including those in the vicinity of St. Louis, with the exception of St. Charles, which only levies 40 cents on the \$100 valuation. But St. Charles only has 800 pupils enrolled, while the number in the Cape Girardeau schools was 2000 during the past year, and there is a regular annual increase.

Superintendent Crocker yesterday informed The Tribune that with a school tax of not more than forty cents on the \$100 valuation, every public school in the city would be compelled to close by Christmas, if not before.

"We could not keep our schools open during the regular period on that amount," he said. "I am positive that the voters were under the impression that the tax proposition voted upon Tuesday called for an increase in the taxation. It is exactly the same as was approved by the people last year, but in order to keep the levy in force, it is necessary to vote upon it each year."

Superstitious people are somewhat dubious over the date set for the special election. As it falls upon Friday, the 23rd, they believe that means defeat. In the event that the proposition fails to pass, another election will be called, it was announced yesterday.

## AMERICAN WOMEN HONORED

San Francisco, Cal., April 7—Mrs. Zekia Nuttall of Coconocan, Mexico; Miss Katherine B. Davis of New York, and Miss Jane Addam of Chicago have been selected by the Woman's Board of the Panama-Pacific Exposition as the three most noted women of America. They will be guests of the board at the exposition for one week.

Mrs. Nuttall was chosen for her work in prison reform, Miss Addams for social settlement work and Miss Davis for her reformatory work among girls.

## VICE PRESIDENT MARSHALL'S HOME ROBBED

Indianapolis, Ind., April 7—The home here of Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States, has been entered by burglars, it became known today. Vice President and Mrs. Marshall are visiting relatives of Mrs. Marshall in Scottsdale, Ariz. It had not been learned today if anything of value had been taken. The robbery was discovered by Marshall's neighbors.



This chanticleer is crowing over the Teuton's victory over the Allies. Mayor Kage, a German, defeated J. W. Phillips, an Englishman, and Otto Kochtitzky, a Pole.

## WASEM TAKEN TO ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL

X-Ray Photograph to Be Taken of Stomach—May Undergo Operation.

H. C. Wasein, accompanied by his physician, Dr. Paul R. Williams, departed yesterday afternoon for St. Louis where Mr. Wasein will enter St. John's Hospital.

Mr. Wasein has suffered for a long time with a stomach disorder, and is now recuperating from a severe attack of gastric hemorrhages with which he was suddenly seized several weeks ago.

Upon the advice of his physician he will enter the hospital for the purpose of having his stomach subjected to an X-ray examination to ascertain if possible the exact nature of the disease.

About two years ago, Mr. Wasein underwent a surgical operation in a hospital in Cairo, at which time it was found necessary to make incisions and form a new orifice or opening from the stomach to the intestine.

When he was discharged from the hospital it was believed that a permanent cure had been effected, but several months later there was a return of the old symptoms, which became more and more pronounced, until his condition became so serious that he collapsed several months ago, while standing in front of his drug store on Good Hope street, and for a time it was not believed that he would recover.

The second attack about two months ago was even more severe than the first, and it is feared that he would not be able to withstand the suffering of another one. His physicians are of the opinion that the artificial orifice made when the operation was performed two years ago, has partially closed, and is not of sufficient capacity to properly provide for the passage of the contents of the stomach, thus causing irritation and distress.

If upon examination it is found necessary to perform a second operation in order to give the relief sought, Mr. Wasein will have the service rendered before returning to the Cape.

## RAZING KANSAS CITY STATION

Kansas City, Mo., April 6—Razing of Kansas City's old Union Depot is under way. A large force of men today began tearing down the structures for a wrecking company which has purchased the material in it.

## ROOSEVELT TRIAL APRIL 19

Syracuse, N. Y., April 6—By agreement of council for both sides, the trial of the \$50,000 libel suit brought by William Barnes of Albany against former President Theodore Roosevelt has been set down for April 19.

## GARRETT GLENN GOT A VOTE FOR MAYOR

Frank Kimmel Says He Voted for Merchant as a Dark Horse.

Frank Kimmel is the emblem of a punk luck. He is a politician, of the old school type, yet he never repeats at an election. But he does like to vote a split ticket, and enjoys the reputation of never picking a winner.

But, like all champions, they must hit the toboggan sooner or later, and Frank Kimmel is right on it now.

When Phillips came out for mayor, Frank lined up for him. Then when Kochtitzky tossed his hat into the ring, championed by Col. T. Jeff Shorb, Kimmel flipped nickels at a crack to decide how to vote, but missed the crevice.

When he entered the polling booth Tuesday morning, he had his mind made up as to how he would vote on the general city and council tickets, but he was undecided for mayor. Just to keep peace with himself, he cast his vote for Garrett Glenn for mayor.

He voted for several dark horses and Henry P. Gaines. And Mr. Gaines was the only live one Kimmel selected. "Some class to the Kimmel boys," he said when discovered that he picked one winner.

Tuesday afternoon when the voting was at its heaviest in the Second ward, the timbers supporting the floor of the polling place gave way, and for a short time the crowd confined in the building was almost panic stricken.

When the supports broke the floor dropped to the ground, and a number of the voters and election officers thought at first that the building had collapsed and that the walls were giving way.

Martin Krueger, one of the judges, was seated in the center of the room, and in describing his sensations to a Tribune reporter, said: "When I felt the floor giving way, my first thought was that the walls of the building were yielding and that the structure was about to fall.

"I thought that I could see the walls heaving, and as the floor sank I felt certain that we would be caught in the crash of the falling walls.

"The crowd quickly left the building, and when the unusual weight was removed, the floor sprung back into its natural position, and further danger was avoided by having the broken timbers repaired, and supports placed under them.

## \$200,000 FIRE AT MONTGOMERY

Montgomery, Ala., April 6—Fire in the wholesale district in Montgomery early today did \$200,000 damage. Explosions among 500 barrels of burning whiskey made the fire a spectacular one.

## TRIBUNE'S CHOICE GETS 1011 VOTES; 2 OPPONENTS 783

Mayor's Popularity Sweeps All But Moore and Gill Into Office—Phillips Defeats Kochtitzky 89 Votes for Second Place.

## OLD COUNCILMEN ARE REELECTED; BLACK TRIMS HIS TWO RIVALS

Drusch, Haas and Bowman Are Elected School Board Members—McDonald Defeats Three For County School Superintendent.

### Men Elected and Defeated

#### ELECTED

FOR MAYOR:  
FRED A. KAGE  
POLICE JUDGE:  
T. P. FRISTOE  
CITY ASSESSOR:  
HENRY P. GAINES  
CITY COLLECTOR  
GEORGE H. MEYER  
CITY ATTORNEY:  
ROBERT H. WHITELAW  
CITY TREASURER:  
J. F. MASTERSON

#### DEFEATED

FOR MAYOR:  
J. W. PHILLIPS  
OTTO KOCHTITZKY  
POLICE JUDGE:  
THOMAS MOORE  
CITY ASSESSOR:  
G. M. DRUM  
CITY COLLECTOR:  
JOE T. NUNN JR.  
CITY ATTORNEY:  
ED. L. DRUM  
CITY TREASURER:  
W. J. SPERLING

#### FOR CITY COUNCIL

FIRST WARD:  
WALTER D. BLACK  
SECOND WARD:  
CHARLES ARMGARDT  
THIRD WARD:  
CHARLES KAESS  
FOURTH WARD:  
JAY E. FOWLER

#### FOR CITY COUNCIL

FIRST WARD:  
A. H. MUELLER  
DAVE HARRIS  
SECOND WARD:  
LOUIS WITTMOR  
SAMUEL BOUTIN  
THIRD WARD:  
GUS STEIN  
HENRY G. BRUNKE SR.  
FOURTH WARD:  
TOM GILL  
W. E. HIXON  
TONY KAMMER

Fred A. Kage was re-elected Mayor of Cape Girardeau yesterday by the greatest popular victory ever given a candidate for office in this city. The vote was the largest ever polled in this city and Kage swept every ward in a veritable landslide, carrying the city by 228 more votes than the total cast for both Phillips and Kochtitzky.

The total vote given Mayor Kage in the four wards was 1011 against 436 for Phillips and 347 for Kochtitzky. In the Second ward, which had been counted to go to Kochtitzky by a comfortable majority, lacked but one vote of giving Kage as many as the total cast for Phillips and Kochtitzky.

This was the only ward in the city where Kochtitzky received more votes than Phillips. Phillips' plurality over Kochtitzky in the four wards was 89 votes.

The vote for Mayor in the four wards were:		Third Ward:		Fourth Ward:	
First Ward:	Third Ward:	Hutson	533	Hutson	269
Kage	193	Fristoe	781	Moore	161
Phillips	69	Moore	273	Fristoe	120
Kochtitzky	49	G. M. Drum	297	Gaines	198
		Fristoe	551	G. M. Drum	76
		Meyer	437	Meyer	181
		Nunn	210	Nunn	98
		Whitelaw	368	Whitelaw	177
		E. L. Drum	340	E. L. Drum	98
		Masterston	353	Masterston	190
		Sperling	285	Sperling	87

The landslide for Mayor Kage swept his ticket, with two exceptions, into office. Thomas Moore, candidate for Police Judge, and Tom Gill, nominee for Councilman from the Fourth ward, were the two men defeated on the Kage ticket. The other candidates won with easy majorities.

Jeff Hutson was elected Chief of Police without opposition, which naturally gave him the highest vote. The City ticket, outside of the candidates for Mayor and Council, polled the following vote:

First Ward:	Second Ward:
Hutson	304
Fristoe	167
Moore	129
G. M. Drum	110
Gaines	190
Nunn	107
Meyer	163
E. L. Drum	107
Whitelaw	194
Sperling	80
Masterston	217

Each of the four Councilmen were re-elected with votes to spare. Walter D. Black, who was running for reelection in the First ward, received more votes than his two opponents. He was the only candidate for Council whose strength exceeded the total cast against him. Mr. Black received 176 votes; A. H. Mueller 80, and Dave Harris 48.

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