

WOMAN IN THE CASE

MISS CAROLINE SLAGLE WAS ON THE STAND YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

HER EVIDENCE DISAPPOINTING

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NO WITNESS SAW THE KNIFE

Evidence of All Examined Yesterday Was Marked by This Peculiarity—Vivid Account of Fatal Affray.

The immense gathering at the Hamilton trial yesterday afternoon heard what it most wanted to hear—the evidence of Miss Caroline Slagle, the "woman in the case." Her evidence was disappointing, because she coolly refused to answer the one question every one was dying to hear her reply to.

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IN FAVOR OF GOMEZ.

REVOLUTIONARY LEADER ELIGIBLE TO CURRY PRESIDENCY.

HAVANA, Feb. 11.—The followers of Gen. Maximo Gomez triumphed today in the Cuban constitutional convention.

The clause making him eligible to the presidency of the republic was adopted by a vote of 15 to 14.

Just before the question was reached to the floor, Senor Gerra, who did not think the convention was called upon to recognize the revolutionary element in the constitution, but this protest elicited no reply.

Senor Llorente, who is classed with the anti-Gomez faction, was not present at today's session owing to illness.

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TOPEKA HIGH AND DRY

NOT A JOINT IN THE CITY WAS OPEN FOR TRADE LAST NIGHT

CITIZENS SAY IT GOES, TOO

ORGANIZED BODY OF A THOUSAND MEN WILL ENFORCE THE LAW

BAD DAYS FOR THE THIRSTY

Saloonkeepers Notified to Remove Their Stocks and Fixtures From the City by Friday Noon Next.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 11.—All the "joints" of the city are closed tonight. The citizens made the preliminary order that the saloons be discontinued today and as far as is known the order was obeyed.

Early this morning Chief of Police Stahl with some of his officers, made the rounds of the joints and notified the keepers to close once.

They were in each case presented with a printed copy of the citizens' ultimatum and commanded in the interest of law and good order to close at once.

Chief Stahl told the jointists that there was an army of 1,000 men waiting to march on a minute's notice to close the joints of the city and that they were of a class that would not be frightened out of performing their duty as they interpreted it.

Notices were slipped in under the doors of the closed places.

In only one place did the officers find any liquor held and this place agreed to close at once.

EIGHTY JOINTS CLOSED.

Tonight Topeka is practically a dry town so far as the joints are concerned. Some of the drug stores are said to be doing a thriving business, but the condition is much different from a week or even a day ago, when there were about twenty joints running openly, all of which were equipped with the finest fixtures.

The citizens' committee has made all the necessary arrangements for the enforcement of the law regarding joints, and will insist that the order be carried out to the letter and that every drinking place be closed and the stock and fixtures removed from the city by next Friday noon.

The condition of public sentiment in Topeka tonight is something remarkable. There has never been anything here approaching it. The vigilance committee is ready to move on very short notice.

MRS. NATION A FROST.

People Won't Settle to Hear the Saloon Smasher Talk.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Feb. 11.—Mrs. Nation arrived here at noon today and was met at the depot by a large crowd. A squad of police were on hand, at her request, to escort her to the hotel.

The crowd, however, was peaceful and quiet and evidently turned out through curiosity, for less than 500 people attended her meeting at the Grand opera house tonight.

After the meeting closed and the crowd had dispersed, Mrs. Nation dissolved her partnership with her and with four of the six women who accompany her will return tonight to Kansas.

He said: "My management of Mrs. Nation ends here. I return to Topeka tonight and four of the six women who accompany me have now closed up and am absolutely free. The women will return to their homes, and Mrs. Nation, I understand, will proceed to Chicago."

Mrs. Nation said: "I am in the hands of the Lord, and will leave for Chicago tomorrow morning at 10:30. I will not smash any saloons here tomorrow, although I will call on four or more places in Iowa or any other state until all the hell holes in my own state, Kansas, are wiped out of existence. Then I will organize a band who will smash all of the saloons in the world. The United States is first, Europe next."

MORE LIQUOR DESTROYED.

Temperance Crusaders Nationalize Town of Holton, Kan.

HOLTON, Kan., Feb. 11.—The crusade against the jointists which was commenced here Saturday was vigorously continued today at a mass meeting held in the Methodist church. A committee was appointed to investigate the report that the place owned by Mrs. Hicks, which was raided Saturday, was open again.

The committee discovered that the report was true and as a result the temperance workers again raided the place and compelled Mrs. Hicks and her

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Unknown Nationalists Raid Railroad Depot at Tekamah, Neb.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Feb. 11.—The railroad depot in this town was raided by unknown persons last night and eighty-five cases of liquor, consigned to farmers and others, valued at \$400, was seized and destroyed. Tekamah is a "dry" town under the local option law.

EXPLOSION OF A FAKE

MRS. MAYBRICK NO NEARER PARDON THAN SHE EVER WAS.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The officials of the home office say there is no foundation whatever in the report that Mrs. Florence Maybrick has been pardoned.

An official of the United States embassy said to a representative of the Associated Press: "It did not need the home office denial to prove the absolute baselessness of the Maybrick story. We would be the first to be notified of any such action, or proposed action, by the British government. Not a single fact has arisen to give the slightest justification to the story or to make the release of Mrs. Maybrick more probable than her execution."

The official denial of the pardoning of Mrs. Maybrick would have been issued earlier but for the red tape rule of the home office which stops all the British government departments requires that press inquiries shall be made in writing and answered through the mails.

The only exception known was made this afternoon for the benefit of the Associated Press. After this was done the officials freely said the Maybrick story was a par with the recent epidemic of "fakes" published in the United States, among them being the statement that King Edward was suffering from cancer, that there was friction between Lord Salisbury and King Edward and that Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood was going to South Africa as a peace commissioner, etc.

The Maybrick report was circulated freely here Sunday and Mr. Choate, the United States minister here, said that this morning that it was untrue. But this evidently had no weight with them, and when it was published nothing more was said.

It was while he was arresting George Munroe who had resisted the attempt to disarm him, that Sergeant Quinlan was shot.

Detective McGrath ran to his assistance, disarmed the negro, and in the midst of a scattering fire, wrapped a handkerchief about the sergeant's wounded leg to stop the flow of blood from a severed artery.

The policemen were on the spot within a few moments and succeeded in quelling the riot and dispersing the 200 negroes who had figured most prominently in the affray.

After order had been restored it was found that the dining car had been stolen. Every judge and clerk had been at the windows or front door, holding the fort. Some one had slipped in the back way and taken the box from behind them. The upshot was that no votes were polled in the Second district of the Fourth ward.

EVERY CAR DERAILED.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 11.—The Chesapeake & Ohio fast passenger train, east bound, was wrecked tonight six miles east of here and four people were slightly injured. Every car was derailed. The baggage car and day coach were thrown down a forty-foot embankment. The mail car ran into a station and was smashed. The dining car was taken from the track, but the occupants of this and the two Pullmans were unhurt.

Lee Massey, of Goldsboro, O.; F. M. Smith, Knoxville, Tenn., had their shoulders dislocated and were otherwise injured. Charles Southwick, the baggage man, of Huntington, W. Va., received a scalp wound. The cause of the accident was an open switch.

MILLION FOR BRIBES.

CHARGES MADE AGAINST NEW ENGLAND GAS AND COKE CO.

BOSTON, Feb. 11.—Representative McPherson, of Framingham, was examined by the house committee on rules today, relative to the allegation he made at a hearing last week, that \$1,000,000 had been set aside on the books of the New England Gas and Coke company for legislative purposes and also that many securities of doubtful nature had been sold to banks in this state.

Mr. McPherson repeated his charges, somewhat modified in details.

Thomas W. Lawson was called upon to substantiate the statement and made a violent attack on Henry M. Whitney, president of the company, for which he was ordered by the chairman of the committee.

"One of the directors," Mr. Lawson said, "told me that the money had been voted and he had been appointed one of a committee to see that I got it."

Mr. Lawson refused to give the name of the director who had given him his information. In answer to further questions Mr. Lawson said the amount involved in the charges before the committee had been laid aside since the investigation of last year.

Pearl Newman Hounded In Mount Sterling, Ky.

PEARL NEWMAN, who killed McCoy McCauley, Perry Peyton, Thomas McIntyre, James Myers and Ben Higginsbottom, who escaped from the Huntington, W. Va., jail late Wednesday, were arrested at Indian Fields, eight miles from here, today. They agreed to return to West Virginia without requisitions.

BLOODY ST. LOUIS RIOT

HUNDRED AND FIFTY REVOLVER SHOTS FIRED BY THE CONTESTANTS

ALMOST EVERY ONE HAD A GUN

TO MAKE UP ANY POSSIBLE DEFICIENCIES SOME PULLED TWO

FIGHT STARTED BY NEGROES

Election Judges, Detectives, Patrolmen and Ward Healers All Took a Hand in It—Only Three Casualties.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 11.—More than 150 shots were fired, a sergeant of police and two negroes were wounded and a ballot box was stolen in the course of a riot about Second district polling place of the Fourth ward at Twelfth and Linden streets early this evening.

Not a ballot was cast there during the riot, which broke out at about 7 o'clock last night. The trouble had been brewing at 7 o'clock in the morning, when it came time to open the polls, the Tinker judges had not yet arrived. Later the Tinker men disagreed with the Wells men as to the advisability of opening the back door of the polling place.

One claimed that the other had a host of heaters in waiting and if the back door was open these men would press in to cause confusion and prevent their opponents from voting.

The other factions were jeering to prevent any voting whatever, because, they said, the ward was overwhelmingly for Noonan. The judges being unable to agree, no voting was done.

That was the situation up to the time of the riot.

FUSILLADE OF SHOTS.

The first shot was fired on Twelfth street just south of Linden. Rumor has it that the first man to draw a revolver was a negro named Arthur Gardner. As soon as the shot rang out the street about the polling place became the scene of a fusillade. Every man drew one or two revolvers.

Judge John J. Ryan ran out from his desk to the street and shot squarely at a negro advancing upon the booth, gun in hand. There was no time to make arrests, but the police, under Sergeant Quinlan, rushed upon the bolder rioters, attempting to disarm them.

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BULLETIN OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY

Weather Forecast for St. Paul: Fair; Warmer.

1—Hamilton Murder Trial. Bloody St. Louis Riot. Topeka High and Dry. Lively Session of House.

2—Committee Fights Nicolai. Prizes for Buttermakers. Annals of Pioneer Days.

3—Tams Bixby as Ajax. Doings of Legislatures. Senatorial Contests May End. News of the Northwest.

4—Editorial Page. The Golden Idol.

5—Sporting News. Cincinnati Fight Case.

6—News of the Railroads. Popular Wants.

7—Markets of the World. Chicago Market. Wheat, 75-1-0. Bar Silver of 1-0-0. Stocks Less Active.

8—Clements Must Do Time. And the Cat Came Back.

WEATHER FOR TODAY.

Minnesota—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; warmer in the north; Tuesday, light northwesterly winds, becoming variable.

Wisconsin—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; fresh northwesterly winds.

Iowa—Fair Tuesday and probably Wednesday; fresh northwesterly winds.

North Dakota—Fair and warmer Tuesday. Wednesday fair; variable winds.

South Dakota—Fair; variable winds. Wednesday; warmer in eastern portion Tuesday; variable winds.

Montana—Fair Tuesday and probably Wednesday; southwesterly winds.

St. Paul—Yesterday's observations taken by the United States weather bureau, St. Paul, P. F. Lyons observer, for the twenty-four hours ended at 7 o'clock last night—Barometer corrected for temperature and elevation: Highest temperature, 16; lowest temperature, 6; average temperature, 11; daily range, 10; barometer, 30.4; humidity, 74; precipitation, 0; p. m., temperature, 12; p. m., weather, clear; wind northwest.

Yesterday's temperatures—

St. Paul—High 20, low 14. Chicago—High 20, low 14. Minneapolis—High 20, low 14. St. Louis—High 20, low 14. Kansas City—High 20, low 14. Omaha—High 20, low 14. Des Moines—High 20, low 14. St. Joseph—High 20, low 14. St. Charles—High 20, low 14. St. Louis, Mo.—High 20, low 14.

Washington time (7 p. m. St. Paul).—Below zero.

OCEAN LINERS.

LIVERPOOL—Arrived: Ivernia, Boston, via Queenstown.

GENOA—Arrived: Hohenzollern, New York.

LA GUAYRA—Arrived: Prinzessin Victoria Luise, New York, via Port au Prince.

GIBRALTAR—Arrived: Augusta Victoria, New York, via Gibraltar, Genoa, Naples and Genoa and proceeded to Baltimore, from Genoa and Naples, New York.

CHESTERBOURNE—Sailed: Vanderland (from Southampton), New York.

AROUND THE HOTELS.

At the Merchants—J. H. Keop, Brainard; J. A. Kennedy, Little Falls; A. D. Kennedy, J. R. Howard, Duluth; C. E. Stevens, Crookston; J. A. Dinnis, Collins and wife, Grand Forks; W. Stone and wife, Benson; George D. Brooks, Marshalltown, Ia.; F. Gersberg, La Crosse; A. L. Cramb, St. Cloud; F. M. Malone, Miles City, Mont.; B. L. Hancock, Milwaukee; G. O. Gier, Madison; J. W. Sargent, Duluth; M. V. Larson, Northwood, N. D.; T. Dale, John E. Paulson, Hillsboro, N. D.; K. E. Leighton, Minot, N. D.; G. Lindstrom, Davenport; A. Hebebrand, Winnetonka; Mrs. A. G. Anderson, Mrs. L. Speck, Springfield, C. O.; Mrs. St. Cloud; A. N. Anderson, Kasson; E. W. Coughran, Sioux Falls; Warren Smith and wife, Elk River; C. W. G. Gier, Des Moines, Des Moines, Ia.; J. La Villa, Bryant; W. H. Clark, Ripon.