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PRICE TWO CENTS.

QUIZ THAW PRIVATELY

Lunacy Commission Will
Work Behind Closed
Doors.

FIRST SESSION OPENS

Ex-Justice O'Brien Quits In-
quisitorial Body and Law-
yer Succeeds Him.

New York, March 28.—The Thaw lunacy commission went into open session at 2 this afternoon in Justice Fitzgerald's court room. Thaw appeared before the commission immediately, taking a seat inside the clerk's rail.

Suggests Private Quiz.
Thaw's counsel suggested if a personal examination of the defendant was deemed necessary, it should be held in private.

Chairman McClure announced Thaw's mental and physical examination would be private.

No Elaborate Examination.
Chairman McClure said he did not think an elaborate physical examination would be deemed necessary. The commission's observation of the defendant and his mental examination was thought to be sufficient.

The commission went into executive session to examine Thaw. The court room was cleared of every one except the commission, the defendant, Jerome, and the defendant's counsel.

Cannot Serve on Board.
New York, March 28.—Former Supreme Court Justice Morgan J. O'Brien decided that he could not serve on the Thaw lunacy commission and in his place Justice Fitzgerald appointed David McClure, attorney, a former member of McAdoo's advisory committee of citizens.

The announcement of Mr. O'Brien's resignation came suddenly after the jury which has been trying Harry K. Thaw for more than two months past was excused until next Monday, and the members of the lunacy commission named by Justice Fitzgerald had been sworn in.

CALL NEW PASTOR

Rev. G. A. Elliott of Austin, Ill.,
Asked to Succeed Rev. C.
E. Hoffsten Here

AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Is a Graduate of Augustana College
and Seminary—Central Presby-
terian Committees Organize.

At a meeting of the members of the congregation of Grace Lutheran church last evening a call was extended to Rev. G. A. Elliott of Austin, Ill., to succeed Rev. C. E. Hoffsten, who has resigned to accept a call to Harlem, N. Y. Rev. Elliott is now pastor of the Messiah Lutheran church of Austin. He is a graduate of Augustana college in the class of 1895 and of the seminary in the class of 1902. He is well known in the city and the members of the congregation hope for a favorable reply.

Plans for Building.
The building committee of the Central Presbyterian church held a meeting at the church last evening to formulate and inspect plans for the new church to be erected at the corner of Fourteenth street and Tenth avenue this spring. This was the first joint meeting of the executive and advisory committees and they organized with H. A. J. McDonald as chairman and Dr. R. M. Pearce as secretary-treasurer. The members of the executive committee are: H. A. J. McDonald, Rev. Martin Humphreys, John Volk, W. A. Lohr, and Dr. R. M. Pearce, and of the advisory committee: Mrs. H. C. Connelly, Mrs. O. Leonard, J. H. Little, Paul Brandenburg, F. O. Gregory, S. T. Bowlby, J. G. Hazard, and Miss Anna Montgomery.

MAKE LAWS DIRECT IN STATE OF MAINE

Augusta, Me., March 28.—The provision for legislation through initiative by petition and optional referendum stands at the head of the list of important bills passed at the biennial session of the Maine legislature, which closed today.

ONE-SIXTH PAID IN But Small Portion of Rock Is- land's Taxes so Far Collected.

NO FUNDS TO SETTLE APRIL 1
Delinquent List Generally Small in Other
Townships of the
County.

The work of collecting taxes for this city is progressing slowly at the office of County Treasurer Cox, though the force is kept busy early and late taking in money. The failure of the township collector to act and the loss of time in connection therewith, as is generally known, resulted in a delay of several weeks in starting. So every chance is being given the people and the closing of the lists will be put off till the last possible hour. However, in about ten days the making up of the advertising lists of lots must be begun, and after that time the sum of 16 cents must be added to the tax on each lot. No further penalties will be imposed till June.

It is estimated that not over one-sixth of the taxes for Rock Island have been collected, and as a result the city will be embarrassed in making the annual settlement with the banks April 1.

Other Collectors Report.

Outside of Rock Island the delinquent list is smaller than for some years, most of the collectors having turned in their books. Following is the showing made by those who have settled:

Cordova — J. M. Cooper, collector. Total tax, \$6,118.25; delinquent, \$542.24; amount collected, \$5,575.91; collector's commission, \$111.52; balance due, \$5,464.39.

Canoa Creek—John Woodburn, collector. Total tax, \$3,988.63; delinquent, \$122.84; total amount collected, \$3,865.79; collector's commission, \$77.31; balance due, \$3,788.48.

Zuma—J. E. Wainwright, collector. Total tax, \$5,392.97; delinquent, \$71.61; amount collected, \$5,321.36; collector's commission, \$106.11; balance due, \$5,215.25.

Edgington—H. W. Titterton, collector. Total tax, \$11,947.07; delinquent, \$736.82; amount collected, \$11,210.25; collector's commission, \$224.08; balance due, \$10,986.16.

Pott Byron — Thomas B. Mikesell, collector. Total tax, \$6,215.91; delinquent, \$32.60; amount collected, \$6,183.31; collector's commission, \$124.25; balance due, \$6,059.06.

Rural—W. E. Long, collector. Total tax, \$8,562.99; delinquent, \$233.23; amount collected, \$8,329.76; collector's commission, \$166.59; balance due, \$8,163.17.

Andalusia — N. P. Phillip, collector. Total tax, \$3,489.99; delinquent, \$632.59; amount collected, \$2,857.40; collector's commission, \$58.32; balance due, \$2,799.08.

Coal Valley—A. L. Blaser, collector. Total tax, \$4,829.18; delinquent, \$208.14; amount collected, \$4,621.04; collector's commission, \$92.40; balance due, \$4,528.64.

Drury—R. J. Ricketts, collector. Total tax, \$7,229.79; delinquent, \$287.93; amount collected, \$6,941.86; collector's commission, \$135.96; balance due, \$6,805.90.

Coe — Henry S. Jackson, collector. Total tax, \$9,564.05; delinquent, \$101.60; amount collected, \$9,462.45; collector's commission, \$189.25; balance due, \$9,273.20.

Urges Bringing Receipts.

County Treasurer Cox again urges those who call to pay their taxes to bring their last year's receipts, as in this manner they can materially facilitate the location of their names and property in the books.

The assessors from all over the county will meet tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 at the office of Mr. Cox for their annual conference before starting upon their work.

GOV. HANLY SERIOUSLY ILL

Suffers Nervous Breakdown as Result
of Worry Over Work.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 28.—Governor Hanly is seriously ill at his home in this city, which he reached yesterday from the east, where he had gone for rest. His physician says he is suffering from nervous breakdown and that he may be confined to his home for several days. The governor's condition is due to worry over legislation which he recommended, but which the legislature refused to enact. Ten days ago he went east, but when he started to return Monday night he was so ill that he had to leave the train at Pittsburg.

MONTANA PRESS STRIKE OVER

Newspapers of Butte and Anaconda
Resume Publication.

Butte, Mont., March 28.—Having adjusted all differences with the labor unions, the newspapers of Butte and Anaconda resumed publication at once. The Inter-Mountain and the Evening News will appear this afternoon and the Butte Miner and Anaconda Standard tomorrow morning. Three-year contracts have been signed by the committees of typographical union, the pressmen, stereotypers, and mailers' unions.

ROAD WINS IN BIG CASE

Great Northern's Right
to Issue Stock Sus-
tained

BY HIGH STATE COURT

Minnesota Law for Regulation
of Capitalization of Corpor-
ations Knocked Out.

St. Paul, Minn., March 28.—The state supreme court today upheld the Great Northern railroad in its contention that it had the right to issue \$6,000,000 of stock authorized by the board of directors some months ago which was enjoined by the attorney general who claimed the railroad should first come before the state railroad and warehouse commission and submit to examination to show the necessity and purpose of the issue.

Upheld in Lower Court.
The contention was upheld in the county and district court. The supreme court today reverses the decision.

Bill Expected Outcome.

New York, March 28.—"The decision of the court was no more than we expected," said J. J. Hill, when informed that the supreme court had upheld the Great Northern stock issues. "For 15 years we have been doing the same thing with never any serious opposition from the authorities of that state."

Time Given for Payments.

Four deferred payments or installments on the new Great Northern stock will amount to \$21,000,000 by April 9 next. As the payment of so large a sum at this time might create some disturbance, it is believed the stockholders who may find it inconvenient to pay the full installment, will be granted an extension of time.

WASHES FEET OF FIVE AGED MEN

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria
Performs Usual Maundy Thurs-
day Ceremony.

Vienna, March 28.—Emperor Francis Joseph today performed the usual Maundy Thursday foot washing ceremony before a gathering of archbishops, diplomats, and state officials. Before washing the feet of five aged men the emperor, assisted by the archbishops, personally served them with a repast of several courses. The ceremony concluded with the bestowal of silk purses, containing 30 silver pieces, which the emperor hung around the neck of each of the old men.

GIVES UP ATTEMPT TO OPERATE STREET CARS

Company Owning System at Birming-
ham, Ala., Powerless Before
Strikers.

Montgomery, Ala., March 28.—The Montgomery Traction company gave up the efforts to operate the street cars last night, and street car traffic is at a standstill. Of the 150 men employed as motormen and conductors only seven of them remained with the company, the rest going out on a strike.

Jamestown Press Agent Fired.

Norfolk, Va., March 28.—A. F. Sutton, chief of the bureau of exploitation of the Jamestown Exposition company, tendered his resignation yesterday at the request of the board of governors upon charges filed by a tourists' bureau. Mr. Sutton came here from the Portland exposition.

MUCH BITTERNESS IS DISPLAYED IN CHICAGO MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN

Chicago, March 28.—The mayoralty campaign now on in this city has become one of the most intense political contests Chicago has seen in years. Both the adherents of Mayor Dunne, who is seeking reelection, and Frederick A. Busse, the republican candidate, have allowed themselves in their enthusiasm to indulge in bitter personalities. Charges and counter charges are made with great energy on both sides. The proposition to give better street car facilities throughout the city is the main issue of the campaign. Both republicans and democrats agreed this is eminently desirable, but

A BIG FIRM FAILS

Corbin Banking Company of
New York Forced to
Assign.

ASSETS HELD SUFFICIENT

Unable to Dispose of Large Land Hold-
ings in Time to Pay Off Ob-
ligations.

New York, March 28.—The Corbin Banking company today assigned for the benefit of creditors to George C. Austin. Two members of the company are George S. Edgell and Austin Corbin. Edgell is president and Corbin vice president of the Manhattan Beach Hotel and Land company.

Has Million to Spare.

In a statement given out by the Corbin company it is said the assets exceed the liabilities by over a million.

The principal assets consist of valuable real estate, which could not be sold in time to meet maturing obligations. The creditors will undoubtedly be paid in full.

Austin said a rough estimate placed the liabilities at \$1,700,000, and assets at \$2,800,000.

PROBE BY STATE

Highwood Saloons Near For-
Sheridan to be Given
an Airing.

HOUSE ADOPTS RESOLUTION

Senate on Record for Election of Uni-
ted States Senators by Direct
Vote of People.

Springfield, Ill., March 28.—The house of representatives today passed a resolution providing for the investigation of saloons in the suburbs of Highwood, near the city of Chicago, adjoining the military post at Fort Sheridan. Of late years much complaint has been excited by the number and alleged character of saloons at Highwood, and numerous protests have been received by the state of Illinois from the authorities at Washington, it being claimed by the secretary of war the resorts were demoralizing to soldiers at the fort. The step taken today was the first taken in response to the appeals for action made by the war department.

Favors Direct Legislation.

Springfield, Ill., March 28.—The senate yesterday put itself on record in favor of the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people by passing Senator Clyde Jones' joint resolution memorializing congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of changing the constitution so that senators shall be elected directly by the people. The vote was 25 to 3. Senators Chaffee, Galpin and Stubbfield, republicans, voting nay.

Road Bonds Bill Passed.

Among the bills passed by the senate was one by Senator Barr providing for the issuance of bonds by towns or districts for the building and maintaining of rock, gravel, macadam or other hard roads, when such issue is authorized by a vote of a majority of the voters at a special election called for that purpose.

The senate also passed house bill 285, Mr. Gibbons' bill, providing for the annexation for township high school purposes of any school township or part of such township, not having an established high school, to any adjacent township having an established township high school by vote of a majority of the voters of the portion to be annexed and the township having the township high school at a special election held for that purpose.

Permit Paris-Pekin Auto Run.

Paris, March 28.—The Chinese authorities have authorized the automobile run organized by the Matin to Pekin from Paris. The start will be made on June 10.

ANARCHY IS UNCHECKED

Reports From Balkans
Grow More and More
Alarming.

HUNDREDS ARE KILLED

Roumanian Soldiers Make Lit-
tle Headway Against
Peasants.

Vienna, March 28.—Roumania seems to be steeped in anarchy against which the royal troops are able to make little headway. Battles between peasants and troops are reported in a score of places, and the dead are now numbered by hundreds.

A mob of peasants forced their way into the harbor quarter at Braila and tried to burn the immense granaries and locks there. The troops opposed them for several hours and there was severe fighting in the streets. Ultimately the attacking force withdrew, leaving several hundred killed.

Three Hundred Dead.

Three hundred persons have been killed in an encounter between peasants and the military at Stareskie, and there have been two bloody battles at Mastanestir, in one of which Lieutenant Jonhosen lost his life. The peasants tore the body of the lieutenant to pieces and danced around the bloody remnants to wild music.

Similar atrocities are reported from the districts of Dimbrovitza and Dolj, where numerous villages and farms have been burned down.

King's Estate Attacked.

Grave disorders are reported to have broken out on the estates of King Charles at Poiana, and troops have been sent to the royal domains. It is rumored that large numbers of peasant rioters have been killed in conflicts near Papiulesca, and it appears that a large number of rioters, on trying to enter the town of Galatz, were repulsed by soldiers near the village of Losavani with a loss of 20 men killed. Thousands of fleeing Jews have been intercepted by rioters, who stripped them of their clothing, robbed and beat them, and drove them into the country naked.

KEEP DISSIPATION OUT OF THE SCHOOLS

Escanaba Mich., Board Refuses to Ed-
ucate Youth Who Uses To-
bacco or Liquor.

Gladstone, Mich., March 28.—Young men addicted to the use of tobacco or intoxicating liquors or who frequent pool rooms or saloons, have been barred from the privilege of obtaining an education in the Escanaba schools. The action by the school board came as a result of complaints that the standard of scholarship was being impaired.

BAR NEGROES FROM ARMY

No More Colored Recruits Will Be Ac-
cepted by Officers.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Announcement has been made that no more negroes will be accepted for service in the army. The reason is because the existing military organization authorized by congress has now been filled up to its maximum strength, including the battalion of the 25th infantry, the members of which were dismissed without honor as the result of the Brownsville affair.

DECIDE ELECTION BY LOTS

Candidates for Mayor of Creston, Iowa,
Allow Chance to Break Tie.

Creston, Iowa, March 28.—Willis M. Brooks, the republican candidate, and Thomas L. Maxwell, the democratic candidate, who received a tie vote of 643 for the office of mayor of Creston, drew lots for the office, Mr. Brooks winning. It is probable that another election will be necessary in the fifth ward, where five more ballots were cast than there were names of voters.

King Alfonso a Consumptive?

Paris, March 28.—A dispatch from Rome to the Journal says news has reached the quinal to the effect that King Alfonso of Spain is suffering from tuberculosis and that the Spanish court is extremely uneasy regarding his condition.

Concludes Herrmann Trial.

Washington, March 28.—The government concluded its case in the trial of Binger Herrmann, charged with destroying public records today, and the trial was adjourned until Monday.

VISIT PRESIDENT

Committee of Illinois Manufac-
turers Lay Situation Be-
fore Roosevelt.

AFFECTS THEIR BUSINESS

Invite Chief Executive to Address
Meeting at Springfield in the
Near Future.

Washington, March 28.—President Roosevelt was told yesterday by a committee representing the Illinois Manufacturers' association that the "doubt" which exists as to his railroad policy menaces the prosperity of the country.

The delegation consisted of C. H. Smith of Aurora, president of the organization; Levy Mayor of Chicago, general counsel; John E. Wilder of Chicago, W. B. Brinton of Dixon, Ill., Charles A. Plamondon of Chicago, and John M. Glenn, secretary of the association.

Issue a Statement.

This is the statement which they issued: "By appointment with the president, a committee of six, representing the Illinois Manufacturers' association met the president at the White house at 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon, and extended to him an urgent invitation to address, at Springfield, Ill., at the earliest possible date, a convention of the manufacturing and mercantile interests of Illinois and of the middle west. The conference lasted over an hour, during which there was the fullest and freest discussion of the railroad situation of the country.

Endorsed His Work.

"The committee stated to the president that it fully appreciated and endorsed the great work which he has done and was doing in behalf of the people of the whole country in demanding fair dealing of the railroads in their relations with the shipping interests and in reconstructing unfair and one-sided conditions that had so long prevailed.

"The committee submitted to the president that the present disturbed railroad and financial condition was creating a feeling of timidity and apprehension to such an extent that it threatened an immediate curtailment of banking and business credit, which had heretofore been extended to the business interests of the country at a time when the greatest possible demand for a further extension of credit prevailed for the development of the increasing demands of the manufacturing and mercantile industries of the country.

Have Expanded Business.

"It was shown to the president that the manufacturers, in the enjoyment of their unprecedented credit, had largely extended their business in the making of purchases necessary to fill orders which require many months for their completion; that the manufacturing and mercantile interests were apprehensive that a feeling of distrust was getting a foothold which would lead to financial curtailment, and to such restriction of credit as to threaten dangerous results to the great prosperity that now existed in all avenues of industry.

Ask Roosevelt to Help.

"It was urged upon the president that great good would come to all interests alike if he would signify his willingness to express in a public address, as soon as possible, the keynote of his creative and constructive policy. The president was informed by the committee that, though the country's prosperity was great, it would soon become seriously impaired by the creation of an uneasiness on the part of banks and investors, and would lead to such distrust as to prevent a supply of the necessary moneys to satisfy existing wants, as well as to meet the unparalleled development of the manufacturing and transportation interests of the country. The president inquired carefully into prevailing mercantile conditions, and expressed himself as most anxious and determined to do all in his power to protect, preserve, and encourage all legitimate interests of every kind.

May Come to Springfield.

"At the close of the conference the president thanked the committee for its frank statement of existing conditions as they appeared to the committee, and promised that within a few days he would determine whether his present engagements would permit him to accept the committee's invitation, which he expressed himself as anxious to do if he possibly could."

RESOLUTIONS ARE ADOPTED

Republican County Committee Acts on
Death of Judge Parmenter.

The republican county committee is in session this afternoon at the court house, discussing the campaign for the special election to be held in connection with the township elections next Tuesday. At this afternoon's session resolutions mourning the death of the late Judge E. E. Parmenter and commending to his successor the many manifold qualities he displayed in the discharge of his judicial duties, were adopted. The resolutions were reported by the committee appointed at the last session of the committee.

BREACH IS NO SMALLER

Railway Trainmen and
Managers Far Apart
as Ever.

PREPARE FOR STRIKE

Men Decide to Reject Proposal
to Arbitrate Under Erd-
man Act.

Chicago, March 28.—Representatives of the trainmen and conductors decided today they will ignore the proposition to arbitration under the Erdman act, and voted to persist in their preparations for a strike. They declare a walkout is imminent unless the managers make some further concessions.

Conference Futile.

Chicago, March 28.—The 45,000 trainmen of the western railroads seem nearer to strike than at any time since the negotiations were begun two months ago with the general managers for an increase in wages and a shorter work day. The conference yesterday between the representatives of the men and the railroad officials lasted four hours, but was a failure so far as bringing about a solution of the trouble. The railroads offered the men increases of 7 per cent to passenger conductors and 10 per cent to the minor employees. The latter include brakemen, firemen, baggage men, and all other workers.

Demand 12½ Per Cent.

The men have demanded an increase of 12½ per cent and a nine hour work day and when the railroad officials declared their offer was the best that could be made the conference came to an end as the men by a referendum vote taken last week had decided not to accept anything but what their demands called for.

CAPTAIN STAHL OF BOSTON KILLS SELF

Man Who Recently Resigned the Man-
agement of Ball Team Swal-
lows Acid.

West Baden, Ind., March 28.—Charles S. ("Chick") Stahl committed suicide today in a room at the West Baden Springs hotel by swallowing four ounces of carbolic acid. No cause is known. Stahl was captain of the Boston American league baseball team.

SUFFRAGISTS LOSE FIGHT

English Women Fail to Defeat Objec-
tionable Candidate for Parliament.

London, March 28.—R. D. Holt, a liberal, was elected yesterday to represent Hexham division, Northumberland in parliament by a majority of 1,157 over Colonel Bates, the unionist candidate. The vacancy was caused by the elevation of Beaumont, liberal, to the peerage. The campaign was fought with great vigor and marked by wild scenes of disorder. Woman suffragists were extremely active in opposition to Holt.

HUGHITT SEES PRESIDENT

Visit to Washington Probably Merely
to Discuss Weather.

Washington, March 28.—Marvin A. Hughitt, president of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, was among the president's guests at luncheon today. It was said at the White house Hughitt's visit to Washington was not for the purpose of discussing the railroad situation with the president.

Mrs. McDonald Indicted.

Chicago, March 28.—An indictment charging Mrs. Michael McDonald with the murder of Webster S. Guerin, was returned today by the grand jury.

Reappoint Governor Carter?

Honolulu, March 28.—It is stated here President Roosevelt has offered to appoint Governor Carter for a second term. The governor is considering the matter.

FOR A NEW COUNT

Legislature Decides to Probe
New York City's Mayoral
Election.

Albany, N. Y., March 28.—The bill for the recount of the votes cast in the election for mayor of New York city in November, 1906, passed the assembly today.