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LEGISLATORS IN LIMBO

Santa Fe, N. M., March 19.—Not in thirty years has the capital city been so wrought up as it is today because of the arrest last night of four members of the house of the representatives of the first state legislatures, who are charged with having sold their votes for United States senator for money.

The men under arrest are Julian Trujillo, J. P. Lucero, of Rio Arriba county; Luis L. Montoya and Manuel Cordova, of Taos county. The arrests were made by A. A. Sena, of the mounted police upon the order of Venecio Jaramillo, chairman, and the members of the Republican executive committee of the state.

The legislators last night signed resignations as members of the house, but this morning they stated that they had signed them at the point of a pistol and they signed a paper withdrawing the resignations, charging coercion and demanding a full and complete investigation at the hands of the house.

R. L. Baca, speaker of the house, this morning openly denounced the affair as a plot and a trap, and told the imprisoned men that he intended to see a complete investigation of the affair. Chairman Jaramillo and Jose D. Sena, member of the executive committee from the first district, who personally conducted the arrests, declared that the evidence was absolute and that the men could not clear themselves of the charges.

A peculiar feature of the affair is that the four men arrested are Spanish Americans and that the arrest was brought about by Spanish American members of the Republican state committee. "The race question," said Chairman Jaramillo "cannot enter into this matter. The Republican state committee will join hands with the officers of the law in putting down corruption in connection with the election of senators, regardless of who may suffer."

The arrest was a highly sensational one and had all the settings of a real yellow-back novel. The four legislators were taken to a room in the Palace hotel by Elfego Baca of Albuquerque. A short time prior, Mounted Policeman A. A. Sena, Chairman Jaramillo, and Jose D. Sena secreted themselves in the bath

The Estancia Lumber Co. has bought the lumber remaining in the yards of the English Manufacturing Co.

FOR SALE.—Full blood White Leghorn rooster.—Mrs. Ewing.

room which opened into room 44, where the affair took place. As the last man was handed his money by Elfego Baca, as was pre-arranged by the state committee, Mr. Baca clapped his hands together, Officer Sena threw open the door to the bath room and, followed by Mr. Jaramillo and Mr. Sena sprang into the room and informed the men they were under arrest.

In telling of the bribing, Mr. Elfego Baca said:

"On the sixteenth day of March, about 11 o'clock in the morning, four men came to the Palace hotel and asked me if they could see one of the candidates (supposed to be Judge A. B. Fall). I introduced them to a candidate for senator, whose name I will not mention at this time, because he was not closely identified with what followed. After meeting him, the four men, who proved to be the legislators just arrested, asked if they could have a talk with him. The candidate, myself and the four legislators went upstairs to a room in the Palace hotel. The senatorial candidate said to them: 'I am a candidate for United States senator, which I presume you already know. I naturally want all the support I can honorably secure, and if you feel that you would like to help me I assure you it will be appreciated. I suppose you want to vote for a native, also. I have no objection clean-cut Spanish-American as one of the candidates. Before you make any promises, however I would advise you to consider the matter thoroughly, discuss it with your Spanish-American friends who else you desire to vote for and that you come and see me again.'"

'Trujillo then said: 'I speak for myself—I do not know about these other men but I am willing to help him who helps me.'"

Continuing, Mr. Baca said: "The other three men there joined in, each of them making a similar statement to that of Trujillo. After advising them that they had better hold another Spanish-American caucus and discuss among themselves the man they wanted for senator, the candidate excused himself and left the room, leaving them with me. They then told me that if I would give them five hundred each they would vote for my candidate on the first ballot. One of them said that they could do better than that and they finally decided that they would vote twice for that sum. Finally they said that if I would give them \$5,000 to be divided among the four of them, they would stay with my candidate to the end of the race, or, if he should withdraw, they would support anyone I might name. I told them I could not get the money, but that I would try to arrange to get it next day, and that I would see them later.

"I reported the matter to Mr. Jaramillo, the state chairman, who called a meeting of the ex-

KILLING AT MOUNTAINAIR

Yesterday morning about seven o'clock there was a fight between three Mexican section hands at Mountainair, in which one lost his life.

As near as we can learn, the men had not been drinking and the fight was the result of an old grudge which came to hostilities at that particular time.

It was two men named Lallipondo, father and son, against Semaron Lopez, all said to be natives of Old Mexico.

Lopez was stabbed six times—four times in the back, once in the wrist and once in the abdomen. He died this morning at two o'clock.

Sheriff Meyer went to the scene yesterday and is now on his way to Estancia with the elder Lillipondo. The younger man escaped, and deputies are now looking for him in the neighborhood of Abo.

VOTE ON SENATOR

The first vote on senator taken in each house separately yesterday probably does not indicate the real strength of the candidates.

The total vote for each candidate was as follows:

Martinez 23; Jones 22; Mills 21; Fall 15; Andrews 12; Catron 11; Baca 6; Larrazolo 6; Hagerman and Prichard 4 each; Jaffa 3; Jaramillo, Murray and Burns 2 each; and several "favorite sons" one each.

Executive committee to consider what should be done. On Sunday the men again came, to me, but I told them that as the banks were closed I could not get the money. I asked them also if they knew the consequences of what they were attempting to do and if they realized how serious a matter it would be if they were caught. They replied that they were not afraid.

"Monday they again approached me, stopping me once on the street and coming to the hotel Monday night to see me again. I took them to room 44 in the Palace hotel, which had been selected for the purpose. Acting under instructions of Chairman Jaramillo, I gave each man \$500, promising the balance next day. In return they promised to vote for — on the first ballot tomorrow."

"As I paid the last man the bribe money I struck my hands together and the officers, who had been in the bath-room adjoining, rushed into the room, and arrested the men."

HERE IS GOOD WORK

The republican state central committee has held several meetings with the executive committee of the progressives within the last few days and they have finally come to this agreement: A primary bill is to be drafted by the state committee and presented to the executive committee for endorsement. If not satisfactory it will be amended, and when agreed upon by both committees, it is to be submitted to the legislature. If passed, then both parties will abide by the result of the election under it, and work in harmony. The leaders among the progressives in all the negotiations has been Representative M. C. De Baca. The main object of the progressives is to secure a primary law, and the regular republican organization readily assented to it, recognizing it as one of the demands of the people at this time, and being ready to accede to the demand.

WILSON MEN CLAIM VICTORY

Washington, March 16.—The first definite estimate of the strength of Governor Woodrow Wilson in the national democratic convention, given out by the Wilson headquarters in Washington today, claims 800 delegates for the New Jersey executive on the first ballot at Baltimore. The national convention will contain 1,094 delegates and under the two-thirds rule 730 will be necessary for a nomination. The statement by the Wilson managers predicts the choice of a solid delegation of 76 from Pennsylvania in the primaries in that state on April 13.

THEY ARE YOURS SEND FOR THEM

The Bureau of Immigration at Albuquerque, is in receipt of several hundred packages of garden seeds supplied by the U. S. Agricultural Department and sent to the Bureau by the Members of Congress from New Mexico, for distribution among the farmers and others desiring to raise garden truck. Upon application, either in person or by letter the Bureau will be glad to furnish each applicant with a supply of the seeds. The packages consist of beets, lettuce, parsnip, radish, watermelon and other seeds and full directions are given for planting.

At the end of the growing season the Bureau desires to get a report from those planting the seeds, of the results obtained, same to be used in advertising and statistical work. If the result is favorable this year an effort will be made to procure a better assortment for distribution in 1913.

PRISONERS ARE DEFIANT

Santa Fe, March 19.—The trap set by the Republican state central committee last night in which four members of the house were arrested charged with accepting bribes to vote for certain senatorial candidates, today was declared by the accused men to have been set by themselves to catch the "higher ups."

After a night in jail the accused men assumed a defiant attitude today. Their resignations, prepared last night, were presented to the house by State Chairman V. Jaramillo. A communication from the prisoners, also presented to the house, asserted that their resignations had been secured through coercion, and they would withdraw them and demand a thorough investigation.

Subsequently the house adopted a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee of 15 to investigate the alleged bribery charges.

Lucia

Oscar Lorick, of Arizona, is spending several days in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. McCandless of Texas, are visiting Mrs. McCandless' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

John McGillivray is having his house remodeled. W. Tom Brown of Dunmoor is doing the work.

Miss Lillie Maloney was shopping in Willard Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hudson drove to Negra Sunday.

Cecil Wilson is quite sick at his home south of Lucia.

J. A. Robertson and Clyde Brown are loading sand cars this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Heal very pleasantly entertained the young people of the neighborhood Saturday evening.

Monday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock, Mrs. E. L. Moulton, assisted by Mrs. John McGillivray delightfully entertained the Bachelor Girls at her home. At 2:30 o'clock a dainty luncheon was served. The decorations and amusements were in keeping with the spirit of the patron saint of Ireland. Those present were Lillie Maloney, Fern Rhamy, Myrtle and Elizabeth Hubbard.

COMMITTEES ON EASTER EXERCISES

The M. E. Sunday school last Sunday elected committees to arrange for Easter exercises as follows:

Programme
Carrie Menkemeyer,
Mrs. B.F. Summers,
Mrs. Cowgill.

Music
Mrs. Lasater,
Mrs. Senter,
Shirley Constant.

Decorations
Carrie Menkemeyer,
Shirley Constant,
Mrs. Senter