

THE LILLEY CHARGES DISMISSED
Judges Declare that the Corrupt Practices Act is Unconstitutional.

MR. FOX DECIDES NOT TO APPEAL

He Expressed Great Surprise at One Point in the Finding—Judges Bennett and Robinson Decide that the Guaranteed Constitutional Right to Trial by Jury is Inviolable—The Election Court Invalid.

New Haven, Jan. 3.—The Fox-Lilley case was decided by Judges Robinson and Bennett Saturday. Demurrer of counsel for Mr. Fox was overruled and the plea of abatement made by Mr. Lilley's counsel was sustained, and the corrupt practices act declared to be unconstitutional.

Right to Trial by Jury. The judges held that the right of trial by jury under the state constitution is inviolable; therefore the act cannot clothe anybody with power to take away, through a finding, rights guaranteed by the constitution.

Decide Not to Appeal—Statement Given Out After Conference. After a conference between George L. Fox and his counsel, Matthew A. Reynolds of New Haven and Henry W. Jessup of New York, the following statement was given out for publication:

Mr. Fox, in behalf of a number of persons interested in the enactment of the corrupt practices act, had hereafter, and properly so, to see that it be enforced, presented a petition charging the act with being unconstitutional.

On Thursday last, after receiving a copy of the memorandum of Mr. Fox's counsel, Messrs. Purcell and Judson also filed a memorandum in reply.

HER CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE. Meriden Woman Fatally Burned While Standing Near a Furnace.

Meriden, Conn., Jan. 3.—A tragedy unfolded in its details occurred here Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Walter Scott, a woman of 45, was fatally burned while standing near a small boiler in her yard and died at 10.30 in the evening after much suffering.

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Cabled Paragraphs.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The French public subscription for the relief fund tonight total \$23,400. The Prince of Monaco contributed \$2,000.

Lisbon, Jan. 3.—The Portuguese cruiser Vasco De Gama left here today for Messina. The theaters of this city are organizing benefit performances in aid of the victims of the earthquake.

Paris, Jan. 3.—President Fallieres has received the following telegram from King Victor Emmanuel, dated at Messina, Jan. 3: "I have just received with great interest the news of the earthquake which has afflicted your country and myself are filled for France's generous aid in our immense misfortune."

Calcutta, Jan. 3.—The prohibition by the police to deterrence Hindu feelings of Mohammedan sacrifice of cows, led today to serious riots at Tittighur, just outside Calcutta. Troops were summoned from Barrackpore to quell the trouble and were compelled to fire upon the rioters, several of whom were killed and sixty seriously injured. Two hundred arrests were made.

Suez, Jan. 3.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet finished two days ahead of its scheduled time the next day, the longest run in world-graduating cruise by arriving here this morning from Colombo.

An Enthusiastic Welcome. The array of battleships was an impressive sight. The weather was splendid and a bag was tossed with laurels and a rousing cheer, the occupants of which enthusiastically welcomed the ships, which despite their long trip looked as smart and trim as though they had turned out for a naval review. All the vessels were in first rate fighting condition.

Authorities Board the Flagship. When the fleet had come to anchor the representative officers went aboard the flagship and welcomed Rear Admiral Sperry, who expressed himself as well satisfied with the results of the cruise from Colombo. He regretted that he was compelled to curtail his stay in Egypt, but hoped that the fleet would be given him a visit Cairo. The admiral spoke of the Australian visit of the fleet as the special feature of the trip.

Excursion to Cairo. A contingent of five hundred officers and men left by special train for Cairo at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The converted cruiser Yankton entered the canal at 2 o'clock and will probably pass in tonight. The former post office ship Cilgona probably will pass in 2 o'clock. The former post office ship Cilgona probably will pass in 2 o'clock.

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Harrowing Incidents of the Great Italian Earthquake Continue to Reach Naples

CABLEGRAM FROM CONSUL BISHOP Received Sunday by the State Department—Death of Consul Cheney and Wife Confirmed—U. S. Congress to Vote \$500,000 to the Relief Fund—Violent Earthquake Sunday on Stromboli Island.

Rome, Jan. 3.—A violent earth quake striking north, southwest and east during which the Stromboli volcano began eruption, occurred on Stromboli island today. The phenomenon was accompanied by prolonged dull rumblings.

The houses on the island were badly damaged and the population fled to the streets in panic, but no one was injured. The weather is intensely cold on Stromboli Island.

The American ambassador, Lloyd G. Griscom, has appointed a committee of Americans to which will be entrusted the work of utilizing the money received from the United States to the best advantage for the sufferers.

Both at Messina and Reggio the guards are having difficulty in protecting the survivors and the vast treasures in the ruined buildings from the hands of thieves that are swarming everywhere. It is reported that six Russian sailors have been shot by looters at Messina and that sixteen criminals have been killed at the same place within the last twenty-four hours. Six hundred persons engaged in pillaging have been arrested since yesterday. In an engagement at Reggio between the police and bandits two of the police were killed.

SAFE IN TAORMINA. Malta, Jan. 2.—A wireless dispatch received here from Messina says that Walter Kennedy and Charles Williams, Americans, who it was believed had perished in the catastrophe at Messina, are safe in Taormina.

REMARKABLE SCENE ON NEW YORK EAST SIDE During Taking of a Collection for the Earthquake Sufferers.

New York, Jan. 3.—One of the most remarkable demonstrations of its kind ever seen on the East Side occurred today when the Progress, an Italian newspaper, took up a collection for the earthquake sufferers. As a dozen celebrities and one automobile containing prominent members of the Italian colony passed through the streets men

UNOFFICIAL REPORT. Property Damage Estimated at One Billion Dollars.

London, Jan. 3.—No official report on the loss of life and property in the Italian earthquake has been made, but estimates still have the dead as high as 250,000, while an estimate of property damage is carried to \$1,000,000,000.

CONSUL BISHOP AT PALERMO. Confirms Information of Death of Consul Cheney and Wife.

Washington, Jan. 3.—In response to a suggestion of the Italian Red Cross society that a vessel be loaded at

After Several Desperate Attempts to kill herself, Mrs. Anna Musser, 24 years old, of Williamsburg, was taken to the Kings county, N. Y., hospital on Friday. She developed suicidal mania about a month ago and tried to poison herself and attempted to jump from a window.

RIOT AT LYNN MASS MEETING OF ITALIANS Trouble Over Report of Misappropriation of Earthquake Funds.

LYNN, Mass., Jan. 2.—A mass meeting of Italian citizens held in Lesters' hall this evening to raise funds for the Italian earthquake sufferers, ended in a riot, during which the police were called and cleared the hall.

The trouble was precipitated by the remarks of a socialist speaker, who charged that funds raised for sufferers by a previous earthquake had been misappropriated in Italy. Some of his hearers responded by shouting a number of epithets, which were called and cleared the hall.

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NEW ENGLAND LEGISLATURES. FIVE MEET THIS WEEK. Five New Governors Will Be Inaugurated—In Two States U. S. Senators to Be Elected.

Boston, Jan. 3.—It is anticipated the coming session of the legislature of five New England states—Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut—will be particularly interesting. The American Red Cross and Connecticut will be particularly interesting. The American Red Cross and Connecticut will be particularly interesting.

CONNECTICUT CONTRIBUTIONS. Waterbury Italians Raise \$500.

Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 3.—At a mass meeting of the Italian citizens of this city, held here today, presided over by Mayor Thomas, \$500 was raised for the earthquake sufferers relief fund, and committees appointed who will canvass the city.

New Haven, Jan. 3.—The amount contributed by the city for the earthquake sufferers on tonight is \$3,000. This sum does not include the contributions of the Catholic churches today, the amount not being made public.

Bridgeport Catholic Church Collections. Bridgeport, Jan. 3.—The collections in the Catholic churches in this city, though not footed up yet, will total somewhat over \$1,000. They ranged from \$25 to \$225 in the various parishes.

Northampton Physician Accidentally Killed in El Paso.

Northampton, Mass., Jan. 3.—A dispatch received by the police tonight from El Paso, Texas, says that Dr. H. Hayes, a physician of this city, was accidentally killed in El Paso today while attempting to alight from a moving train. He was on his way home after a journey to California and was accompanied by a ten-year-old daughter. Besides this daughter he had a wife and a six-year-old son. He was a graduate of Dartmouth college in the class of 1883. Dr. Hayes was 48 years old.

Instantly Killed by Knickerbocker Express. Fairfield, Conn., Jan. 3.—Alexander Kulay, aged 14, of 267 Spruce street, Bridgeport, was struck by the Knickerbocker express Saturday afternoon and instantly killed. His skull was fractured, his neck was broken and his left foot cut off. He had been sent to Fairfield on an errand and taking the railroad tracks as the route for his return trip, stopped to watch a game of hockey on a nearby field and apparently was so interested that he did not hear the approaching train.

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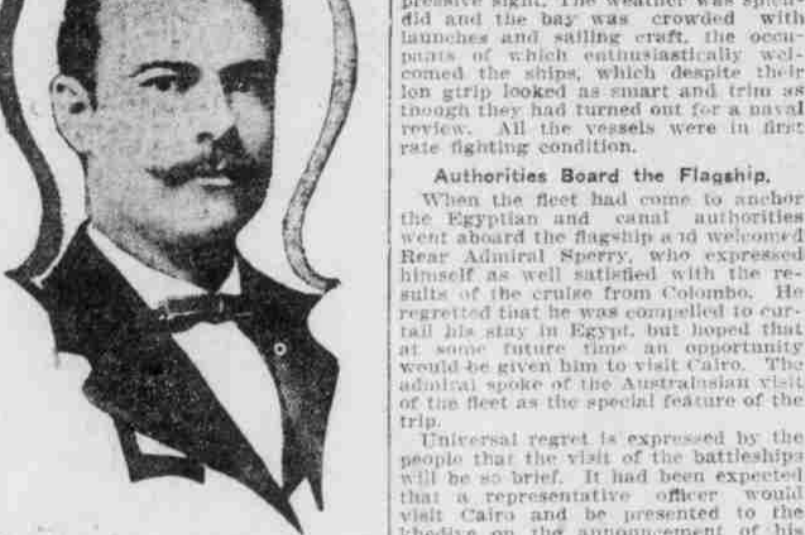
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JUDGE DANIEL THEW WRIGHT of the District of Columbia supreme court, who in one of the most scathing arraignments ever heard in the courts of the District of Columbia addressed Frank Morris, John Mitchell and Sam Morris, all officers of the American Federation of Labor, guilty of contempt for violation of the injunction in the Busby Stove and Range company case, and sentenced them to a year in prison.



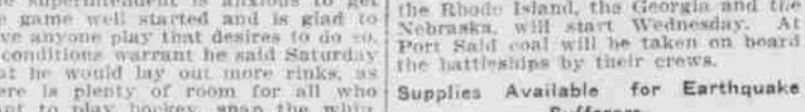
On Saturday afternoon Daniel and Joseph Pierce of North Stonington, Conn., were charged with obstructing the justice of the court by neglecting their horse on Dec. 7. The State Humane society was represented by Attorney H. Barnes and the arrest was made by Agent H. H. Stannard.



Ernest Lumber, William Richmond, Lathrop and Charles Benjamin testified regarding the condition of the horse and the men on the day named and told of the way the animal was kept during the winter.



Justice Baral found probable cause and bound both over to the superior court under bonds of \$500 each. They were held in the city hall and were brought to the local jail.



Mrs. W. H. Benham of Benham avenue, New London, had a narrow escape Saturday afternoon, when her clothing caught fire from a parlor match on which she stepped and she was severely burned, but it is thought will recover, although her back is a mass of blisters.



She was getting ready to go into the city about 5 o'clock, when she stepped on a match. Picking it up, she did not know she had stepped on it, she felt the flames at the back of her head. She did all she could to put the fire out, and called her daughter and husband, but they had a hard time smothering them. During the excitement the bed also caught fire. She was very seriously burned, the doctor on Sunday pronounced her condition as serious.



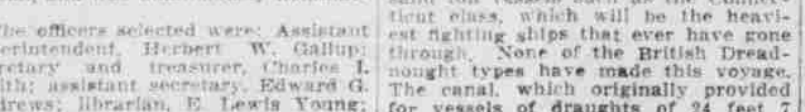
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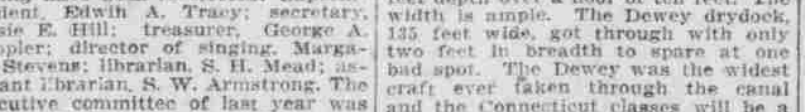
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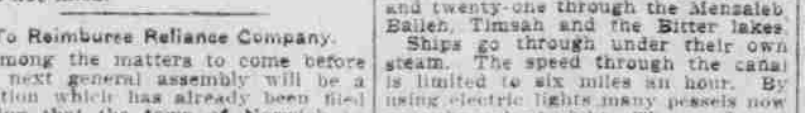
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