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SUBMARINE PROBE

Lilley Won't Testify Until He Has Counsel.

FOLLOWED BY DETECTIVES

Asks to Have Them Summoned Before the Committee and Submits a List of Witnesses to Be Subpoenaed. Won't Present Written Charges.

Washington, March 10.—The special committee of the house, appointed by Speaker Cannon, at the request of Representative Lillie of Connecticut, to investigate the conduct of the Electric Boat company of New Jersey, and their predecessor, the Holland Boat company, respecting the methods employed by said companies in connection with past or proposed legislation before congress, began its investigation.

The committee, which is composed of Representatives Boutell (Ill.), chairman; Stephens (Miss.), Olmsted (Pa.), Broussard (La.) and Howard (Ga.), met in a room at the house office building.

The clerk was directed by Mr. Boutell to read the report of the committee on rules pursuant to which the investigating committee was appointed. When the reading of the report was finished Chairman Boutell called on Representative Lilley and asked him if he was prepared to go ahead. Mr. Lilley said he was not prepared to be examined at this time, because he desired to be represented by an attorney. He, however, submitted a number of documents to the committee.

He stated that he had been shadowed by detectives and that he should ask to have summoned as witnesses three operatives connected with a local detective agency. He also submitted a list of witnesses that he desired to be summoned, as follows:

Isaac L. Rice, president of the Electric Boat company, to bring all the books and accounts showing payments made for work performed or to be performed at Washington or in any congressional district; also vouchers and checks showing checks issued for such employment, also vouchers and memorandums showing payments by Ellihu B. Frost for expenses of every kind in promoting legislative appropriations and the procurement of contracts. Also all books or other evidence of any monies contributed by Isaac L. Rice personally to the campaign funds of Ellihu B. Frost; Maurice Barnett, treasurer of the Electric Boat company; August Tredwell, Jr., assistant treasurer; Norman G. Johnson, of New York, attorney; and S. S. McNeir, of this city.

He also asked that subpoenas be issued for the following: Marion Butler, C. B. Creech, H. W. Creech, B. F. Sands, all of this city; Dr. S. R. Kerr of Chicago; Frank L. Edinburg, of Baltimore, Md.; and W. B. Gordon, of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Lilley stated that he did not propose to put himself in the attitude of a grand jury and present an indictment, but he would examine these witnesses and help the committee in bringing out all the facts. He said that to formulate written charges and limit the investigation to these charges would simply be to stifle real investigation.

Mr. Boutell stated that it was the intention of the committee to have Mr. Lilley first state what he knows of his own knowledge concerning these charges, and in order to allow him to procure an attorney, adjournment was taken until Thursday.

Canned Tomato Bride Now Sues. Tuckerton, N. J., March 10.—Mrs. David Gallagher, better known as the "canned tomato bride," is suing her first husband for divorce. Three summers ago Miss June Early was a packer in a local cannery. One day she penned a love note to a label. Mr. Gallagher, a wealthy bachelor, came across the note. He replied, and Miss June Early became his bride. Now she has repented and wants a separation.

Children Rush From Burning School. Lees Summit, Mo., March 10.—Four hundred children in the public school rushed out in disorder when a fire alarm was sounded. Attempts were made to use the fire drill, but a call of "fire" from outside of the building caused the children to make for the nearest exits. No one was injured. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Reduced Rates in Marriage Licenses. North Canaan, Conn., March 10.—Women are offered marriage licenses free, single men at half price and great reductions to clubs of five by Town Clerk E. D. Norton, of this city. The bargain prices are made to boom the matrimonial market, but have had no effect yet.

Will Race Seven Miles For a Coffin. Winsted, Conn., March 10.—Charles Hyde and Charles Millard have announced a foot race to take place here on May 2, with a coffin as prize. The course will be seven miles as you please, but on foot, and the loser must buy the winner a fine casket.

Resumed Work on New Plant. Pittsburg, March 10.—The Jones & Laughlin Steel company has ordered work resumed on its new plant at Alloupu, which was stopped last fall. The company also reports a gratifying increase in orders and the belief that steady improvement will continue.

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Mathews and Shumaker Shift Blame Upon Pennypacker.

BOTH RELIED ON HUSTON

Attorneys Declare They Followed Governor's Advice On Capitol Trimmings - Defense Feels Attorney General Todd's Appearance in Case.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 10.—Two speeches in behalf of defendants in the capitol conspiracy trial were made Monday. Percy Allen Rose, of Johnstown, making the plea for ex-Superintendent Shumaker, and William I. Shafer, of Chester, for ex-State Treasurer Mathews. Both attorneys declared the officials followed the judgment of ex-Governor Pennypacker and that both, under the Architect Huston, Architect Lewis being denounced in unmeasured terms for his testimony in behalf of the commonwealth.

Mr. Shafer closed his speech by a plea in which he said that Mr. Mathews had not been connected with the trial, and by an effort to forestall the effect of the appearance of Attorney General Todd as the closing speaker in the case, said:

"As to the attorney general, he proposes to come before you. It is his right, but it is not right for him to throw the robes of his great office into the scales of justice on behalf of the commonwealth. I cannot appeal to you against him. I appeal to him."

Mr. Shafer also submitted a number of pages of English correspondence, some of which had been darkened by the appearance of the attorney general at the bar. He comes not as an advocate, but as a judge. He has no right to throw into the jury box the great office, than has the district attorney whose place he temporarily fills in this court. Speaking in words which made for liberty the world over, a great judge of this country, one of the greatest in the English-speaking world, one who sat in this court, John Bannister Gibson, said: "The prosecuting attorney has the right of the jury box stands not as the avenger of blood, but as persecutor. He stands for the rights of the accused as much as for the rights of the commonwealth." If Mr. Todd shall conduct himself that way I will have nothing to complain of.

Mr. Todd was present during the address, but took no notice of it.

Former Attorney General W. U. Hensel will speak for Sanderson, to be followed by F. F. Rothermel, Jr., also for Sanderson, and then Charles H. Berner will close the case on behalf of the defense. It is the intention of Attorney General Todd to speak after Mr. Scarlett sums up the state.

It was announced in court that one of the five cases involving Congressman H. Burr Cassel, Joseph M. Hunter, James M. Shumaker, W. P. Snyder and W. L. Mathews, on a charge of conspiracy in a metallic furniture mill, will be called on March 23. This means that none of the false pretense cases will be reached this month.

A Romantic Courtship. Philadelphia, March 10.—As the culmination of a brief but romantic courtship, Frank M. Tracy, capitalist and clubman, of Chicago, was married here to Miss Genevieve A. West, of 147 South Forty-third street. The couple met at luncheon, at which it was said Mr. Tracy proposed and was accepted. He came here and sent word to Miss West to meet him at one of the fashionable hostesseries. While at lunch the couple declined to get married. The bride and groom later went to New York, whence they will sail for England.

Mme. Gould Coming Home. Paris, March 10.—Mme. Abna Gould, accompanied by her children, will sail on the North German Lloyd liner Kropitzk Wilhelm on Wednesday afternoon for New York. She has expectations to remain in America for two months. It is reported that Prince Helio De Sagan also has made arrangements to leave for the United States.

Widow Won't Admit Husband Is Dead. Grand Rapids, Mich., March 10.—Although Judge Alfred Wolcott, of the district court, has been pronounced dead by three physicians, his wife will not admit he is dead. She is a Christian Scientist and maintains that the principle of the cult: that all medical men are in error is superior to the evidence of her own senses.

Tomassi Electrocuted. Trenton, N. J., March 10.—Michael Tomassi was electrocuted at the state prison here for the murder of John Della Congello. Tomassi was accompanied by two priests, one of whom was Father Fish, the Catholic chaplain of the state prison. Tomassi was in a state of collapse. Death was instantaneous.

Torpedo Boats Leave Lima. Lima, March 10.—After an eight-day visit, the American torpedo boats sailed for Panama. The little boats got under way with an exchange of salutes, steamed speedily out of the harbor and turned north for their 1500-knot run.

Rev. Swallow Improved. Harrisburg, Pa., March 10.—Rev. Dr. Swallow, the well-known Methodist minister and prohibition leader, who is seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia, is improving.

If you would retain your friends, don't make them envy you.

GOING TO BARCELONA

Spanish King to Visit Holed of anarchy.

WILL BE STROGLY GUARDED

Houses Along Streets Alfonso Will Pass Have Been Searched and Will Be Guarded—Throwing of Flowers Forbidden.

Barcelona, March 10.—Barcelona, the stronghold of Spanish republicanism, the centre of violent agitation for the past twenty years, and dominated by the royalists as a hotbed of anarchism, is preparing to greet the king of Spain, King Alfonso, who will arrive here today, and every precaution in the power of the civil and military authorities has been taken to safeguard him during his brief stay in this city.

Public buildings have been decorated and flags and streamers are flying everywhere, so that, outwardly at least, there is a festive air. It is the fact that the official program of the visit has not been published and that all the houses along the streets through which the king will pass have been searched and will be guarded from now on. An additional order was issued that all these houses must keep their doors closed when the king is passing.

General Unwed, captain general of Catalonia, has forbidden throwing of bouquets or flowers during the passage of the royal cortege. The newspapers strongly criticize the elaborate precautions of the officials, which they consider responsible to a large extent for the uneasiness prevailing in the public mind.

During his visit to this city last October the king conducted himself in a democratic manner, going about quite informally and mixing freely with the people. Since this visit, however, so openly have the outrages of the agitators been carried on, that during the stay of the king here special guards will patrol the streets and special forces of police will circulate throughout the entire day.

An Austrian squadron is lying in the harbor. King Alfonso will visit the squadron on Wednesday.

Allentown Jeweler Arrested. Allentown, Pa., March 10.—Stanley J. Peters, who opened a jewelry store in this city a year ago, was taken into custody by Sheriff L. B. Farley and Deputy M. W. Cristy of Mercer county, West Virginia, on a charge of grand larceny of \$1000 while in business at Bramwell, W. Va. Alleging that the proceeding was simply in the interest of collecting a debt following his failure in business, Peters applied for a writ of habeas corpus, which Judge Drexler heard. The court refused the writ, and Peters had to accompany the officers to West Virginia.

Double Murder at a Dance. Roanoke, Va., March 10.—At a dance near Swords Creek, in Russell county, Fred Dye, a young white man, shot and killed John Muller, and George Call, also white. Dye escaped, but was captured and taken back to Swords Creek. Pearing mob violence, the authorities took Dye to Cleveland, a distance of sixteen miles, on a special engine, from which place he was carried to the county jail at Lebanon. No cause whatever is assigned for the double murder.

ORANGE Snafos—Entertainments—Other Notes.

Lahore, March 9th. Dr. Crittenden nabbed the snafos victims from King George on their arrival in this country, and in 24 hours he had the disease quarantined about Dar-ton, with Dr. W. L. Stevens, who had charge of the loathsome disease here several years ago, in charge of the seven victims. The greasy habits of the negro fit him for the spread of this disease and vaccination is generally invited by our people.

Broom-straw fields are pleasing to the sight, only as the sedge goes up in flames at night.

Farmers are busy putting up wire fencing. Rails are only used to eke out the wretched existence of the old time.

Schools run six months in this district. The new trustee is mighty popular and full of progress. Heabrooks vacuum and a laggard.

There are many indications that warn the expectation with the approach of spring.

The Coleman-Fraser fishing club hold highly meets on the slugsided stream below the mill, and on far from the shore they generally meet with a fisherman's luck—if you know what that is.

Mrs. Mand Woolfolk gave a surprise party to her popular teacher, Miss Irene Gave, Wednesday night.

Among the many sick people, I am sorry to note the serious illness of Mr. Silvana Graham, nearly ninety, at Rev. W. J. Decker's. Mr. D. is also quite sick with pneumonia.

Dr. Crittenden is on a visit to New York this week. Mr. C. B. Mason accompanied him as far as Philadelphia for treatment by a distinguished specialist.

Thursday night Mrs. Ernest Cooper gave a pleasant hop and card party. A substantial supper was served. Cards, dancing and music were enjoyed from dark till dawn. Mr. James Inneson, affectionately called "Uncle" by the leap year lassies, led the grand march.

Mr. George Thompson has moved his saw mill from the Kenil tract to Sisco's. As a small portable saw mill, it is well employed at the mill near near Panmure.

Let us have fresh fish.

LETTER FROM DR. ROSEBRO

Interesting Information About His Work—The City of Charlotte—Mrs. Stonewall Jackson—A Visit to New York, Etc., Etc.

Charlotte, N. C., March 7, 1908. Dear Free Lance:

It is always a peculiar pleasure for a wanderer to go back to his boyhood and meet friends of his boyhood or earlier manhood. Though sometimes our boyhood reputation lingers too long. One good lady told me that when she was troubled about her boys what I had been.

I am not far from being to claim we were "First at Bethel; Farthest at Gettysburg; Last at Appomattox!"

In all the noble achievements and high heroisms of the "incomparable army" of those days there was glory enough for all, and none will deny that the soldiers of the Old North State were in no whit behind others in valor and endurance from Bethel to Appomattox.

One is reminded in this historic centre of the Declaration of Independence made by the Scotch-Irish, of Mecklenburg, before Jefferson penned his immortal document; that these men were indeed a "hornet's nest"; Cornwallis and Tarleton; that at King's Mountain they turned the tide of the war and helped largely to bring the glorious consummation at Yorktown.

When my wife and I reached Charlotte we were guests at the hospitable home of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson. The multitude of her friends will be pleased to know how gently the years are dealing with her. Not only in Charlotte, but also in the "first lady" of the city, on account of the late of her illustrious husband and her own gracious character, but also holds the same place in the affection and honor of the whole South.

Many visitors from the North, as well as from the South, go to her home to pay their respect and give her thanks for her kindness, her cordiality and her gracious manner.

Charlotte is a prohibition city, and by the testimony of her real estate and business men, during the seasons has not hindered, but greatly advanced the financial interests and progress. There is no doubt a large "log trade," but several young men have spoken of the temptation by closing the saloons. I have been all winter in the midst of prohibition movement, and though I have never been an ardent organ of prohibition, especially by State enactment, I have been deeply impressed by the facts presented here; many are saved from temptation and instead of Saturday night and Sunday orgies and the usual Monday list before the Mayor's Court, the laboring man spends his money for his family and his nights at home; the police does not have its "usual docket," and it does not appear they can only blame their own appetite.

The Sabbath sentiment is too strong to allow this to be an "open city" as many of our Southerners would say.

Many of the streets are torn up now, in order to give better water, better streets, etc. Still we already have much spring beauty in the budding trees and the blooming hydrangeas and azaleas. One must see Charlotte in the spring to see it at its best.

It is an inspiring sight to see the throngs of people pouring from the different churches in the great honor-Street, in no holding special services in the First Baptist church, and because he has so recently been in Fredericksburg I want to hear him and meet him. While this is largely a Presbyterian city, all the denominations have strong churches and strong preachers.

Owing to my enforced absence from home, I am not supplying the Second Presbyterian church, which has 1,194 members on the roll and a fine body of officers. The number of young men who attend is very unusual, and adds tremendously to the importance of the attractiveness of the field. There are about 150 in the primary grade of the Sabbath school and a large men's class, the two most important parts of the Sabbath school work.

I have promised to preach at Steele Creek church, the largest country church in the South, and I look forward with pleasure to the greatest honor-Street of one thousand members before I set my face toward "Old Virginia," about the first of May.

While on a visit recently to New York I dined with Mrs. Virginia Terhune, "Marion Harland." She asked many questions about Fredericksburg people, and was grieved to learn of the death of Rev. Dr. Howison, who she knew well and admired greatly for his varied gifts of mind and genial spirit. She said she considered the request to write the eulogy for the monument to the mother of Washington the greatest honor she had paid her." The two hours spent with her and her daughter, Mrs. Herrick, were most delightful. Her culture and a cordial Virginia hospitality made a charming remembrance.

A bright particular spot in New York is the sweet home of Mrs. Annie Fleming Smith, where I also dined, and had my heart warmed by her big-hearted welcome and by reminiscences of her mother, whom every body in Fredericksburg honors and loves.

Sunday was a bright, balmy spring day and great congregations made preaching to them a privilege and great responsibility.

Then, when quiet had fallen on the city, I read the last chapters of Revelation, telling us the glory of that great city above, undefiled by sin, though filled with sinners saved by grace, dwelling in love and felicity eternal. May we all reach there at last.

J. W. Rosebro.

IN MEMORIAM

Of little Linwood, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Mollie Jones, who died Feb. 24, 1908, aged 2 years and 11 months.

Our precious little darling. His voice is now no more; His little darling footsteps Will be silent on the floor.

A little vacant chair at home For sorrowing parents to see; We can only prepare to meet our Saviour Where forever with Him we will be. Linwood, dear, we miss thee so, While in this world we roam; We know that Jesus, who knows best, Has only taken thee home.

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In the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Spotsylvania on the 2nd day of March, 1908, Benjamin F. Whitner and Nymatt S. Sacrey, trading as partners under the firm name and style of Whitner & Sacrey, and John Myers, plaintiffs, against James P. Turnley, sheriff, administrator of Charles Allan, deceased, and Harriet Allan, deceased, Thomas Myers and the unknown heirs, at law of said Charles Allan, deceased, defendants.

The object of this suit is to settle the estate of the said Charles Allan, deceased, and Harriet Allan, deceased, to determine what interest each had in a certain tract of land conveyed to them by E. C. Bullock and situate in Spotsylvania county, Virginia, adjoining the lands of John Myers and others, also to determine what interest in said tract of land passed to Thomas Myers under the will of Charles Allan, deceased. And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, Thomas Myers, is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear here within 15 days after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect his interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in The Free Lance, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse on this day or on or before the next succeeding day after the entry of this suit.

Teste: T. A. HARRIS, Clerk. A copy—Teste: T. A. HARRIS, Clerk. Lee J. Graves, p. q. m54w4

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