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WOULD NOT LET SHERIFF TAKE CHILD FROM WEST END HOTEL

Mrs. Ida May Eichler, Actress With Frohman Company, Resists Officer Who Has Writ of Habeas Corpus - Alvin Eichler, Divorced Husband, Feared That Little Girl, Pupil at Loretto Academy, Would Be Removed to New York.

DEPUTY REMAINS AT THE HOTEL TO ACT THIS MORNING.



MRS. IDA MAY EICHLER

heard of the affair and began to leave the dining-room.

Mrs. Eichler ordered Watson to leave the room at once. She opened a dresser drawer as if to procure a revolver. It is said, Watson hastened from the room.

"I did not have a pistol," said Mrs. Eichler after the occurrence, "but I would not doubt have found something to use as a weapon, had not the person departed."

"Six years ago I secured a divorce from Mr. Eichler, and was awarded custody of Irene, the child has been at the Loretto Academy, but the last few days I have had her with me at the hotel. She was to have returned to the academy Thursday."

Mrs. Eichler returned to St. Louis last week from New York, where she had been appearing in "The Best of Friends," which closed an engagement at the Academy.

She is a native of Cape Girardeau, in 1890 she married Alvin Eichler, under a writ of habeas corpus.

After leaving the apartments Deputy Sheriff Andrew H. Watson, who attempted to remove the child, remained in the vicinity of the hotel all night, declaring he would place Mrs. Eichler under arrest if necessary to bring the child into court this morning.

Alvin Eichler of No. 467 Delmar boulevard, vice president of the John B. Hughes Heating Company, from whom Mrs. Eichler had secured a divorce, is endeavoring to secure custody of the child and applied for the writ yesterday before Judge Kinsley.

The Deputy Sheriff was instructed by the court to secure possession of the little girl. He visited the hotel shortly before 6 o'clock, but Mrs. Eichler would not see him.

The deputy then proceeded to the upper floors of the hotel, and while Mrs. Eichler was absent, he entered her apartments and found the child.

MRS. EICHLER OFFICER. While he was endeavoring to induce the little girl to accompany him, Mrs. Eichler returned. Seeing the Deputy Sheriff, she screamed and pulled the child away from him.

"I am an officer of the law," she declares Watson said, "and I must remove the child."

Guests who were finishing their supper

JURY AND BOARD WILL CO-OPERATE.

Police Commissioners and Grand Jurors Agree Upon Plan to Investigate Primary Outrages.

MANY WITNESSES SUMMONED.

Both Investigating Bodies Send Subpoenas for Men Who Saw Assaults and Repeating by "Indians."

The Board of Police Commissioners and the Grand Jury have decided upon a plan of co-operation in investigating the outrages at the primaries last Saturday, the board to give evidence against the policemen guilty of neglect of duty and the jury to obtain evidence on which to base indictments.

This, according to President William G. Frye of the Police Board, occasioned the visit of Mayor Wells, Commissioner Hannon and himself to the Grand Jury room Monday afternoon. It was agreed at that time that the Police Board and Grand Jury should work together in their respective investigations. Mr. Frye says a mistake was made in the statement that the Commissioners were subpoenaed as witnesses by the Grand Jury.

President Frye of the Police Board said: "The Police Commissioners were not summoned as witnesses before the Grand Jury, but went voluntarily for a conference looking to a plan of co-operation on which we have agreed. The Grand Jury has more authority to get witnesses than the board, and we will use those who are summoned by the Grand Jury who it is thought can give information that is material in our investigation."

"What we are after, of course, is evidence to substantiate the charges or vindicate men of this department who are said to have been guilty of neglect of duty and misconduct. We intend to make this investigation thorough."

"We have agreed that it is good policy not to make public any of the information we may obtain until we are entirely finished with our investigation. Then we will give it to the press with the request that it shall be published."

Both the Grand Jury and Police Board were in session all day yesterday. President Frye, after the adjournment of the board meeting at 6 o'clock, said that the board had decided not to make public any information it obtained until the investigation is completed, when it will all be given to the press.

Four policemen detailed by Captain Reynolds of the Central District, upon the request of President Frye, at 6:30 o'clock last evening started out with subpoenas for witnesses to appear before the board to-day. Each policeman took about six of the summonses, with instructions to serve them last night at the homes of the witnesses desired.

President Frye declined to permit the names of the witnesses called for to-day to be published, but stated that nearly all of them are men whose statements of outrageous conduct at the polls and neglect of duty by policemen have appeared in The Republic.

ATTORNEYS WILL TESTIFY. The Grand Jury took up its investigation yesterday morning and Assistant Circuit Attorney Hannon charged himself sworn as a witness. He had viewed the riotous scenes at the Twenty-eighth Ward voting place at Taylor and Delmar avenues and was prepared to give evidence against a number of persons investigated several policemen.

Assistant Circuit Attorney Maroney also will be a witness. He, like Mr. Hannon, was a witness to the work of the gang of repeaters taken into the ward to assault respectable citizens and prevent them casting their votes.

Among the other witnesses who were called by telephone and requested to appear before the Grand Jury, some of whom did appear yesterday and others who are to be witnesses to-day, were A. C. Steward, Given Campbell, R. H. ... Continued on Page Two.

SOLDIERS LAYING RAILROAD ON FROZEN LAKE.



RUSSIAN TROOPS ON LAKE BAIKAL BUILDING TEMPORARY ROAD ACROSS THE ICE. This short line is designed to facilitate the passage of Russian soldiers and supplies on their long journey to Manchuria, as long as the ice remains solid. Before the summer is ended, the Government hopes to have completed the line around the southern end of the lake, so that the cut-off will not be needed next winter.

BRYAN'S FORCES ALMOST ROUTED IN NEBRASKA.

Retain Hold on State Committee by Vote of 17 to 14, but Former Leader's Desire for Early Convention Was Not Granted—Sentiment in Favor of Sending Delegation to Convention Unhindered So That It Could Get in Line With National Democracy.

COMMITTEE'S SESSION LASTED THREE TEMPESTUOUS HOURS

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Lincoln, Neb., March 15.—William Jennings Bryan almost lost control of the Democratic State Central Committee at the meeting of that body here to-night and the opposition encountered by his supporters was the strongest and most determined which it has fallen to their lot to combat since the Chicago convention and discovery of Bryan. As it was, Bryan finally carried the meeting, but his margin was extremely small, the vote standing 17 to 14. His victory was far from complete, however, and was more in the nature of a compromise.

Bryan supporters have declared that there would be practically no opposition to his wishes in the Central Committee meeting, but, nevertheless, they have worked like beavers to the end that the opposition would materialize.

WRANGLING THREE HOURS. The vote to-night was preceded by three hours of hot wrangling and debate.

The meeting was the regular one of the State Central Committee called for the purpose of setting a date for the State Convention and for the choosing of delegates to the St. Louis National Convention.

Bryan wished an early convention for the selection of the national delegates and asked that the convention be called for early in April. Instead, June 1 was named as the date of the convention. Bryan wished the convention called for an early date, expecting the delegation to be sent to St. Louis uninstructed, but practically in his own keeping.

In regard to the date of holding the convention for the naming of State officials, the Bryan men were given their way and the date was fixed for sometime after September 1.

The opposition to Bryan was led by R. E. L. Herdman, Clerk of the Supreme Court and for many years secretary of the Democratic State Committee. Herdman has been a rabid Bryan supporter in the past, but is now the head and front of the opposition to him in Nebraska.

The fight in the committee meeting to-night was the hottest ever waged in a meeting of the body in the State, and

Democrats are expressing much surprise at the weakness shown by Bryan and the unexpected strength of the opposition.

Bryan's desire for an early convention was opposed on the ground of expense, and because the National Convention was certain to adopt a platform differing from that of the State Convention, which a later one would have to recant or bolt the national pronouncement.

They were careful to declare that they favored sending Mr. Bryan as a delegate, but they also wanted to get in line with the national Democracy.

GROUND LEASED FOR SUBSTATION

Mail for Wholesale District to Be Delivered by Pneumatic Tube Service From Bridge.

First Assistant Postmaster General R. J. Wynne has completed arrangements with President McChesney of the Terminal Association for the leasing of a lot at the extreme western end of the approach to the Eads bridge, southeast corner Third street and Washington avenue, on which it is proposed to construct a small brick building to be used as a substation in connection with the pneumatic tube service.

The lease for this property was signed yesterday and work will begin on the building at once, as the Postmaster General has advised that the pneumatic tube company has its machinery ready for installation and the new service will be ready for operation almost as soon as the building is completed. It is proposed to use this station, which is to be connected by pneumatic tubes with the Post Office, as a receiving point for mail to be distributed to the extensive wholesale district in and about Cupples Station.

Local mail will be sent to the Post Office from this station by means of pneumatic tubes, and all mails for the Cupples district will be sent to this station in the same manner.

It is not expected that these plans will be sufficiently completed to be of use during the fair period and Mr. Wynne is of the opinion that the annual convention at Union Station will be adequate for the demands of the year. Mail will be dumped from the trains at this station and "shot" to the central office through pneumatic tubes.

EFFORT TO ABOLISH WAREHOUSE AT ST. LOUIS.

Chicago Makes Move in Congress Which Would Throttle City's Opportunity to Compete for Trade.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, March 15.—Effort may be made in the Senate similar to the attempt by Representative Mann of Chicago in the House to strike out the appropriation for the Indian warehouses at St. Louis and Omaha. Senator Stewart of Nevada made the threat to-day, when asked if his Committee on Indian Affairs would report favorably a \$20,000 appropriation for the Indian exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair. He declared that he would favor such an appropriation if the warehouses were done away with.

The Senate Subcommittee on Indian Affairs is still busily engaged with the Indian appropriation bill as it was received from the House. The many amendments offered have literally swamped the committee, but a report is expected before the end of this week.

GARRICK THEATER PERMIT.

Building Commissioner Will Issue Document This Morning.

A permit to build the new Garrick Theater, which is to occupy the site of the Pilgrim Hotel, No. 57 Chestnut street, will be issued this morning by Building Commissioner Helmberger, who spent yesterday afternoon looking over the plans and specifications with Architect W. Albert Swayer.

The new theater is to cost \$120,000, and will be built to conform with the building code recently revised by the City Council. Blank spaces were left in the specifications, which will be filled as soon as the new building code passes both houses of the Municipal Assembly.



JAN KUBELIK, Bohemian violinist whose music was drowned by the howls of an anti-Czech mob at Linz, Upper Austria.

GERMANS PELT JAN KUBELIK AND CHASE HIM FROM HALL.

Race Hatred Precipitates Serious Riot at Linz, Capital of Upper Austria, Where Mob Tried to Avenge Ill Treatment of Compatriots at Prague, Bohemia—District Governor, Count Wickenberg, Barely Saved From Injury—Audience Dispersed Under Fire of Offensive Epithets.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Vienna, March 15.—German-Czech race hatred led to a serious riot at Linz, the capital of Upper Austria, to-day, where a mob of infuriated Germans, in revenge for the ill treatment of their compatriots at Prague, Bohemia, stormed the hall in which Jan Kubelik, the Bohemian violinist, was giving a concert, compelling the artist to seek safety in flight.

The manager had been warned to cancel the engagement owing to fears of such a demonstration, but he declined to do so. Before the doors were opened the mob attacked the carriage of the District Governor, Count Wickenberg, with stones. The police had difficulty in protecting the Count from personal injury.

While the concert was in progress a howling mob outside the hall made the music inaudible. Some officers came out of the hall and reproached the mob for such disturbances. The mob then forced the police cordon, invaded the hall, smashed the decorative mirrors and threw missiles at Kubelik.

The concert was stopped and the audience dispersed amidst a fire of offensive epithets. The demonstrations were continued outside the hall, where Kubelik was staying, and the police, aided by the Mayor, had some difficulty in dispersing the mob.

WARSHIPS' GUNS TAKEN TO SHORE TO DEFEND BAY.

Russians at Port Arthur Apparently Expect Early Attempt at Landing by the Japanese.

ANOTHER FIGHT LAST SUNDAY.

Engagement Is Brief, but Results in Damage to the Russian Protected Cruiser Diana.

TROOPS RUSHED INTO KOREA.

Seven Thousand of Czar's Men, It Is Asserted, Are Already at Kasan and Anju, Not Far From the Japanese Stronghold.

BALFOUR DEFEATED BY IRISH STRATEGY.

Majority Against Government Greatly Weakened, Its Already Waning Prestige.

BUT PREMIER KEEPS OFFICE.

May Change His Mind After Easter, for His Difficulties Are Greatly Increased by Unexpected Reverse.

GUNS FROM BATTLESHIPS ARE COMMANDED ON LAND TO COMMAND PIGEON BAY.

RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES AT ST. PETERSBURG DENY IN THE MOST EMPHATIC TERMS THE STORY EMANATING FROM TOKIO THAT THEY ARE ABOUT TO ABANDON PORT ARTHUR. General Zilinski asserts that Japanese scouts, fleeing before Cossacks, left behind them poisoned swords, whose use is contrary to international law.

Russians assert that they have 5,000 men at Kasan and Anju, Korea, the latter not more than thirty miles from the Japanese stronghold at Ping-Yang. Fourteen thousand more soldiers are on their way to these points from Mukden.

The Russian authorities at St. Petersburg deny in the most emphatic terms the story emanating from Tokio that they are about to abandon Port Arthur.

In last Thursday's bombardment the Japanese shells very nearly reached the fleet, many falling into the basin. Only two fell into the new town. The Retvizin was not much further damaged. The Palлада is still in dock.

SUNDAY FIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR WAS BRIEF, SAYS FOREIGNER AT TIENSIN.

Tientsin, March 15.—A foreigner just arrived from Port Arthur reports that a short engagement took place between the Russian and Japanese fleets Sunday, the protected cruiser Diana, belonging to the former, receiving some injuries. About twenty or thirty shells were exchanged.

RUSSIA STRONGLY DENIES REPORTED INTENTION TO ABANDON PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—From the highest official quarter the Associated Press has received information that there is absolutely no foundation for the rumors persistently sent out from Tokio that the Russians are abandoning Port Arthur.

"It is the veriest nonsense," said the official informant of the Associated Press. "Nothing has occurred there to warrant such reports. The Japanese fleet has not been seen for forty-eight hours."

"The motive of the Tokio Government in spreading this story is to influence public feeling in Japan for the purpose of creating enthusiasm while a war loan is being floated."

On account of the difficulty of housing the vast number of troops poured into Mukden, 14,000 have been sent forward within the last few days toward the Yalu River, as re-enforcements for the 1,000 troops already at Kasan and Anju, and the stream of soldiers from European Russia is now being held at Harbin.

Prince Louis Napoleon has gone to the Caucasus, accompanied by Prince Mariat. Prince Louis Napoleon will relinquish his command of the cavalry division of the Caucasus and then proceed to the far East, where he will take supreme command of the cavalry under General Kurapatkin.

The statement by General Zilinski that the Russians found poisoned swords left by the fleeing Japanese has aroused much comment. Similar swords were used by the Chinese during the Boxer rebellion, especially in Manchuria, and the slightest wound inflicted by them proved fatal.

AMERICAN REFUGEES SAFE AT CHEMULPO AFTER TRIP FROM NORTH KOREAN MINES.

Chemulpo, Korea, March 15.—The United States cruiser Cincinnati returned here to-day from Chinnampo with American refugees from the American company's mines at Unsan and missions in that vicinity.

The party consists of three men and twenty-two women and children. All are well. They praise the kindness of the officers of the Cincinnati, who gave up their cabins to them.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS MAY WHEAT 90c asked; MAY CORN 60c bid. CHICAGO—MAY WHEAT 87c asked; MAY CORN 50c asked.

WEATHER INDICATIONS. Fair and somewhat warmer Wednesday, with variable winds.

- 1. Thinks Miners Accepted Scale. Corner Says Half Has Not Been Told. Married Woman's Rights to Recover. 2. Sounds Note for Tariff Revision. Protest Against Primary Frauds. Factional Fight for Governorship. 3. Polygamy Not for Whitaker. World's Fair Financial Report Transmitted to Congress. Proposal to Enlarge Chickamauga Park. 4. Real Estate News and Transfers. River Telegrams. Society Girls Cruising on the River. 5. General Sporting News. 6. Happenings in the East Side Cities. 7. Creche Too Costly Says Helen Gould. Generates Power for Pike Lights. Philippine Scouts Land at Frisco. Colonel Kingsbury in Charge To-day. 8. Will Make Fight for Lower Rates. Miners Departed From Telluride. Religious News. Cassini Explains Russia's Action. 9. Editorial. Society Announcements. 10. Railway News. 11. Republic "Want" Ads. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations. 12. Rooms for Rent Ads. Summary of St. Louis Markets. 13. St. Louis Cotton Market. Eight Divorce Applications. Improvement Contest is On. Scouts for World's Fair. 14. Financial News. 15. Dressmakers' Convention Next Week.

RUDOLPH WILL BE ARRAIGNED TO-DAY.

Judge Davidson Fears Trouble in Procuring Attorney to Defend Alleged Bank Robber.

SEVENTY-FIVE BLANK SUBPOENAS ARE ISSUED.

State and Defense Preparing for the Boodle Cases in Jefferson City Next Monday.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 15.—Both sides in defense are preparing for the boodle trials which come up here in the Circuit Court next Monday.

State Attorney Frank Farris will be placed on trial a second time on that date and Senator Smith's trial is set for Wednesday.

Thirty blank subpoenas were issued to-day on behalf of the defense in the Farris trial and twenty-five on the part of the State. Twenty subpoenas were issued in the Smith case for the defense.

"A GREAT PAPER FOR A GREAT CAUSE."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 15.—The Kansas City Times says, editorially, to-day, under the head "A Great Paper for a Great Cause":

"When a party paper like The Republic rises above partisan considerations to strike blows for decency, order and personal liberty, the cause of justice is immeasurably helped. The Republic has an opportunity to do a great work for Missouri and for the Democracy of Missouri."

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