

PLAIN WORDS BY RIVAL CHIEFS IN CONTROVERSY

YERKES DECLARES OPPOSITION DUE TO BLACKMAIL MAYOR HARRISON SAYS FRANCHISE CANNOT BE PASSED

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Charles T. Yerkes, chief representative of the traction companies, who has been the target of the ordinance, said to the Call correspondent to-night: "The street railroad situation may be summed up as follows: The passage of the Allen law by the Legislature of Illinois was bitterly opposed by the newspapers of Chicago, and vicious attacks were made upon men who were known to be favorable to it. The fact is, there is a combination of newspapers in Chicago determined to levy blackmail on the traction companies. The Chicago Tribune, Chicago Record and Daily News are conspicuous in this business. Agents of the proprietors of these papers have made demands upon the street railroad companies, and they have been refused. This accounts for their stand in favor of the rights of the people. It was this refusal which caused opposition to the Allen bill, and it is the cause of the present struggle to prevent the Chicago Common Council from acting upon the provisions of that bill.

"This statement is libelous, I know, but I also know that it is a fact, and defy the proprietors of the papers I have named to go into the courts and bring action against me. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to have them do so and give me an opportunity to expose their schemes. I know these newspapers have entered into an agreement with Mayor Harrison by which they will favor him for Mayor at the next city election, and for Governor to succeed Governor Tanner if he, the Mayor, will in turn prevent the traction companies from securing an extension of the ordinance.

"All this excitement is brought about to force the companies to settle. I do not charge that the Times-Herald is directly concerned in this blackmailing scheme, but its proprietor is under the domination of the publisher of the Record and News, which fact explains the course of its proprietor in taking a leading part in stirring up the excitement.

"In the franchise presented to the Council last Monday the traction companies offer 3 per cent of their receipts, besides which they now pay a tax on mileage, a license of \$50 per car, and also pave sixteen feet of the streets, light some of the highways, pay for the repair of viaducts and some bridges, and are subject to other charges which the public good which bring the total compensation to the city of Chicago up to between 7 and 8 per cent of the gross receipts of the companies. In return for this heavy tax they ask a franchise granting them the use of the streets they occupy for fifty years. Under the provisions of the Allen law, the fare is to be 5 cents for twenty years of that period, after which the Councils of the city are empowered to fix the rate to be charged by the companies. The officers of the street car companies have done everything in their power to bring about a proper understanding between the city and the companies, but Mayor Harrison has refused to meet them. The final settlement is, therefore, left to the Common Council."

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—In an interview late this evening Mayor Harrison said: "I doubt if the traction companies ever intend to press the ordinance now pending to passage. It was introduced as a feeler, to test the popular mind. They are playing for delay. They know that while they have a majority in the Council which could pass the ordinance they have not the requisite two-thirds necessary to pass it over my veto. I hope my friends will not expend all their energy in this first battle and then become passive. This is what the traction people hope for and are waiting to take advantage of it. The people must not be beguiled, but remain ready at any time for a great outburst of disapproval.

"The hottest fight now centers about the twenty-eight Aldermen who are with us. We are bending all our energies toward keeping them in line, and the opposition is concentrating its attention on them in order to break into our ranks. Not one of these members of the minority can appear on the street without being met by agents of the traction companies. If he enters a bank he is drawn into the sanctum, and buttonholed on the franchise question, and if he has business in a mercantile house he is seized upon by men who are working for an extension of the franchise, and pressure is brought to bear to influence his vote.

"We in turn are doing everything possible to keep our lines intact and to break those of the opposition. Aside from the numerous mass-meetings held throughout the city we are doing a great deal of missionary work. The fight is being carried right into the homes of the Aldermen, and their wives and children are being informed as to the true state of affairs, and they are being enlisted to influence their husbands and fathers to vote right, to uphold the city's honor and to stand for the people's rights.

"I wish to say right here that all this talk of riot and of appeals to the people to resist violently are absurd. There will be no violence. The greatest victory and the only one we can win will be by peaceful methods, by persuasion and argument. Rioting would avail nothing, and our opponents are too rugged and courageous to be frightened by threats. I never said I would refuse to issue a riot call to disperse a mob which was engaged in promiscuous lynching. An over-zealous reporter who did not appreciate the meaning of what he wrote was responsible for the statement.

"Why am I opposed to the passage of the extension ordinance? Because I do not wish to see the provisions of the law which was passed by a debauched Legislature become operative in Chicago, and because I am unalterably opposed to fifty-year franchises. I would only consent to the franchise extension on three conditions:

"First—That no attempt be made to secure an ordinance until the Allen law is repealed.

"Second—That the franchise be extended for not more than twenty years.

"Third—That the compensation to the city be not less than 10 per cent of the gross receipts of the traction companies.

"It will be a desperate fight, but we will never quit. I repeat, I believe we will win."

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COMPARISON AS TO THE FRANCHISE PRIVILEGES

Yerkes Presents Figures Which He Hopes Will Help His Side of the Controversy.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—In an interview published in the Inter-Ocean President Yerkes of the North and West Chicago street car companies makes comparisons in the matter of franchise privileges and compensation between Chicago and other large cities of the country, including San Francisco, in tabular form, as follows:

Name of Cities.	Gross Receipts.	Per Cent.
New York	1,000,000	2.00
Boston	800,000	2.00
Philadelphia	1,200,000	2.00
St. Louis	1,000,000	2.00
Washington	1,000,000	2.00
San Francisco	1,000,000	2.00
St. Paul	1,000,000	2.00
Chicago (at present)	1,000,000	2.00
Chicago (proposed additional)	1,000,000	2.00

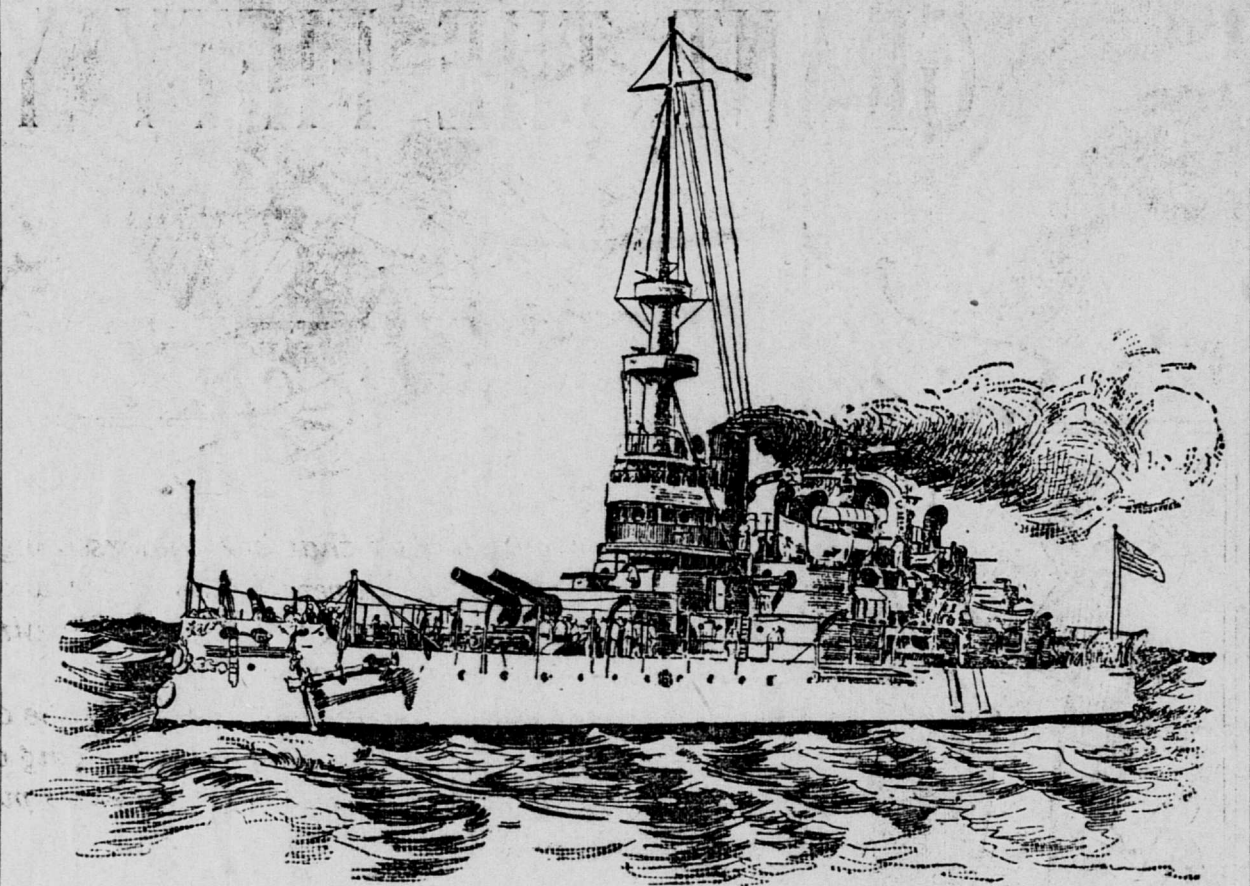
SHIP BUILDING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

In the Royal dockyards the admiralty are building sixteen warships, with a displacement of 15,000 tons, and in private yards forty-four ships of 10,000 tons are being constructed for the British Government. In addition to these, thirty warships, with a displacement of 10,000 tons, are being constructed in the United Kingdom. The result is that there are being constructed in the United Kingdom ninety warships with a total displacement of 338,250 tons. Naval and Military Record.

Uruguay has determined to deepen the harbor at Montevideo.

SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE BIG BATTLESHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Man-of-War Strikes an Obstruction Near Governors Island and Three of Her Compartments Are Torn Open.



WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A telegram received at the Navy Department to-day from New York says that the battleship Massachusetts, soon after leaving the New York Navy Yard to-day for Hampton Roads, struck an obstruction near Governors Island and had three of her compartments torn open. Her commander is Captain Nicholas Ludlow.

The accident recalls several others of a similar character in the vicinity, which have given rise to the grim naval joke that there is a floating rock adrift there, lying in wait for men-of-war. The regulations require a court of inquiry in such cases, and it is presumed that one will be ordered on the application of Captain Ludlow just as soon as the examination in drydock reveals the extent of the damage.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—At the commandant's office at the navy yard the report of an accident to the battleship Massachusetts was confirmed. The Massachusetts has already sunk about two feet below her regular water line, but is not believed to be in any danger of sinking.

Pilot Bell, who was taking the Massachusetts out, said the tide was unusually low, and the Massachusetts, while on her way to the Tompkinsville anchorage, struck the bottom. She did not, he said, run on Diamond Reef, which is off Governors Island. Further than this Bell refused to talk.

The battleship was made fast at the navy yard dock at the foot of Main street, Brooklyn. No drydock is ready for her reception, but arrangements to this end will be accelerated. The injured vessel has a slight list to port. She has sunk forward about ten inches above the water line. At her stern about ten inches of the water line is above water. The pumps are kept going steadily, and it was said that there was about four feet of water in five of her compartments. Other than that an accident had occurred, no official information could be secured. Admiral Buncie's aide said that nothing could be given out here, but Captain Ludlow forwarded a preliminary report to Washington. The battleship is in no danger of capsizing, even if she sinks further. In the latter case she would rest upon the bottom.

TO SHIELD A WOMAN HE IS SERVING TIME

Romance of Sing Sing Prison.

FANSHAW'S SELF-SACRIFICE

YEARS SENT IN PRISON FOR ANOTHER'S CRIME.

Son of a Famous New York Merchant Disgraced and Deprived of Freedom, Though He Was Guiltless.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—An astounding story comes out of Sing Sing prison, John M. Davies Fanshawe, son of a famous old New York merchant, and connected by blood and marriage with families worth millions, has been convicted there many years for a crime committed by another.

A curious fact so far as the real culprit (a woman) is concerned, she cannot be punished nor proceeded against, because under the statute the crime has been outlawed.

An indictment for arson or any other felony except murder must be found within five years after the commission of the crime.

The woman has confessed, but she is legally free, while Fanshawe must serve out his term for a crime he did not commit, unless pardoned by the Governor.

This is the story: Young Fanshawe was a clerk in the Knickerbocker Fire Insurance Company in 1888. As man and wife he and Ruth Elizabeth Hart were living in a lodging house at No. 50 East Twenty-ninth street. One night soon after he had insured his effects for \$2000 the building was discovered burning in six places, and some of the inmates had narrow escapes from death.

Fanshawe managed to get out of the front window. His alleged wife was absent visiting friends. Fanshawe was accused of arson. Charles W. Brooke, the distinguished criminal lawyer, then living, became his counsel and all the resources of the profession were employed in his behalf. He most earnestly pleaded his innocence. But so many circumstances in the case pointed to incendiarism that the jury's verdict was "guilty" with a recommendation for mercy. Recorder Smyth sentenced him to twelve and a half years in Sing Sing.

A stay of proceedings was obtained, and, pending a motion for a new trial, his grandmother, Mrs. John M. Davies of New Haven, whose fortune is said to exceed \$1,000,000, went his bail in the sum of \$10,000.

During this interval he was employed as a clerk in a Broadway furnishing establishment and later he put in a few quiet months with a friend boating and fishing at Highlands. It is said that he was advised to forfeit his bail and leave the country, but he refused, even though the motion for a new trial was denied. Then he surrendered himself and began serving out his time in Sing Sing. But for the jury's recommendation for mercy and the great exertions of his friends and counsel he would have received a full life sentence.

The first startling episode in the secret history of the case came directly after the fire, when Fanshawe's alleged wife told him that she had set the house on fire to get the insurance and help him tide over his temporary embarrassments.

Infatuated with the woman, young Fanshawe did not betray her and went to prison. It is said that another reason why he was so quiet after the incendiary fire and so reluctant to fight was his fear of bigamy proceedings. It is claimed he was married to Miss Heart under the impression that the decree divorcing himself and wife had been granted.

His social relations with the woman, together with his conviction of arson, alienated him from his relatives and in the end his family abandoned him altogether.

WILL STAY WITH BULLA TO THE END

Los Angeles Delegation Solid.

BELIEVE THEIR MAN WILL WIN

HE IS ASSURED OF VOTES IN NORTHERN COUNTIES.

Legislators Deny That Their Instructions Could Be Construed to Mean Simply a Complimentary Vote.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—Those Senators-instruction for Robert N. Bulla did not come formally before the meeting of the Los Angeles County legislative delegation to-day. The members of the delegation discussed the matter between themselves in an informal way, but that was the case that the discussion was the Times editorial to the effect that the instructions meant only a complimentary ballot by the delegation for Senator Bulla and nothing more. Assemblyman Valentine upon this phase of the situation said: "The instructions speak for themselves and cannot be misinterpreted. They bind us to Mr. Bulla so long as he is a candidate."

A resolution was to have been introduced in the legislative caucus to-day along the lines of Valentine's argument, but for some reason it was not done. All Republican Senators and Assemblymen from this county are agreed that Bulla is to have their support as long as there is any hope for him to win. Expressions were obtained from them to-day as follows:

Senator C. M. Simpson: "I understand that we are to use all honorable means to secure Bulla's election; and if it should be the case that we cannot elect him, I am for some other Southern California man. But I am for Bulla for Senator so long as there is any hope for his election. I expect to have the honor of placing him in nomination, and, in my opinion, he will secure the votes of Orange, Kern, Ventura, San Luis Obispo and Riverside counties and those of Los Angeles County, of course. He will receive some support from the lines of Valentine's argument, but for some reason it was not done. All Republican Senators and Assemblymen from this county are agreed that Bulla is to have their support as long as there is any hope for him to win. Expressions were obtained from them to-day as follows:

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FOUL PLAY FEARED.

Aged German Mysteriously Disappears at San Jose.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 10.—Chief of Police Kildward to-day received a letter from Paul Chatham, a furniture dealer of Berkeley, inquiring about C. A. Millar, who is supposed to have mysteriously disappeared from this city on December 3. Chatham states that Millar passed through Berkeley the last of November on his way from the City of Mexico to San Francisco. At the latter place he intended to sell a lot he had on Seventeenth street for \$2000. The letter states that Millar disposed of the lot through L. de Bois, a real estate agent, and on December 3 came to San Jose for a day or two, but had not heard of since. Chatham thinks he has met with foul play as he had considerable money with him. Millar is a German, about 50 years old.

QUAY GAINS A POINT.

Will Not Be Prosecuted by District Attorney Graham.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.—Supreme Court Justice Gresham and Williams to-day granted a rule allowing the defendants in the Quay conspiracy case to argue a petition for a writ of certiorari, removing the proceedings from the Court of Quarter Sessions to the Supreme Court. The rule is returnable January 7, and all proceedings are stayed in the meantime.

One of the results of the rule granted by the Supreme Court will be to carry the trial over beyond the term of office of District Attorney Graham, which will expire on January 1. The Senator and his attorneys do not hesitate to admit that their object in securing delay for the trial is to take the case out of the hands of District Attorney Graham, who, they say, is an enemy of the Senator and has endeavored to bring about his unjustly persecuting him and his co-defendants.

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Assemblyman Joseph M. Miller: "I don't consider the resolution of the county convention as necessary in order to bind me to Bulla, for I am already as strongly for him as I can be. I shall stay with him until he is elected, or until it would be unreasonable to hope for his election."

ABUNDANCE OF WATER.

Monterey and Vicinity in No Danger of a Shortage.

MONTEREY, Dec. 10.—The Pacific Improvement Company has just completed some extensive improvements in its arrangements for supplying water to this city, Del Monte and Pacific Grove. When it became apparent that even the great water supply of the Pacific Improvement Company's system in this locality was not sufficient to meet the unusual demand caused by the present continued drought, all the water possible was run into the great storage reservoir near Pacific Grove and consumers cautioned against waste. Immediate steps were taken for boring wells at various points on the system and for building a dam in the Upper Carmel River to avoid future water famine. The dam was completed in two weeks ago and the company's engineers declare that even without the wells there need be no fear of a shortage here.

Two ten-inch wells are completed and in operation and it is practically from them that the water supply of this locality is now coming. The wells are 150 and 1100 feet deep, and with the powerful steam pump that operates both the wells approximate 5000 gallons a minute. The water is clear and very cold and is especially good for drinking purposes.

Football at Marysville.

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 10.—On the local gridiron this afternoon Woodland's junior eleven defeated the Marysville High School team by a score of 34 to 0. The home team claims that six members of the Woodland senior team were pitted against them.

Frederick the Great composed the "Marche Real," the national anthem of Spain, and the 1 of Brumaire "Hymne Constitutionnel," the national air of Portugal.

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