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Punish Petition Padders

District Attorney Charles M. Fickert has announced that he purposes to prosecute the verification deputies charged with forging signatures to the "red light" law referendum petition.

The district attorney has applied to Registrar of Voters Zemansky for evidence which, it is said, will be supplied in the shape of several hundreds of forged affidavits verified by the deputies.

The honest men and women of California will be a unit behind District Attorney Fickert in this prosecution.

The honest and decent men and women of California are not agreed as to the merits of the so called red light abatement law, borrowed from Iowa.

There are thousands of God fearing, home loving men and women in this state who, deprecating commercialized vice, are not prepared to believe that it can be wiped out by disruption of the segregated districts in our cities.

They fear "scattering" more than segregation. They believe that their sons and daughters will be exposed to greater perils from skulking vice operating throughout the cities than from open vice operating in restricted districts.

Those men and women will vote against the red light bill when it shall be submitted to the people at the referendum election. Perhaps they will defeat it. They will if they are in the majority. If they are in the minority they can not complain. They will not complain.

They are the men and women who will stand solidly behind District Attorney Fickert in his attempt to punish the persons charged with forging referendum petition signatures.

They are the citizens who will agree that the law provides no punishment too severe for those who would tamper with the machinery of elections.

There is just one place where all living men are equal. That is at the polls, where every citizen may be insured of the right of recording his will.

Destroy popular confidence in the election machinery and popular confidence in government is destroyed.

Arouse public distrust in the submission of the first referendum questions in this state and popular confidence in direct legislation, which is none too sound, will be sadly shaken.

It is only reasonable to believe that the persons immediately interested in the defeat of the red light abatement bill are in no wise directly responsible for the forged affidavits.

Their financial interest is too great to permit them to incur the risk of invalidating their petition and destroying their opportunity to prevent the operation of the law.

These forgeries undoubtedly are the result of the system which most readily lends itself to piece payment for petition circulators.

It probably will be disclosed that the persons guilty of forgery were to be compensated on a basis of a few cents for each signature. They padded the list to pad their pay checks.

That system is also employed in the circulation of petitions for the primary nomination of candidates for public office. The same incentive for fraud exists in those cases. The opportunities for the practice of fraud are infinitely greater.

Unless it is checked now, once for all, the direct nominating and direct legislation systems so hardly won by the people will be undermined.

District Attorney Fickert can render this state no higher service than hunting down the guilty men and sending them to serve long prison terms.

Votes for Women

The sharp contrast between the methods of the active agitators for votes for women in England and the United States affords clear proof, as between the two, how much better fitted of the two the American women are for the voting privilege.

Here there have been no bombs, no incendiary work, no mad, screaming violators of law and order, but everything has proceeded quietly, but none the less vigorously and effectively. Such a proceeding as that of Thursday, when women from every state in the union presented petitions to the senators from their states asking them to vote for the Chamberlain amendment to the constitution providing for general female suffrage, was calculated to be effective and beneficial.

Instead of heaping personal abuse on the senators or threatening them with personal violence, the American ladies invited the senators to what the reporters call a big banquet.

Senator Clapp of Minnesota stated the truth when he declared, "Whatever the fate of this present resolution may be, the time is not far distant, and is inevitable, when the American people will confer on American women the only weapon by means of which she can peacefully defend herself and her children—the ballot."

Of course, that is the truth. Of late years the chief opposition to woman suffrage has been from the old time professional politicians and the influences behind them.

With the coming of the direct primary there came freedom of expression, and state after state in which the direct primary has been adopted has followed it up by adopting woman suffrage.

The politicians themselves can no longer ignore the woman suffrage movement. The next president of the United States may be, now that Illinois is

in the suffrage ranks, both nominated and elected by votes for women.

At the present rate of progress and of political development it would by no means be a strange event if in the next quarter century the United States would develop a democratic parallel for Queen Elizabeth, Queen Victoria or any other great feminine head of a nation.

Encourages European Exhibits

California and California's exposition managers are to be congratulated upon the prompt passage by the senate of the Perkins bill for the free importation and protection of Panama-Pacific exposition exhibits.

The bill relieves materials and articles for foreign buildings and exhibits from import duties. It also provides the largest measure of protection for articles copyrighted or patented under the laws of foreign countries.

Prompt action by the house and approval of the bill by President Wilson will give a decided impetus to the work of the exposition agencies laboring to make the 1915 show the greatest all world exhibit in history.

Until such a bill becomes law European inventors and holders of valuable copyrights and patents can not afford to undertake to exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

They have no protection against the filching of their ideas by American manufacturers and dealers.

For the construction and equipment of many buildings for characteristic national exhibits it will be necessary for the exhibitors to import materials peculiar to their own countries.

Such materials will be brought here for the purposes of the exposition only. To impose the regular import duties upon them would be to penalize participation in the exposition.

American labor and American industry can not be harmed by the enactment of the bill. The fullest measure of success for the exposition can not be attained without its enactment.

With Daniels on the Bridge

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, on his visit here, created great enthusiasm by his fervid and intense declamation that when the Panama canal was opened the fleet was coming into the Pacific—"coming home to stay"—and that the proudest day of his life would be when he would stand on the bridge of the Oregon at the head of the fleet until she steamed into San Francisco bay.

Either because he made such a hit with his speech here or because he has changed his mind since leaving here, he is now going to have another proudest day of his life and he is going to steer the fleet into another home than San Francisco bay.

The Portland Oregonian, too, has come under the spell of the North Carolinian's linguistics largiloquent verberation. The Oregonian says:

Secretary Daniels no sooner saw the Columbia river than he became convinced of its wonderful opportunities for commercial and naval purposes.

We have won Mr. Daniels as a friend to all plans for the development of the Columbia river and its basin, simply by showing him the river. The spectacle so awakened his enthusiasm that he looks forward to the day when, standing on the bridge of the old Oregon, he shall pass through the Panama canal into the Pacific and steam northward to the state which gave its name to that gallant old ship.

So, too, Puget sound is another home of the good old battleship Oregon and will see the same proudest day of the same secretary's life, the same living statue on the bridge of the Oregon, the same enthusiasm, the same friend.

Oh, what's the use? Has everybody forgotten that Secretary Daniels comes from North Carolina, and that the chief county of that state is named Bunco, or Buncombe? Take your choice.

A jury in a New York divorce case consisted of eleven lawyers and an artist. The litigants wanted a quick trial, so Judge Goff asked for lawyers, who are exempt, to serve. Every lawyer on the jury insisted on cross examining the witnesses.

"It doesn't pay to be a prophet," says Colonel George Harvey. Wouldn't say that in his case, if pay is not measured in pelf or place. The colonel stands high as to best guessers in the country. That is pay enough.

Now they are talking of Hon. Charles F. Murphy of the state of Tammany for the cabinet. Well, why not? If he had not been in the Baltimore convention Mr. Wilson would not have been nominated.

President Wilson when he was governor of New Jersey had his salary docked for absence from the state, but it is not expected that he will make a precedent for Secretary Bryan.

Some newspapers express surprise, as if it were a new thing, that the Italian government is to make nicotineless cigarettes. They have been made in this country for many years.

The Chicago News says N. A. M. does not stand for National Association of Mulhalls. Judging by Mulhall's testimony, it stands for a National Association of Mulhall, by himself.

That Ohio factory which makes 300,000,000 bungs a year out of 10,000,000 feet of lumber must be run by the man who makes holes in Swiss cheese.

No wonder Secretary Redfield is for free trade. He has a factory in Canada as well as in this country.

The tariff put on bananas by the democratic congress may prove to be an article they will slip up on.

Radium is quoted at \$2,400,000 an ounce. Attention, Mr. Bryan.

AT WASHINGTON

By IRA E. BENNETT

Louis Reilly, son of Congressman Thomas J. Reilly of Connecticut and a former newspaper man, stands to have to buy 450 wedding presents all at once. It came about like this:

Mr. Reilly was the one person in the secret that Mr. and the present Mrs. John Clark of Bridgeport, Conn., were about to elope from Woodmont, a summer resort. Mr. Reilly helped them with their plans and, with them, left the house where they and the bridesmaids and ushers were guests at a weekend party.

A wedding breakfast was given by the bride and bridegroom this week. They had on hand the 450 engraved invitations which would have been sent out, and they gave them all to Mr. Reilly, saying he was the only one really invited to the actual wedding.

All the other members of the party at the breakfast loudly cheered this act, and demanded that Mr. Reilly put up for the 450 presents.

What Mr. Reilly will do is not announced as yet. Congressman Reilly, his father, heard the news and smiled sadly:

"Hope Louis isn't stuck for all those 450 presents," quoth the congressman. "He might come back on the old man to help him out."

The "Congressional Salad" is the latest thing in the summer comestible line in Washington.

It is made from a recipe by the wife of Congressman G. R. Smith of Minnesota, and its vogue is considerable. The "Congressional" is a fruit salad, its formula being:

One grapefruit, one orange, one pineapple or two apples, nuts, according to taste, and a pinch of salt. To this, chopped up fruit and cream double whipped. Serve on squares of double toast or browned crackers.

"I am only lecturing during a limited period and then only at Chautauquas, and can not, therefore, consider the proposition which you are kind enough to submit." This was the answer. Spearman Lewis telegraphed the secretary, advising him that it was to be a lecture at the coliseum, which has a seating capacity large enough to insure a \$6,000 house, of which the speaker was to get half.

Although this is the same arrangement by which Secretary Bryan is making his Chautauqua speeches, an equal division of the receipts and the net proceeds promised to be much greater than those of the ordinary lecture on the Chautauqua circuit, the secretary refused to be tempted by it.

Senator J. Ham Lewis has taken compassion on the fathers of the country. He has a kind heart located below and a little to the left of those whiskers, and he thinks the "old man" who has so long been neglected, is entitled to some consideration from the hands of congress.

Senator Lewis proposes to introduce a bill to recognize father's day. Already there is mothers' day and children's day, and why not do something for the other member of the family?

Not only does Senator Lewis intend to introduce a bill, but he is threatening to back it up with a speech and possibly write a poem.

The talkative new member of congress was delivering his views on the tariff, currency, Panama canal tolls, dollar diplomacy and other weighty measures to a small congressional party recently, which included former Speaker Uncle Joe Cannon. Uncle Joe had come to Washington on a short visit from his home in Danville, Ill.

The sage of Danville stretched his lean legs, got a new half nelson clutch on his long, black cigar, and between thick spirals of smoke told this story:

"A Sunday school teacher was reading her class of little boys the proclamation of Goliath, who, full armored, pranced out before the armies of the living God and made his deft, 'hoop la!' day after day. One bright eyed boy in the class listened disgustedly for a few moments, and then exclaimed:

"Skip that, me'm, he's blowing. He ought to tie his bull outside!" The new statesman has his well roped now.

TOLD AND RETOLD

Unexpected Result

Here is an emigration story told at a meeting recently. In a village was a youth who had got himself into such a variety of scrapes that his people thought it would be better to dispatch him to Canada, so as to get him away from old and doubtful associations. He agreed to go, provided those interested in his departure secured him some testimonials. Half a dozen were got for him. They sang his praises in unrestrained terms, spoke of his geniality, his good address and exceptional capability, and all the other virtues that few men have, but many get the credit for.

When the young man read the testimonials he turned to his father and exclaimed:

"Well, I'm hanged, I had no idea people thought so much of me. And now that I know how much they like me, I'm blown if I'll go away at all." New Orleans States.

The Test

"How," the president of the Fat Man's club was asked, "did you prevent fraud among your applicants for membership? Didn't some men try to get in that weren't up to the standard weight?"

"Yes," the portly officer replied, "but it was no use. Applications had to be presented in person at the Polk building, fifth floor. There was no elevator. The applicant climbed the five flights of stairs. At the top he met a man who asked: 'Were you looking for the Fat Man's club?'"

"Yes."

"The main office is on the first floor," the man said. "Your application is rejected. We receive no man who can climb five flights of stairs!"

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\$500,000 HOLDINGS GO TO RECEIVER

Properties of Major L. D. Kinney Are Placed in Judge's Hands

NORTH BEND, Ore., Aug. 3.—The real estate, railroad and timber holdings of Major L. D. Kinney at North Bend and Coos Bay yesterday were placed in the hands of Judge Watters of this city, as receiver. The properties are valued at approximately \$500,000.

Major Kinney recently negotiated with W. J. Wilsey of Portland, representing an English syndicate, for the sale of his holdings, but the deal is still pending.

Kinney's liabilities are about \$300,000.

Vancouver Post to Remain

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—After a visit of inspection to Vancouver Barracks and an automobile tour of Portland, Secretary of War Garrison left at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon for Seattle.

Secretary Garrison gave assurance while at Vancouver that there was no thought of abandoning the army post there.

He is charmed with the situation and surroundings here, he declared. While the exact disposition to be made of this post and its future relation to other northwest posts has not been determined, he said, an army post will continue to be maintained here.

Accompanying Secretary Garrison on his inspection trip were Major General Wood, Brigadier General Andrews, Captain Schindele and S. M. Conley, Colonel C. S. Martin, Third regiment, Oregon national guard; A. H. Averill, president of the Chamber of Commerce; W. B. Mackey and M. Mossesohn.

Marital Law Threatened

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 3.—Following his threat of last night that he would, if necessary, declare martial law here in order to prevent the proposed Sunday performances of the Oklahoma Wild West circus, Governor West invaded Oregon City at the head of five penitentiary guards.

The circus made no attempt to show and after a conference between Governor West, a delegation of preachers, the show's manager, W. E. Burlock and several attorneys, Burlock agreed not to show today and the governor and the ministers agreed to attend the circus Monday.

Mob Rule Denounced

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 3.—In a statement issued last night Governor West denounced the conduct of those connected with the recent Industrial Workers of the World agitation in Marshfield and the deportation of Dr. B. K. Leach from Bandon, the mob rule and the inactivity of the sheriff and other officials, and declared he would direct the attorney general to present the entire matter to the court so that the law violators, whether the socialists or Doctor Leach or those in the mob or the officials who failed to suppress the mob may be punished.

Socialists Demand Inquiry

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—A mass meeting of the moderate socialists, who were the headquarters were destroyed by rioting United States soldiers and sailors on the night of July 18, today adopted resolutions demanding a congressional investigation of the riot.

The resolution says that at a "most propitious moment, from the standpoint of the reactionaries, the secretary of the navy, Josephus Daniels, delivered a tactless, impolitic and belated attack upon the red flag and all those who believe in the principles it symbolizes, thus linking the color of official approbation to the work of arson which almost immediately followed."

"Sworn testimony is at hand," the resolution says, "indicating that the riot was planned and organized on the part of the federal army and the navy, and that any conspiracy which may have existed involving army and navy officers with local vice politicians may be uncovered, responsibility placed, and any possible justification for denouncing the military army of the government as an active and conscious participant in the work of riot and arson be removed."

LOBBY GOSSIP

Canal Will Boom Alabama

Richard Massey, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Birmingham, who with Mrs. Massey and his daughter are at the St. Francis, says that the opening of the Panama canal will increase the iron output of Alabama three fold. Mr. Massey said:

"Pig iron producers of Alabama are getting in readiness for the opening of the Panama canal by increasing their plants and increasing the development of their mines. We hope to tap the oriental and South American markets and there is no reason why we shouldn't increase our pig iron output three fold."

"To the end that our iron resources may be better advertised to the world, we plan to make a large exhibit at the San Francisco exposition. A special session of the legislature will be called next year to pass an appropriation bill, or rather to increase the appropriation already voted to San Francisco by the state of Alabama. Birmingham pig iron producers and cotton growers may augment this appropriation by a special fund of their own. We are working on this latter scheme."

"The plans call for the construction of a pig iron building at the exposition, as well as many railroad companies and civic organizations will be behind San Francisco and will boost the fair. The three most powerful newspapers in the state and in a large way are sure of plenty of local advertising."

Italy's Insurance Laws

Vincenzo Ripamonti, president of an insurance company in Italy, who is at the Steward, says that Italy is prospering as never before. Mr. Ripamonti said:

"The insurance law which went into effect the first of this year is giving satisfaction to our people, though it has driven out nearly all of the foreign companies. Under this law all companies are required to give the government the privilege of sharing in their business to the extent of 40 percent, and it is provided that the companies doing business in Italy shall not make their rates higher than is prescribed by the government officials."

"The result has been that the government itself has in a large way gone into the insurance business. This action was based on the principle of self-protection."

"An exhaustive investigation disclosed the relation of mortality and births in Italy to the cost of insurance, and the government saw that it would be possible to insure life at lower rates than the insurance companies charged. Now the poorer classes are able to take out insurance where in the past only the rich were privileged to insure their lives."

To Attend National Convention

Daniel P. Fearing, former mayor of Newport, R. I., who lives in the winter on his ranch in southern California, arrived at the St. Francis yesterday on his way to Boston to attend the forty-third annual meeting of the American Fish and Game society. Mr. Fearing is chairman of the executive committee of the American Fisheries society. Every state in the United States will send representatives to the annual meeting.

of destruction and openly cheered, applauded and encouraged the work of arson during the words, 'Good work, boys; good work.'

The resolutions therefore "demand a congressional investigation of the riot, and to progress the origin, to the end that any conspiracy which may have existed involving army and navy officers with local vice politicians may be uncovered, responsibility placed, and any possible justification for denouncing the military army of the government as an active and conscious participant in the work of riot and arson be removed."

SENORA MADERO TO TELL CONGRESS

Foreign Relations Committee Plans to Get First Hand Testimony on Mexico

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Four months of the extra session of the democratic congress have passed, with the tariff revision bill still in the early stages of consideration by the senate, the lobby investigation about to become a double barreled affair, with senate and house committee probing the Mexican situation engaging deep interest in both branches and republican leaders getting restive in the heat over President Wilson's determination to force currency legislation on what they term a "tired out congress."

As for the tariff, its passage by the senate in its present form is conceded, the only doubt now existing being as to the time the task will be completed.

Democratic leaders, however, intend to discuss the measure seven hours a day. Later it is proposed to hold night sessions. Part of the senate plan to get the tariff bill on the statute books as soon as possible is to refrain from making set speeches.

This work will bring the senate to the fight over free sugar and prolonged discussion is certain.

Before the sugar schedule is reported, however, the metal schedule will be taken up. These two minority substitutes to be proposed. No change in the measure is anticipated, the democrats having demonstrated their complete mastery of the situation.

Principal attention in the house this week will be directed to the lobby investigation.

The house committee plans to go directly into the charges and intimations of dealing with members of the lower branch of congress in the last decade as outlined in Mulhall's correspondence submitted to the senate committee. The senate committee will begin to hear the manufacturers' side of the story.

The Mexican situation is still in the hands of President Wilson, the secretary of State Bryan, but the senate committee on foreign relations plans to investigate the conditions in Mexico further and probably will hear Senora Madero, widow of the late president of the republic, and other Mexicans who have first hand knowledge of the conditions.

YANKEE IRISH PLEDGE TO SEND FUND HOME

League Cables Redmond Host of \$100,000 Will Be Forthcoming Soon as Possible

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 3.—Pledges that the remainder of the fund of \$100,000 promised last year toward the support of the Irish nationalist party by the United Irish League of America would be sent as soon as possible were cabled to John Redmond at the close of a meeting of the national executive committee of the league held today.

The sum of \$53,552, President M. J. Ryan of Philadelphia said, already had been sent and \$4,700 remained on hand. Individual members of the committee promised that they would see that immediate steps were taken to raise the \$41,748 required.

GIRL GIVES HUE AND CRY; ROBBER FOUND ON ROOF

Hortense Gilmore, After Being Knocked Down Three Times, Aids in Capture of Holdup Man

Keeping her head in spite of the fact that a holdup man knocked her down three times and bruised her badly in his attempt to steal her purse Miss Hortense Gilmore of 1922 Sutter street called vigorously for help, and the police officers under her direction followed up the man and captured him on the roof of a nearby house where he had fled for refuge.

Miss Gilmore had been visiting friends and was attacked in Eddy street between Fillmore and Steiner.