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PAWNBROKERS DENY THEY HAD BIG SLUSH FUND

Men Who Were Driven Out of Washington by Loan Shark Bill Develop Case of Poor Memory When They Are Quizzed by the House Lobby Investigators Concerning Chief Page's Story

SHAVE \$7,000 CHARGE DOWN TO BARE \$3,500

I. H. McMichael Sticks to His Sensational Admissions—Admits He Is Receiving a Salary From Newspaper to Write His Memoirs of Twenty Years as a National House Page

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The house lobby investigators centered their attention today on the statement of I. H. McMichael, one time chief page of the house, that Representative James T. McDermott of Chicago, had received about \$7,500 for efforts to defeat a bill affecting local pawnbrokers and "loan sharks." After more than five hours of hard work the committee was not much nearer a definite conclusion about the \$7,500 than it was when McMichael made his first statement.

The one time chief of the house pages reiterated today his testimony that McDermott told him that he got about \$7,500 in the loan shark matter, and stuck to his story under severe cross examination of James S. Easby-Smith, attorney for McDermott.

The former Washington pawnbrokers who quit business when this bill became law gave the committee no definite information to connect McDermott with any such fund or to disclose that the pawnbrokers ever raised any such amount for any purpose.

Abraham Bernstein, one of the brokers, said he contributed to a fund to be used in advancing the arguments of himself and his fellows. He showed a lack of memory about many details concerning the raising of the money and was subjected to a long and sharp fire of direct examination in which every member of the committee who was present took part. Pinned down time after time, however, Bernstein denied that the brokers ever raised more than \$3,500 and swore that it was used to pay attorneys to represent them before officials here and in publicity work.

TOOK NO RECEIPT

He was asked to help, he swore, by George D. Horning, another local pawnbroker, who, according to McMichael, made the arrangement with McDermott to work against the bill. He said he gave two checks to Horning amounting to about \$700. He took no receipt, did not know how the money was used, but presumed it went to the attorneys. McDermott, he said, he had known for about a year.

He (Horning) and "Ike" Heldenheimer, another broker, interested in the bill's defeat, he said, called at McDermott's office on Capitol Hill once, but he didn't know the year, and he wasn't sure whether McDermott was in at the time or who was there. He was sure at that time he didn't pay any money to Horning in 1911, when McMichael swore the deal was made, but after continued questioning agreed he wasn't entirely certain about the matter.

Bernstein's failure to remember details finally became so frequent that at almost every question of the inquisitor he got a laugh from his colleagues, but no information from the witness. Bernstein denied that \$3,500 was raised to defeat legislation.

ANSWERS CAUSE LAUGHTER

"Thirty-five hundred dollars never defeated legislation," he said. "You might defeat it with \$10,000 or \$50,000." When the laughter subsided Bernstein admitted he didn't know how he could defeat legislation with even that amount. He denied he ever talked with McDermott about legislation except in a casual way.

Bernstein couldn't fix the time when Horning first came to him and suggested they must do something to defeat the loan shark bill. He said Horning, Heldenheimer and he talked about the matter frequently, but he could not give details of these conversations.

"We didn't do anything rash," he admitted frequently. Bernstein denied he had talked with Horning or Heldenheimer about the testimony he was to give the committee.

Immanuel Steinem, the second former pawnbroker, said he contributed nothing to the fund to defeat the bill, although approached by the trio who did put up the money.

"I told Horning I would contribute if the bill passed with the pawnbrokers excluded from its terms," he said.

"You were willing to go in on a sort of insurance basis," suggested Representative Ferris.

"Yes, sir."

Questioned more fully about why he

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CHANTING SPOOKS WALK COUNTY JAIL

Jack Mills, Prisoner, Smuggles Out Letter, Telling of Nightly Procession of Ghosts

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

SAN RAFAEL, Aug. 16.—"Jack" Mills, a negro prize fighter who is serving 15 months in the county jail here for running amuck with two guns, which he fired promiscuously about the streets at midnight some months ago, has announced in a letter composed in the gloomiest cell in the prison that the county bastille is haunted.

Weird sounds and ghostly forms have disturbed his nocturnal hours, he says in the letter smuggled out to M. F. Cochrane, which he requests the recipient to read to the board of supervisors.

According to Mills the white clad visitors begin to arrive at the witching hour of 12, and from then until 1 o'clock, with a sibilant chant that strikes terror to the listener, they parade up and down the corridor.

In addition to being forced to play host to these unwelcome guests, Mills complains of occupying a cell that is headquarters for bats.

To prove this last, he says, he can exhibit several of the winged mice that he has captured in mad races around his cell, his employment every night between 12 and 1 to banish thoughts of his supernatural entertainers.

Mr. Cochrane says that he will do as requested in the matter of taking the subject of the crowded jail before the supervisors.

WINE PRODUCERS WARN TAX WILL RUIN TRADE

Bell and Tarpey Before Senate Committee Protest Pomerene's Internal Revenue Levy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—California wine producers, backed by the congressional delegation from that state, protested today to the senate finance committee against the proposed tax on brandy used in fortifying sweet wines and the methods by which Ohio wine producers are permitted to manufacture their product.

Theodore A. Bell and M. F. Tarpey, representing the California producers, declared that to levy an internal revenue tax on brandy used in fortifying sweet wines would ruin the California wine industry.

The hearing was continued until Monday.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT AGITATES HILLSBOROUGH

Financial Per Capita Drops From \$3,758.57 to \$335.32 in One Year—Mistake in Figures Is Alleged

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

HILLSBOROUGH, Aug. 16.—Hillsborough's reputation as a city of millionaires is at stake because of an annual report issued from the office of the state controller giving the financial status of the California municipalities.

The table shows that although the amount per capita of the assessment roll in Hillsborough for 1911 was \$3,758.57, for 1912 it was only \$335.32.

As the per capita assessment in San Mateo stands at \$738 and in Burlingame \$990, the people of Hillsborough believe there is a mistake somewhere which must be rectified.

SOLID TRAIN BETWEEN ST. LOUIS AND COAST

Rush, Announcing New Service, Says W. P. Branches Will Be Built When Money Gets Easier

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 16.—President Bush of the Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain, the Denver and Rio Grande and Western Pacific systems, announced today that the Gould lines soon would inaugurate a solid through train between St. Louis and San Francisco.

The running time between the two cities, he said, will be considerably reduced.

He also announced that additional branch lines of the Western Pacific would be built as soon as financial conditions are such as to justify the raising of funds for the work.

ATTORNEY IS SHOT DEAD IN STREET PISTOL DUEL

Editor of Plumas County Paper Receives Wound in Fight in Quincy, Cal.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 16.—J. A. Boyle, a leading attorney of Quincy, was shot dead in a street duel here tonight.

F. G. Hall, editor of the Plumas National Bulletin, was wounded in the fight.

The town is in a turmoil over the affair.

AUTO LIGHTS FOR BINDERS

Dakota Farmers Dodge Heat by Harvesting by Night

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Aug. 16.—By transferring the headlights from their automobiles to their binders, farmers of the Red River valley are harvesting at night and lying idle during the day. This is owing to intense heat, more than 100 horses having died during the last week.

FATHER DIES WITH SONS

Man Teaching Boy to Swim Taken With Cramps—Three Drown

GLASGOW, Mo., Aug. 16.—L. L. Cook and his two sons, Raymond and Jewel, were drowned in the Missouri river here tonight. The father was teaching his son, Raymond, to swim, but was taken with cramps. Jewel went to the assistance of his father and brother, and all three perished.

GLYNN REJECTS SULZER PLEA TO TEST RIGHTS

Lieutenant Governor Refuses Suggestion That Courts at Once Pass on Governorship Tangle

ARMED TRUCE TO RULE CAPITAL TODAY

Citizens Over Nation Wire Executive to Keep Up the Fight on Tammany

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 16.—An armed truce over Sunday is the present situation in the fight for the governorship of New York. Both Governor Sulzer and Lieutenant Governor Glynn, as acting governor, signed official papers during the day.

Apart from this, the only skirmish was the issuing by Governor Sulzer of a reply to Mr. Glynn's declaration of the suggestion that their differences be taken at once to court. Governor Sulzer deplores this declaration, pointing out that it probably will lead to "trouble and litigation." The purpose of the suggestion, he said, was "to avoid the spectacle of two persons trying to act as governor of this great state at the same time."

Mr. Glynn left his official fort on the third floor of the capitol early in the afternoon, but Governor Sulzer stood by his guns on the floor below throughout the day.

SULZER DENIES BARTER

Governor Sulzer's letter, which arrived after Mr. Glynn had departed, emphatically denied that his communication urging that the controversy be taken into court, contained any "suggestion that you should barter away any of the functions attaching to the office of lieutenant governor, but simply that we seek a determination of what your and my rights and demands are, at the present juncture."

The letter continued: "Your statement that the matter is now in the highest court of the state—the court of impeachment—I suggest to you is very inaccurate. The court of impeachment will not convene until September 15. The court is not to determine who is to discharge the duties of governor pending the trial of the charges presented and it, of course, could not in any event determine that question before it convened."

"Whatever the result of the charges against me may be, it is certain that future trouble and litigation will arise, growing out of your acts and mine, and it was to prevent, as far as possible, such future trouble, and to avoid the spectacle of two persons trying to act as governor of this great state at the same time, that I made the suggestion that counsel for you and for myself endeavor to agree upon some method of presenting the question as to who should act as governor until the decision and determination of the charges against me, to the courts at the earliest possible moment and that we abide by the law as it should be determined by the courts, not by counsel, and I regret that my efforts in that behalf are not to have your co-operation."

MRS. SULZER IMPROVES

Mrs. Sulzer, who is suffering from a nervous breakdown, spent a quiet afternoon and was reported as resting more comfortably tonight. Her temperature was 102½ and her pulse 120.

Lynn J. Arnold, publisher of the Albany Knickerbocker Press, and one of Governor Sulzer's closest counselors, announced tonight that he will undertake to form a national law and order committee to defend Governor Sulzer, "drive graft out of our public life, and punish the political bosses to the fullest possible extent under the law."

Mr. Arnold's announcement embodies a telegram received by him from Thomas W. Lawson, now in Princeton, Ore., volunteering to be "one of the few men to supply the necessary starting fund—and it must be a big one—to make the fight a winning one."

Mr. Glynn still adheres to his expressed determination not to engage in a physical contest either over possession of the executive suite or its documents and appurtenances. By advice of the attorney general he is having made a special privy seal to use on official documents.

Mr. Glynn learned with interest today that attorney general Hogan of Ohio has advised the officials of that state to recognize him as the acting governor of New York.

Governor Sulzer made public messages endorsing his stand from citizens of New York and other states. Governor George H. Hunt of Arizona wired his belief that "the American people, with customary discernment, will recognize the forces with which you are contending and will respect you for your courageous stand."

MAGNATE'S DOG POISONED

Two Hundred Offered for Slayer of H. T. Scott's Prize Bull Terrier

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

BURLINGAME, Aug. 16.—Henry T. Scott, telephone magnate of San Francisco and city trustee of Hillsborough, is offering \$200 for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person who poisoned his blue blooded brindle bull terrier St. Francis.

Girl to Name New War Dog Will Be Sponsor for Nevada

Mine Firms Offer Silver Bullion for Ship's Service

RENO, Nev., Aug. 16.—Miss Eleanor Anne Siebert, a little miss of 10 years, has been named sponsor for the U. S. S. Nevada, the newest battleship of the United States navy, which will be launched in October.

She is the niece of Governor Oddie and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Siebert of Reno. Mr. Siebert is mining expert for George Wingfield of the Goldfield Consolidated and Nevada Hills companies.

Miss Siebert was born in Tonopah and the mining companies of her native city have made an offer of silver bullion for the vessel's silver service.

A movement has been started for christening the ship with Nevada mineral water.

WOMAN, LOSING PRINCE, RETURNS TO WASH TUB

Mrs. Melcher, Who Was Left in Lurch for Miss Freese, Will Open Laundry in Los Angeles

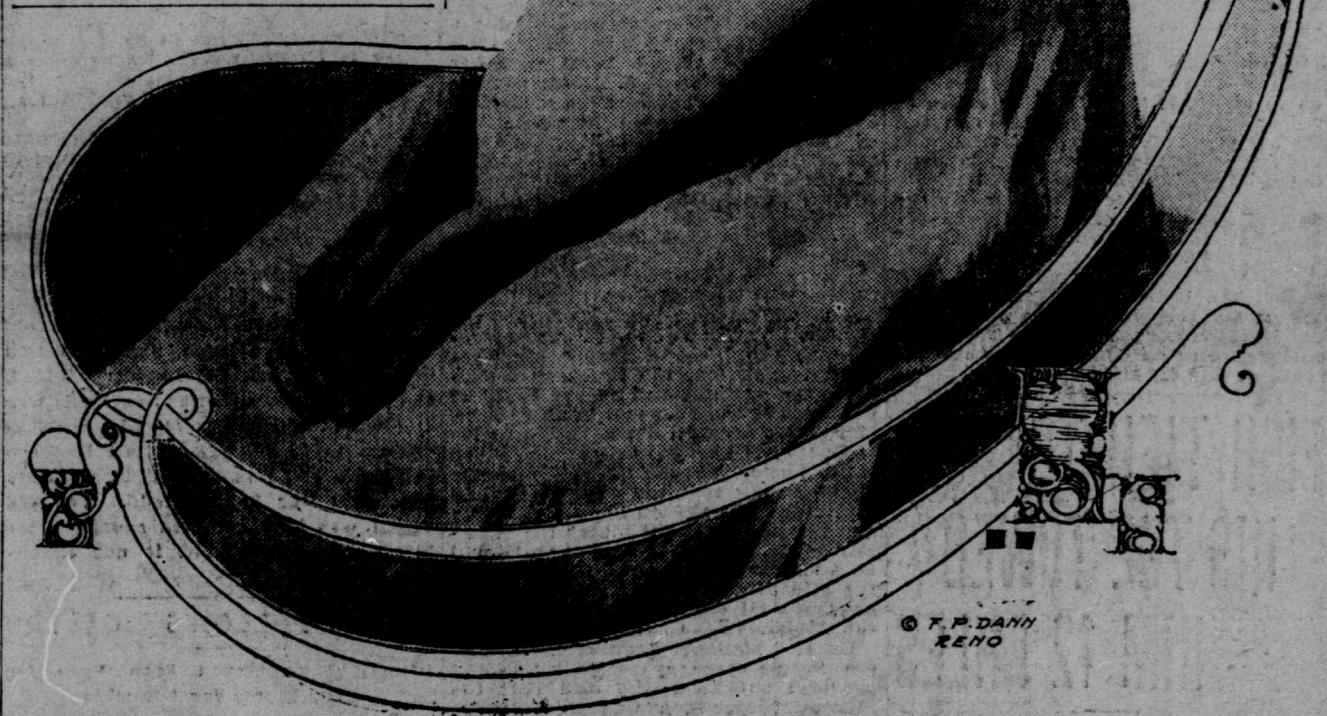
(Special Dispatch to The Call)

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16.—Mrs. Clara Melcher, the Vienna laundress who came here, she said, at the behest of Prince Stanislaus Sulkowski, expecting to marry him, has given up hope of ever being a princess and will go back to the wash tub.

The prince married Miss Marie Freese and is on the high seas on the way to Japan on his honeymoon trip.

Mrs. Melcher announced today that she would open a laundry and live in Los Angeles.

"I don't want to go back to Vienna," she said, "and I haven't money enough to go even if I did."



HANFORD OFFERED CHANCE TO SAVE SMITH HOLDINGS

Trustees Deliver to Capitalist \$5,000,000 Option on "Borax King's" Interests in Concern

R. G. Hanford will be given his opportunity to save the properties of "Borax" Smith. The trustees of the United Properties company yesterday delivered to Mr. Hanford an option for the purchase of F. M. Smith's interests in that \$200,000,000 corporation and its subsidiaries.

The purchase will involve approximately \$5,000,000 and Mr. Hanford is given until January 1, 1914, in which to raise that amount.

Hanford recently said he had offered to take an option on Smith's holdings at twice their present market value, to assume all Smith's obligations to the United Properties company and to care for other claims.

He said he had expected to finance this agreement abroad, but that after he had agreed to all these terms the trustees refused to give an option for more than 30 days, and so negotiations failed.

"Mr. Hanford made such positive claims about his ability to raise the money to save the Smith properties and he introduced so many difficulties for others engaged in the effort to straighten out the financial tangle that we finally decided to give him the chance to make good his boast," said one of the trustees of the United Properties company.

"At his offices in the Mechanics' Institute building Mr. Hanford declined to make any statement as to what his immediate plans are for saving the properties or even to admit that he had received an option."

"I have nothing to say just now," was his sole answer to queries.

"It was said in his behalf that he plans to go to London almost immediately to raise the millions required. This option will halt the refinancing plans of the F. M. Smith trustees, but they will continue to act in their capacity as advisory committee to the Smith creditors."

X-RAY COSTUMES DISGUST MINISTER

Redwood City Clergyman Scores Slashed Skirts and Diaphanous Dresses

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

REDWOOD CITY, Aug. 16.—"If the New York girls slash their skirts to the knee, the Chicago girls will take two slashes and the San Francisco girls will take three."

The foregoing statement, made by Rev. C. H. Stevens, pastor of the Congregational church, during a sermon before the united congregations of the Redwood City churches, has caused a furore in religious and society circles of San Mateo county.

Rev. Mr. Stevens is utterly disgusted with "that dress abomination known as the X-ray skirt and its other immodest relations," and he did not mince words in voicing his disapproval.

"With such lustful costumes paraded on the street," he said, "it is a wonder that we have as many good men as we have."

ENTIRE TOWN PURCHASED

Shasta Man Closes Deal for All of Journey Valley, Shasta County

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

CHICO, Aug. 16.—Jack Murphy, owner of the Western hotel and other property here, has just closed a deal for the purchase of a whole town in Shasta county. The place is Journey Valley in northeastern Shasta and is one of the oldest settlements in northern California. Included in Murphy's buy are two hotels, five residences, a blacksmith shop, livery stable, several large barns, three granaries and various other buildings.

WHEATLAND SUSPECT HELD

Phoenix Police Think They Have Leader of Hop Fields Riot

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 16.—Shortly after his arrival in this city today, a man giving his name as James Taylor, who he is believed to be "A. Blackie," leader of the recent labor uprising in the Durst hop fields in Wheatland, Cal., was arrested. The prisoner answers in detail to the description of the Wheatland riot leader. Notice of the arrest was sent to the authorities at Marysville, Cal., tonight.

HUERTA TO BE INFORMED HE SHOULD ASSIST IN ENDING WAR

Envoy Lind Makes Breach in Wall Erected by Mexican Government to Impede His Negotiations and Makes Progress, According to Official Advises—Presentment Made to Be Augmented by Others, Setting Out in Detail the Objects the United States Desires to Accomplish

POPULAR RULE TO BE SUGGESTED

No Demand Will Be Made for Resignation of President, but He Will Be Urged to Grant Concessions Looking Toward a Cessation of Strife—All Negotiations Thus Far Conducted by Special Embassy Kept Secret—Lodge Sees Secretary Bryan and Discusses the Situation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Substantial progress has been achieved in the judgment of administration officials here by John Lind in the discharge of his delicate mission to Mexico.

They feel the American embassy's adviser at least has made a breach in the wall, which theoretically had been erected by the Mexican government to obstruct his negotiations.

The presentment he has already made is understood to be only of a preliminary character and will be followed by others setting out more in detail the object which the American administration had in mind in dispatching him to Mexico City.

The delivery of those supplementary communications will depend entirely upon the reception accorded the American government's first communication. This is now under careful consideration, a fact regarded as the utmost promise for the ultimate success of the negotiations.

CONCESSIONS ARE EXPECTED

It is understood that while there is nothing in the nature of a demand for the withdrawal of General Huerta from the presidency or for the arbitrary fixing of the date for a general election, there is nevertheless a distinct intimation of the administration's belief that some concession should be made by the Huerta government to terminate the present insurrection and to insure the ascendancy of a truly popular government.

If these fundamentals are accepted the way will be open for conferences to define the means by which the desired results could be brought about. It is expected that the state department that the next step in the negotiations will not be taken before Monday.

The request of the Mexican government for time to consider Mr. Lind's presentation practically conveyed that idea. Meanwhile it is deemed essential that the principals to the negotiations shall surround them with the utmost secrecy at this interesting phase.

Not the slightest intimation of Mr. Lind's communication has reached any of the representatives of the foreign powers. It is expected, however, that as soon as the Mexican government reaches a decision as to whether further overtures are to be received at all steps will be taken to acquaint the representatives in Mexico of the foreign powers with the nature of Lind's mission.

The same information will probably be conveyed to the diplomatic representatives of the same powers accredited to the United States.

LODGE TALKS WITH BRYAN

Senator Lodge had a long talk with Secretary Bryan today about Mexican

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