

STILL CAUSING TALK IN ROME

Partisans of Cardinal Merry Del Val Insist That He Showed Tact and Wisdom.

MIGHT HAVE EXPOSED POPE TO HUMILIATION

This Had Pontiff Accorded to Mr. Roosevelt Treatment Different from That Accorded Mr. Fairbanks.

Rome, April 9.—The Vatican-Roosevelt incident is still causing animated discussion between partisans, those rallying to the support of Cardinal Merry Del Val insisting that it matters not what consequences may ensue, as any other outcome would be better than to have exposed the Pope to humiliation, as would have been the case had Mr. Roosevelt visited the Pontiff, and later called upon the Methodists, simply to demonstrate that he could not be treated as was former Vice President Fairbanks.

Visiting Art Galleries. Gen. April 9.—Col. and Mrs. Roosevelt spent the morning hours today visiting art galleries and other places of interest.

To Have Royal Time. Vienna, April 9.—Emperor Francis Joseph is interesting himself actively in Mr. Roosevelt's coming visit to the capital with a view to making his visit as pleasant as possible.

Paris Journals Quite Excited. Paris, April 9.—As the date of Mr. Roosevelt's visit to France draws nearer, the leading newspapers devote much space to the former president's personality and movements.

SUM OF \$290,000 ADDED TO SHARE OF CAROLINA

In the Increases Made by Senate Committee in the Rivers and Harbors Bill.

Washington, April 9.—The senate commerce committee report, giving the increases in the rivers and harbors appropriation bill over the amounts carried in the bill as it passed the house, was completed today and will be presented to the senate Monday.

The principal items of cash increases include the following: Virginia—Potomac river at Alexandria, \$40,000; James river, \$150,000; Norfolk harbor and approaches, \$200,000.

North Carolina—Cape Fear river above Wilmington, \$90,000; Cape Fear river below Wilmington, \$200,000. South Carolina—Waccamaw river, \$46,000. Georgia—Coosa river, Mayo's bar, \$43,000.

BURGLAR PAIR REFUSED TO ENTER PLEA IN COURT

Formal Plea of "Not Guilty" Entered for Fay and Harrison—Trial Set for April 20.

Richmond, April 9.—Eddie Fay and Little Dick Harrison, charged with the sensational postoffice robbery here, declined to make a plea when arraigned today.

TWO SENATORS ENGAGE IN MIX-UP

Trouble Between Messrs. Banks and Tucker While Bribery Charge Was Being Investigated at Jackson.

WARRANTS CHARGING GAMBLING INCIDENT TO INVESTIGATION

A Senator and Several Representatives Indicted For Playing Poker Under Code.

Jackson, Miss., April 9.—Five warrants charging poker playing are issued as one of the ramifications of the Bilbo-Dulany sensational bribery investigation.

Poker playing for money is unlawful under the Mississippi code. The senate today resumed its investigation.

Senators Banks and Tucker made frantic efforts to lay hands upon one another during the investigation late yesterday and a personal encounter between the angry, shouting men was only averted by strenuous work on the part of fellow senators.

Senator Tucker, who is counsel for Senator Bilbo, angered by the use of the shorter and uglier word, rushed at Banks. Banks, white with anger, rushed towards Tucker.

The witness was unshaken in his denial of any crookedness, but declared that Bilbo repeatedly hinted that he could be bribed, and repeatedly asked for and received bottles of liquor. He declared that Representative Cowart intimated that he would not be averse to selling his vote.

WIROGRAPHS

Late Afternoon News Stories in Condensed Form of World's Big and Little Events.

Big Destroyer Is Launched. Quincy, Mass., April 9.—The first to be launched of the new, enlarged type of ocean-going torpedo destroyers, the Perkins, was sent down the ways into Fore river today.

De Armond Memorial in the House. Washington, April 9.—The house today held memorial services in honor of the late Representative De Armond of Missouri.

Information Called for by the House. Washington, April 9.—The house today adopted a resolution calling on the secretary of the navy for information concerning the recent disaster on the armored cruiser Charleston.

Will Uphold the Administration. Chicago, April 9.—Attorney General Wickham will deliver an address upholding President Taft's administration at the Appomattox day banquet tonight.

Two and One-Half Millions More in Gold to Be Shipped. New York, April 9.—The engagement of two and one-half million dollars in double eagles today brings the total amount of gold engaged for shipment to England on this movement to ten million dollars.

The Colossus Launched. Clydebank, Scotland, April 9.—The Colossus, Great Britain's ninth battleship of the dreadnaught type, was launched today.

KENTUCKY SOCIETY WEDDING TO OCCUR THIS EVENING

Representative Clayton the Groom, Mrs. Davis Bride and Senator Bailey the Best Man. Lexington, Ky., April 9.—Representative Henry D. Clayton of Alabama and Mrs. Bettie Davis, a wealthy young widow of Georgetown, Ky., will be married this evening at the latter's home.

Accused of Murder of a Woman And of Being a Regular Burglar



LOCKET CONTAINING PHOTOS OF SPENCER'S MOTHER AND SISTER.



SPENCER'S HOME IN PORTER AVENUE, WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Even Spencer's Wife, Perhaps, Did Not Know of Double Life Husband Seemed to Lead.

Springfield, Mass., April 9.—Bertram G. Spencer, a clerk, arrested in connection with the Blackstone mystery, was formally charged with the murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone in the home of Mrs. Sarah J. Dow.

CASE, IT SEEMS, OF VIRGINIA FOUR; CAROLINA THREE

Confusion of the Names of Asheville Gentlemen May Cause Embarrassment in Census Department.

HAMRICK, GROCER, GOT PAPERS; HAMRICK, PREACHER, LEFT OUT

This, Notwithstanding Fact That the Minister Had Demonstrated His Fitness for the Service.

A confusion in names in the appointment of census enumerators for this district, rather a similarity of name and initials, has produced a rather unique situation and some embarrassment to Asheville gentlemen.

T. R. WALSH "MINING KING" DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Simple Funeral Ceremonies, as He Wished, Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon.

Washington, April 9.—Thomas F. Walsh, the millionaire mine owner, died at his home here last night at 11:30 o'clock.

Death was due to a growth on the lungs, the result of an injury received years ago when Mr. Walsh was a miner in the west.

He will be buried in Rock Creek cemetery in this city by the side of his son, who lost his life in an automobile accident in New England several years ago.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 8 p. m. Sunday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair tonight and Monday.

TWO BATTLESHIPS TO BE CONSTRUCTED

House Takes Such Action, Several Democrats Voting With the Republicans on the Proposition.

TAWNEY THOUGHT ONE LARGE SHIP WAS QUITE ENOUGH

Hobson, However, Contended That Three Would Only Keep Naval Strength Up to Present Standard.

Washington, April 9.—By a decisive vote of 162 to 110, fourteen being present and not voting, the house authorized the construction of two battleships to cost \$6,000,000 each.

Thirty-three democrats voted for two battleships and twenty-four republicans voted against the proposition.

This action was taken just previous to the passage of the naval appropriation bill carrying about \$128,677,602.

The committee on naval affairs had reported in favor of authorizing two battleships. Mr. Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the appropriations committee, offered an amendment providing for three battleships.

Hobson's Choice. Mr. Hobson contended that three battleships would give no increase but would provide only for the ordinary depreciation in the naval force.

Mr. Bronna of North Dakota moved to strike out the authorization for the construction of any battleships, a viva voce vote showing that there were not a handful of advocates of a "no battleship" policy.

Speaking in favor of his one battleship plan Mr. Tawney reiterated his statement that seventy-two per cent of the revenue of the country was being expended for wars that had passed and for preparation for wars to come.

Mr. Thoms of Ohio proposed an amendment for four battleships, but the house voted it down almost unanimously.

Tawney's Amendment. Mr. Tawney's amendment for one battleship also was lost by a vote of 104 to 128. At least 30 democrats voted with the republicans against Mr. Tawney's plan.

A point of order was sustained eliminating from the bill authority given the secretary of the navy for the construction of a million dollar fleet collier by private contract, so that under existing law it will be constructed in a government navy yard on the Pacific coast.

The appropriation of \$1,000,000 for one repair ship was also stricken out on a point of order.

Mr. Fitzgerald of New York, offered an amendment, which was adopted by a vote of 131 to 15, under which the two battleships and two fleet colliers must be built by firms working under the eight hour law.

Mr. Hughes of New Jersey, attempted to have the same law applied to the building of the four submarine torpedo boats authorized by the bill. The amendment was ruled out of order.

Mr. Goldfogle of New York offered an amendment directing the construction of one battleship in a navy yard which was defeated 93 to 102.

The provision permitting the consolidation of bureaus of the navy department according to the plan of Secretary Meyer was stricken out on a point of order.

Democratic Helped. Thirty-three democrats voted with the republicans for two battleships while 24 republicans joined the democrats in favor of one battleship.

GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA IN A PERSONAL DIFFICULTY

He and Adjutant General Quarrel—A Pistol Taken From Litter, and He Resigns.

Guthrie, Okla., April 9.—As a result of a quarrel last night with Governor Charles N. Haskell in the latter's apartments, Adjutant General Canton of the Oklahoma national guard resigned today.

TAX COLLECTOR IS IN TROUBLE

True Bill Is Returned by Grand Jury Against Collector of Delinquent Taxes in Pittsburg.

THE INDICTMENT SEASON REACHED COMPLEX STAGE

In Reviewing Work Jurors Take Fall Out of Bank Officials and Millionaires.

Pittsburg, April 9.—A true bill charging Max G. Leslie, collector of delinquent taxes in Allegheny county with bribery was returned by the grand jury and at the same time a sweeping presentment was handed down with general charges that many of the 125 witnesses which the grand jury has had before it during the graft investigations thus far have wilfully withheld knowledge of graft secrets, and that a certain few have practically been guilty of perjury.

The indictment of Leslie follows his recent acquittal on a charge of perjury in claiming an alibi in connection with a previous indictment of alleged bribery. He is now charged with receiving \$25,000 from the Columbia National Bank of Pittsburg on June 5, 1908.

The indictment season has reached that complex stage where even the grand jurors themselves thought it necessary to present a comprehensive review of all their work.

It was declared most emphatically that former Councilman Charles Stewart and Cashier James M. Young, of the Second National bank have concealed information from the grand inquirers.

The grand jury also recommends a new investigation by the directors of the Second National bank and in specific terms charges that Cashier Young is shielding F. N. Hoffstad, and that there is reason to believe that some one else connected with the Second National bank is responsible for this.

Their Validity Attacked. The validity of the contracts under which six favored banks now hold the city's money is attacked.

Important in that it shows how the banks were induced to put so large an amount of money for the bond fund in the recommendation that six per cent be collected on the city deposits from these banks from and after this date.

The presentment concludes: "We here desire to emphatically announce as public manufacturers not only the men who solicited the bribes, who held up the banks and the influential men of the city of Pittsburg, but also to denounce for their part in our city's shame the bank president, or the millionaire who attempts and who causes the downfall of the poor councilman who is paid no salary for the duties he is called upon to perform for the benefit of the public."

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