

SAYS NEW LAW IS PRESS GAG

James M. Beck Files with Supreme Court Brief Attacking the Newspaper Publicity Act.

CALLS IT PERVERSION OF FEDERAL POWER

Declares Any Undue Burden on Publication Is an Abridgment of the First Amendment.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 30.—Former Assistant Attorney General J. M. Beck, filed in the Supreme court his brief in the case brought by the Lewis Publishing company to test the constitutionality of the newspaper publicity law.

The brief discusses fully the power of the federal government indirectly to censor the press through the regulation of the mails and reviews at length the struggle in England and America to free the press from restraint, and the meaning of the first amendment forbidding any abridgment of the freedom of the press.

Mr. Beck argues that as the constitution did not expressly give any power to regulate journalism, any attempt to regulate it can only be justified as a necessary and proper means to carry out some federal function. He denies that the regulation of newspaper ownership and the enforced publicity of its business can be an appropriate means of carrying out the federal power over the mails.

The brief reviews the decisions of the supreme court, numbering over 20 in which congressional acts have been invalidated by the supreme court and it claims the present law is within the doctrine of those decisions.

Mr. Beck strongly denounces the idea that congress can so use its powers as to accomplish unconstitutional ends. This brief calls "nullification by indirection" and it cites the commodities clause of the Hepburn bill, Senator Beveridge's child labor bill and the present newspaper law as striking examples of an attempted perversion of federal power to accomplish ulterior and unconstitutional ends.

After reviewing the struggle which led both England and America to the freedom of the press, he asserts that such liberty consists not only in freedom from absolute prohibition but also of exemption from any burdensome or unreasonable restraint. Any undue burden upon writing or publication or other restriction of the full right to print and circulate is an abridgment of the press contrary to the first amendment.

The brief further argues that the appropriation of the newspaper columns to enforce the policy of publicity without compensation violates the fifth amendment in taking property without due process of law. Mr. Beck argues that the law has the merit of sincerity that it makes no hypocritical pretense of being a means to carry out any constitutional power. He quotes the debates of congress showing that the authors of the bill, Senators Bourne and Reed and Representatives Henry, Barnard and others, all admitted that the purpose of the act was to compel the disclosure of the contents of newspapers and of the influences which dictated their policies.

The supreme court has specially not Monday next for the argument of this test case. It is expected that Robert C. Morris will open the case for the newspapers, Solicitor General Bullitt will speak for the government and James M. Beck will make the closing argument for the newspaper press.

LINCOLN DAY DINNER

Roosevelt Will Address Banquet to Be Attended by Many Progressive Leaders.

By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 30.—Progressive leaders from all parts of the United States will meet here on February 12 at a Lincoln dinner under the auspices of the New National Progressive club of New York city. Colonel Roosevelt will be the guest of honor.

Dr. Cherrington, a prominent Denver physician, attended the girl and gave her the cause of death, saying that an illegal operation was performed. The investigation started Wednesday and 24 hours later Dr. Cherrington was found dead in his room. A bottle half filled with white powder was lying beside the body. This is being ascertained.

Mrs. Howe is being held pending the results of the investigation. No charges have been filed against her.

WILL BEGIN WORK ON NEW SCHEDULES

Simmons Says He Will Urge the Senate and House Committees to Get Together Next Week to Prepare for Tariff Revision.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 30.—Senator Simmons of North Carolina, who had charge of democratic tariff bills in the senate last session and who may be chairman of the finance committee after March 4, said today he would urge that democratic members of the finance committee and the committee on ways and means get together early next week and begin work on the tariff measures to be considered at the extra session of congress.

Whether the tariff questions should be considered by schedule or in a general bill he was not ready to say. He thought, however, that a majority would want to take up the schedules separately, using the measures passed at the last session as a basis for new tariff legislation.

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Vow of Silence After Quarrel Trivial Matter Unbroken Even by Death in Household—Now They Seek a Separation.

By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 30.—The story of 11 years of married life during which not a word was exchanged between husband and wife is told on papers on file here in a separation suit in the state supreme court. The pair, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mintz, were married in 1884. For 13 years they lived happily together with their four children. Eleven years ago they quarreled. The

dispute was over some trivial matter, it is said, but the wife declared that she would never address another word to her husband as long as he lived. He declared that the arrangement was satisfactory to him. Mrs. Mintz asserts both adhered to the agreement.

Seven years ago their daughter Dorothy died, but even at the funeral the vow of silence was not broken.

Mrs. Mintz is now seeking a separation.

LUCILLE CAMERON HAS DISAPPEARED

Girl whose Conduct Led to the Johnson Charges Vanishes from Hotel.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Nov. 30.—Lucille Cameron, former white sweetheart of Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, has disappeared. Her mother, Mrs. P. Cameron-Falconet, into whose custody she was given by the federal court, returned last night to her home in Minneapolis.

The association of the white girl with the negro pugilist was the cause of charges of violation of the Mann white slave act being made against Johnson. In the early stages of the prosecution the Cameron girl was regarded as a most important witness for the government. Later, other charges were made against Johnson and the girl's testimony was valued less highly by the prosecutors. For several weeks Miss Cameron was detained as a witness in the jail at Rockford, Ill., where her mother insisted on staying.

The girl is believed to be hiding in Chicago. She disappeared Wednesday night from a downtown hotel, where she was living with her mother pending arrangements to leave the city.

The department of justice will make an investigation to learn whether Jack Johnson or any of his friends have hidden the girl.

"I am through," Mrs. Falconet said before she left. "I have fought and fought to save Lucille. I would have given my life to free her from that horrible career upon which she had started when I intervened."

DOCTOR DIES AS POLICE PROBE PATIENT'S DEATH

Prominent Physician Possibly Ended Life After Coroner's Autopsy on Girl.

By Associated Press. Denver, Col., Nov. 30.—Because of the death of a girl, aged 21, a domestic, Mrs. Isabel Howe, a trained nurse, is in custody. Martin W. Tresler is sought by the police and an autopsy will be held to ascertain the cause of death of Dr. J. E. Cherrington. An autopsy was performed on the body of Miss White yesterday and it was announced that death was due to an illegal operation.

Miss White, who was a housekeeper for Tresler, died Wednesday and her funeral was stopped by her brother Charles W. White, who reported to the police that circumstances surrounding his sister's death warranted an investigation.

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MANY DISTINGUISHED MEN SEE CONTEST

Military and Civil Branches Well Represented at Franklin Field—The Weather Is Ideal.

By Associated Press. Franklin Field, Nov. 30.—The army and navy played each other to a standstill in the first half in their annual football game on Franklin field this afternoon. The army, while it failed to score, showed superior playing both in rushing the ball and in punting. The navy line appeared to be weak and unable to successfully withstand the onslaughts of the army backs. The ends appeared to be unable to keep the army from making ground around the two wings.

Early in the first period, Keyes of the army missed a field goal by a hair and later the army came close to making a score when one of her forwards recovered a blocked kick about 15 yards from the navy goal. At the end of the third period neither side had scored.

In the last period the navy scored two field goals. Final score: 6 to 0. Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—The season's most colorful gridiron spectacle, the annual game between the army and navy, set for Franklin field this afternoon, was favored by ideal weather. The sky this morning was clear of clouds and the crispness of the air was tempered by a brilliant sun. Both teams were ready for the struggle.

Today's was the seventeenth gridiron contest between the two arms of the national service. In the 16 games played since 1890, the naval cadets have won eight, while their army rivals have been victors in seven; in 1905 a tie game was played. In today's contest the navy will be without the services of Dalton, who won for them in 1910 and 1911 by kicking goals from the field, the score in each case being three to nothing.

On the other hand the army, which has not won since 1908, this year boasts of a "rocket" drop-kicker in Keyes, the fullback.

Cadets Seem Stronger

Supporters of both teams are professing confidence at the outcome, but a comparison of the scores made by the teams which face each other today is somewhat to the advantage of the cadets, whose team has been defeated only by Yale and the Carlisle Indians, while the midshipmen have lost to Swarthmore, Lehigh and Hucksell. The betting is 5 to 4 in favor of the army, but no one has ever been able to figure out the result of an army and navy battle by referring to scores of previous games. The teams have always developed unexpected strength in the crisis of their annual contest.

While a box had been reserved for the president of the United States in the center of the field on the army side, Mr. Taft did not attend the game. The secretary of the navy and the assistant secretary of war, with large parties of friends, were on hand to cheer their favorites. Admirals and generals, past and present, other active and retired officers of all grades had engaged boxes or had seats by the hundreds in the stands. The battalion of cadets, who arrived this morning from West Point, had two sections in the center of the north stand and the two battalions of midshipmen, who also came in this morning, had the north stand. Cabinet officers, members of the diplomatic corps, members of the senate and house naval committee, other members of congress, the governor of Pennsylvania, other state officials and high officers of the city were to attend the game. The state box was reserved for Governor Dix of New York.

Special trains from New York, Washington, West Point and Annapolis unloaded thousands of enthusiastic flag bedecked rosters. The battalions of cadets and midshipmen took luncheon at the University of Pennsylvania as the guests of that institution. The two teams rested during the morning.

The Line-up

| Army | Position | Navy |
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| Merritt | | Ingam |
| Wynne | | Hall |
| Weyand | | Howe |
| Purnell | | Perry |
| Huston | | Brown |
| Devore | | McKee |
| Markoe | | Gilchrist |
| Fritchard | | Leonard |
| Tennet | | McReay |
| Keyes | | Harrison |
| Referee | | W. R. Langford of Trinity |
| Umpire | | Dr. A. L. Sharpe of Yale |
| Head linesman | | Andrew L. Smith of Pennsylvania; time of periods, 15 minutes. |

Fire in Hotel

There was a lot of excitement early today in a big Broad street hotel where the navy team is quartered, due to a little smoldering fire in the basement. Smoke found its way through the hotel, and "Bobby" McKeen, the veteran trainer of the team, who is in the hotel, saw the smoke and rushed to the scene.