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COURT HEARS GRAFT TALK

NEW SENSATION BY JUDGE CARTER

Makes Strong Statement Regarding Statement That Court May be Reached by Lawbreakers.

LAW VIOLATION AND GRAFT INSEPERABLE

In Public Opinion Such Cases He Declares—Departure Of Wells is Criticised.

The Superior court room was crowded again this morning when the investigation into alleged violations of the prohibition law in Asheville and Buncombe county was resumed before Judge Frank Carter, sitting as a committing magistrate, those in the audience including some of the city's leading citizens. The proceedings carried the usual intense interest that has marked them from the beginning, and the following statement, issued by Judge Carter from the bench immediately after court convened, served to still further center interest in the investigation, the only one of its kind ever conducted in North Carolina:

An Asheville lawyer kindly informed me on Saturday evening that it was being remarked in certain quarters that this investigation was likely to stop short when somebody succeeded in "getting something to the judge." The same suggestion in slightly altered form came to me from an entirely different source, on yesterday afternoon.

Whatever may have been my first feelings upon hearing these things, I am able to appreciate upon second thought, that such talk is perfectly natural.

One of the most deplorable of the evil effects of the conditions under investigation is the loss of confidence in the integrity of public officials. It is too much to ask reasonable people to believe that such conditions could exist apart from some form of systematic grafting. It is argued that officials are not likely to neglect their sworn duty without inducements of some sort. It may start with one man suspecting one official and another, another; but in the end almost every official comes under more or less general suspicion. And an unjust suspicion is only a little less injurious to an official than a just one. The resulting loss of confidence has a direct and very powerful tendency to make an honest man dishonest—it is so easy to say, "If folks think you are grafting, why not get the money?"

Again, there is in human nature an innate conservatism that easily lends itself to suspicion of the motives of one who would disturb the established order, however illogical and unjust that order may be. If folks have for a long time been accustomed to a lop-sided administration of justice that is merciless toward the petty offender and impotent and obsequious toward the great and powerful offender, any concrete expression of law enforcement becomes to many minds merely an attempt to hold up the favored interests for larger graft.

MAYOR WALLACE IN CHARGE OF POLICE

Takes Action Because of Chauffeurs and Teamsters Strike.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 1.—Mayor Wallace established headquarters at the police station early today and said he would take personal charge of the police department until the strike of the union teamsters and chauffeurs, which began at midnight last night, is settled. He said he had 100 mounted policemen and 400 patrolmen and expected to be able to handle the situation without assistance from the state.

In addition to the extra squads of police that patrolled the business district and kept the crowds on the move, more than 250 citizens, including some of the most prominent men of Indianapolis, who were sworn in last night as a special reserve force, awaited an emergency call at Tomlinson hall, where they had established headquarters.

Thomas J. Farrell, organizer of the union, said the strike order had been obeyed generally. "Our union is opposed to acts of violence," said Farrell. "There is no reason for lawlessness and I hope there will be none."

Garment Worker Shot. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1.—A garment worker on his way to work today was shot, probably fatally, by an unidentified man who fired from the window of a taxicab. The wounded man is Harry Skunik. With four other garment workers who had been on strike but had returned to work, Skunik was being escorted by a city detective when a taxicab dashed up and one of the occupants began firing. After emptying a revolver the cab sped away. Two suspects who gave New York addresses, believed to be fictitious, were arrested. The garment workers' strike has been in progress here since last summer.

MRS. IDA M. FRENCH IS GRANTED DIVORCE

Infidelity and Cruelty on Part of Her Husband Were The Grounds.

London, Dec. 1.—A divorce was granted today to Mrs. Ida M. French, daughter of Robert J. Wynne, of Washington, D. C., former United States consul general in London and former postmaster general, on the grounds of infidelity and cruelty on the part of her husband, Capt. Hugh Ronald French, now of the fourth battalion (Territorial) of the Yorkshire regiment and formerly of the seventh dragon guards. Mrs. French was given the custody of the child of the marriage under an agreement to produce it in court whenever required. On the witness stand Mrs. French testified that her husband had beaten her on several occasions and had dragged her about the room because she refused to get up at 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning to entertain his boon companions. He had also kicked her while she was lying on a rug in front of the fire. The petitioner's sister, Mrs. Frank Austin Smith, and other witnesses corroborated the evidence. Testimony as to the infidelity of the captain was then given and the name of Marie Celeste Beach, a Canadian chorus girl, was mentioned. No defense was offered, and Captain French neither appeared nor was represented by counsel.

Mrs. Robert J. Wynne accompanied her daughter, Richard Westcott, United States vice-consul in London, and a number of Americans were in court. The marriage took place in London on June 17, 1909.

ARGUMENTS BEGIN IN DORA MURFF MURDER CASE. Crowley, La., Dec. 1.—Arguments today began in the trial of Dora Murff, the 18 year old girl who, with her step-father, J. S. Duval, and half-brother, Allie Duval, is charged with the murder of James Millard Delhaye, October 15. Judge Campbell has asserted the case will go to the jury before court adjourns again if it requires an all-night session.

OVER BILLION APPROPRIATION

Estimate Submitted to Congress by Various Departments Asks For \$1,108,000,000.

TWENTY-TWO MILLION BELOW LAST YEAR

But Estimates Are 39 Million In Excess of Last Year's Appropriations—The Times.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Congress is asked to appropriate just \$1,108,681,777 to operate the government of the United States during the fiscal year 1915 according to estimates prepared by each department and sent to the house today by Secretary McAdoo of the treasury.

With this vast sum the government will maintain the battleships and forts and the armies in the states and in the countries that border the seven seas; it will keep the scales of justice balanced; endeavor to retain the friendship of foreign nations, look after domestic property and seek at intervals to discover new ways in which to better health, improve living conditions and investigate the merits of the thousand new things in industry and commerce that come to its attention.

The Estimates. The estimates submitted today are \$22,884,667 in excess of the appropriations for the last fiscal year but their total falls \$39,255,966 below the estimates for that year. Exclusive of the postoffice the estimates are as follows: Legislative establishments, \$7,533,321. Executive establishments, \$39,899,283. Judicial establishment, \$1,242,110. Department of agriculture, \$19,961,332. Foreign intercourse, \$4,447,042. Military establishment, \$105,937,544. Naval establishment, \$129,831,953. Indian affairs, \$16,208,865. Pensions, \$169,150,900. Public works, \$97,917,592. Miscellaneous, \$84,393,213. Permanent annual appropriations, \$131,196,407.

For the Navy. For the preservation and completion of vessels already in commission or authorized the navy department wants \$8,250,000; for the hulls and machinery of two battleships and eight torpedo boat destroyers which Secretary Daniels wishes to build in the fiscal year 1914-1915, \$7,800,000; for the armor and armament of vessels authorized \$10,991,000. The sum of \$390,000 is wanted for naval defense mines and appliances; \$150,000 for experimental work in high explosives; \$170,000 for the naval station at Pearl harbor, Hawaii; and \$750,000 for additions to facilities and for the purchase of additional ground at the naval proving ground, Indianhead, Md., just below Washington; to extend the naval gun factory in Washington \$400,000 is asked.

FINAL FIGHT IN BECKER CASE WILL BE WAGED

Attorney For Former Police Lieutenant Before Court Of Appeals.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Attorneys for former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker of New York, under sentence of death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, came here today to make what may prove to be the final fight for his life. The court of appeals calendar had been cleared so that nothing might interfere with uninterrupted consideration of the case. A decision, however, is not expected for at least three months.

In their lengthy briefs filed with the court in support of their oral arguments Becker's attorneys maintained that the former police lieutenant was not concerned in any way in the crime. Their appeal embraced two major points. One is an appeal from the judgment of conviction of murder in the first degree and the consequent sentence of death; the other is an appeal from the order of Justice Goff denying a motion for a new trial.

FAIRFAX HARRISON CHOSEN PRESIDENT SOUTHERN RAILWAY

New York, Dec. 1.—Fairfax Harrison, president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway company, was today elected president of the Southern Railway company to succeed the late W. W. Finley.

A STRONG SERMON BY BISHOP M'COY

Memorial Service Conducted Yesterday Afternoon at M. E. Conference.

Charlotte, Dec. 1.—Bishop James H. McCoy delivered a masterly sermon at Trinity church yesterday, the auditorium of the church and the Sunday school room, including the galleries and aisles, were filled and many were standing throughout the entire service.

The text of the sermon was the tenth verse of the second chapter of the Epistle to the Colossians. Memorial Services. The memorial service was held Sunday afternoon and at that time the memoir of Rev. W. B. Lyda was read by Rev. J. H. West; that of Rev. W. H. Cooper by Rev. L. I. Cordell; that of Rev. E. H. Wood by Rev. J. R. Scroggs, and that of Rev. J. W. Wheeler by Rev. T. F. Marr. Verbal tributes also were paid to the life and works of the four preachers who have died during the year, by different members of the conference.

The sermon last night was preached by Dr. J. C. Rowe, of Asheville. His subject was "The Work of the Christian Ministry." Saturday Session. Bishop Denny declared at the last session of the conference that this body is the only conference in the denomination that has more prominent preachers than she has in her churches. Such a condition necessarily causes a great deal of disappointment, no matter how the appointments are made.

Board of Missions Report. The report of the board of missions was read at the missionary anniversary and showed a decided advance over previous years. The assessments last year were as follows: Assessed foreign missions, \$18,300; paid, \$23,152. Assessed domestic missions, \$22,984; paid domestic missions, \$19,355. This is an increase of mission of \$4,824. The board of church extension had an assessment of \$10,295, and on this was collected \$8,353, showing a total on these three missionary objects of \$50,870.

Devotional exercises were conducted in the morning by Dr. Dan Atkins. Dr. Orr, pastor of Steele Creek Presbyterian church and Dr. J. L. Cunningham, head of the Correspondence school at Nashville, Tenn., were presented to the conference. The result of Friday's ballot was announced. Plato Durham was declared elected and will lead the western North Carolina delegation. The name of James Wilson was referred to the committee for the superannuate relation. A generous collection was taken for the preachers who go on the honor roll at this conference. Mr. Wilson joined the conference in Charlotte in 1871 and has given 42 years of loyal service on difficult fields.

J. S. Martin read the report of the joint board of finance. This board apportions the assessments to the various districts, tabulating the financial work of the year, receives the accounts of the treasurers of the various boards and distributes the superannuate fund to the superannuate preachers and to the widows and children of those who have the triumphant conference. The transfer of Frank Siler from the North Georgia conference; E. B. Troy from the Louisiana conference; A. G. Chaplan from the New Mexico conference, and J. W. Hoyle from the North Carolina conference was announced.

63RD CONGRESS IN 2ND SESSION

Last Stage of What Promises To Be Longest Continuous Sitting in History.

WITH SESSION BEGAN LITTLE FORMALITY

Interest is Centered on President Wilson's Message Which He Delivers Tomorrow.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Congress today settled down to the second stage of what promises to be the longest continuous sitting in its history. The regular December session, following without a break upon the heels of the long extra session that has run since April 7, brought to tired lawmakers today a new host of problems and the prospect of steady work for many months.

There was little formality about the ushering in of the new congress at noon. Its advent was signaled by the fall of the gavel in each house with the announcement of the presiding officer that the second session of the sixty-third congress had begun. A widespread demand for tickets for the house gallery for tomorrow's session indicated the interest that centers about President Wilson's reappearance at the capitol to deliver a presidential address. The president will read his first general message to congress at a joint session of the two houses tomorrow, and it is expected he will touch upon many of the problems to be taken up at the new session.

The senate practically merged the old session into the new one, by meeting at 10 o'clock today to wind up work of the dying session. Vice President Marshall, who had been absent for several weeks, was in his place again as presiding officer. Democratic leaders were prepared to push the currency bill forward as the chief business and to hold the senate in daily sessions from 10 o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock at night until it is disposed of.

The attendance when the house opened the new session was larger than it had been for months. While the senate is working on currency legislation and disposing of the Hetch-Hetchy water supply bill during the early days of the new session the house will start work upon the great appropriation bills, carrying more than \$1,000,000,000 of funds for the needs of the government during the year that begins next July.

STILL MAKING EFFORTS TO CHOOSE CRAIG JURY

Outline of Case to be Made by Eph Inman of the Prosecution.

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 1.—When the trial of Dr. William B. Craig for the murder of Dr. Helene Knabe, of Indianapolis, was resumed this morning efforts to complete the jury were renewed. Both sides were hopeful of having twelve in the box before the end of the morning session. According to the program, Eph Inman of counsel for the state was to make the opening statement outlining the prosecution's case. The defense had not planned to answer this statement before witnesses were heard. There were many vacant seats in the court room at the beginning of the day's session.

H JERTA GONE TO VERA CRUZ

WOMEN WILL GO BEFORE CONGRESS

To Ask For Appointment of Woman Suffrage Committee by House.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Advocates of women suffrage and those opposed are to appear before the house committee on rules on Wednesday and Thursday to present arguments on the establishment of a house committee on woman suffrage. The vanguard of a delegation of more than 100 anti-suffragists has arrived in Washington and is preparing arguments.

While the National American Woman Suffrage association is holding its 45th annual convention here this week the National is holding its sessions in New York. The latter organization proposes to complete its work on Tuesday in time for many of the delegates to come here to appear before the house rules committee.

The suffrage advocates having proposed the appointment of the new house committee, will be heard first. They will be followed probably on Thursday by those opposed. Both sides realize that the report of the rules committee is an important stage in the discussions regarding woman suffrage.

NOTED ITALIAN TEACHER IS COMING TO AMERICA

Dr. Maria Montessori to Visit U. S. and Deliver Series of Lectures.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Americans are soon to have an opportunity to see and hear Dr. Maria Montessori, the famous Italian teacher, and observe for themselves her much discussed methods of teaching young children. Madame Montessori will arrive in this country December 3, to give a series of lectures on the work of her schools in Rome. She will be accompanied by an interpreter, in order to be able to use her native Italian. She is bringing with her moving pictures illustrative of the work as it is actually carried on in the "House of Childhood."

TRYING TO SMOKE OUT RALPH LOPEZ

Poisonous Gases Floating Into Mine Where Desperado Makes Last Stand.

Bingham, Utah, Dec. 1.—Smudges were lighted early today in the Utah-Apex mine where Ralph Lopez, desperado, is making his last stand. With all exits to the mine except that of the Andy tunnel bratticed and sealed with mud and with poisonous gases floating back into the depths of the workings it was expected that the fugitive would make a break for liberty today.

LEAVING COUNTRY IT IS REPORTED

Railway Officials Vouch For Report of Secret Journey of Mexican President From Capital.

FOREIGN MINISTER NO WAT SEABOARD

No Trace of Huerta at Capital—President Wilson is Interested in the Developments.

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—Provisional President Huerta is reported to have left the federal capital secretly yesterday morning for Vera Cruz, traveling over the Inter-oceanic railroad.

The report originated with railroad officials who claim to know of General Huerta's departure at 4 o'clock in the morning, going on board a special. The presence of Querido Hoheno, the Mexican foreign minister, at the Port of Vera Cruz is said to have some connection with the plan of General Huerta to leave the country.

Investigation failed to discover any trace of Provisional President Huerta in the federal capital. No official confirmation of his departure was obtainable.

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Wilson observed to callers today that the Mexican factions in the rebellion seemed to be conducting things in a very interesting way at present and that no development was contemplated so far as the United States was concerned.

His visitors believed he had in mind the increasing number of constitutionalist victories and the rapidly diminishing zone of control of the government of Provisional President Huerta.

William Bayard Hale, who talked with General Carranza and the constitutionalist chiefs at Nogales, returned here early today and will see the president late today or tomorrow.

Officially nothing was known at the White House concerning the visit of Querido Hoheno, the Mexican foreign minister, to Vera Cruz. He had not conferred with John Lind, according to information here today.

The policy of the American government continues to be one of waiting while the financial blockade weakens the resources of the Huerta regime and the constitutionalists press forward their vigorous campaign.

The main exhibit palaces at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915 will be opened at 9 A. M. each day and closed at sunset, except the Palace of Fine Arts, which at stated times may be opened in the evening.