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DAMS TO ASK INVESTIGATION

Age Will Demand That the Board of Aldermen Make Inquiry, He Declares.

PLS ON NEWSPAPER

TO START PROCEEDING
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le "Specific Charges Be-
fore the City Officials.

An aldermatic investigation is in prospect as the result of the disclosure of letters, seized on a raid of the City Park hotel "bar" during the liquor investigation and published in the Gazette-News. In a letter to the publishers of The Gazette-News received Wednesday afternoon late for publication or announcement of policy, Judge Adams demanded that The Gazette-News file charges before the board of Aldermen. Would the Newspaper decline to do it he himself will demand an investigation, he declares.

Judge Adams' letter in full follows:

December 24th, 1913.

alter A. Hildebrand, Esquire, and The Evening News Publishing Company, Asheville, N. C.

Dear Sirs:—In view of the recent publications in your newspaper, charging me with official misconduct, I demand that you and others associated with you in the matter, furnish the mayor and board of aldermen specific charges, to the end that they may be investigated as provided by law (section 79 of the city code).

Unless you formulate and file the charges with the board of aldermen at their next meeting I will make a demand upon the board that they institute an investigation and require of you, and all that are associated with you, that you come before the board and produce all the evidence in your possession respecting the charges you have made.

Respectfully yours,

JUNIOUS G. ADAMS,

Judge of the Police Court of the City of Asheville.

BLUE NO IDENTITY AND CAREER OF JOHN BOSTICK

Was Found in Rooming House Where Train Bandit Had Lived.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—Evidence which it is believed will result in revealing the identity and career of John Bostick, the bandit who held up a Southern Pacific train and killed Horace E. Montague, a traveling agent December 1, was found today in the rooming house where Bostick lived.

The proprietor says the day after Bostick registered he received a letter from some town in Iowa with a picture of a hotel and the printed name "Bostick" on the envelope.

Whether this was the name of the hotel or of its proprietor was not known. The police are trying to ascertain whether the young bandit had accomplices here.

The black derby which Bostick wore when he robbed the train at Elmonte was found in his room. It was purchased in Chicago and under the sweat band was discovered folded strips of a Chicago newspaper bearing the date September 5.

In the light of these discoveries, the police advance the theory that Bostick probably is from Iowa and that he came to California via Chicago only a few months ago.

Run Down and Killed.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 26.—C. B. Skipter, a well known cotton mill man, formerly of Lancaster, S. C., and of Charlotte, but more recently part owner of the Brevard cotton mills of Brevard, N. C., was run down by a street car near the Seaboard station last night and instantly killed. Mr. Skipter is said to have been leaning up against the embankment and was not seen in time to stop the car.

THREE FOREIGNERS ARE RUN DOWN AND KILLED BY TRAIN

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 26.—Three foreigners were run down and killed while walking on the Monongahalia division of the Pennsylvania railroad at Hays, a suburb, early today. They were mingled beyond recognition.

DeWood's Resignation Accepted. Washington, Dec. 26.—The department of justice today accepted the resignation of C. F. DeWood as chief of the Chicago division of investigation. A. E. Bielaski, chief of the investigation, has asked Mr. DeWood to remain in the service.

DE LA BARRA GIVEN HEARTY WELCOME

Japs Honor Mexican Special Envoy Sent to Thank Japan for Participation in Mexican Centennial—Resolution Criticising United States Is Adopted.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—A so-called "national welcome" was given today to Francisco de la Barra, special envoy from Mexico to thank Japan for her participation in the Mexican centennial. Several thousands of people carrying lanterns assembled in the city park where speeches delivered by prominent men were loudly cheered. This was followed by a brilliant display of fireworks and numerous bonfires.

A procession was then formed and proceeded to the hotel where Senor de la Barra is staying. After the crowd had serenaded the visitor a committee of members of parliament and other popular leaders mounted the balcony where De la Barra greeted them amid prolonged cheering. The committee presented to the visitor a sword and other gifts which he acknowledged briefly and then called for cheers for the emperor and the Japanese nation.

The procession later marched to the Mexican legation and the imperial palace, in front of which another meeting was held. A resolution was adopted criticising the United States for discriminating against the Japanese and expressing disapproval of Japanese participation in the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

OF 1742 CASUALTIES 69 VESSELS ARE LOST

Accidents For Year Ending June 30th, Most in History Of Life-Saving Service.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Out of the total of 1742 casualties at sea during the fiscal year ending June 30, last, the highest in the history of the life saving service, only 69 vessels were lost and 73 persons were drowned, according to the annual report of S. I. Kimball, chief of the life saving service which has just been made public.

Through the efforts of the service vessels and their cargoes, valued at \$13,860,000 were saved. The crews of the service with the assistance of revenue cutters and wrecking vessels, assisted 1364 vessels, valued with their cargoes at \$6,732,935 and carrying 5148 persons.

The crews also warned 182 vessels that were running into danger, practically all of this work being done at night. It also extended aid to 288 vessels by furnishing emergency pilots, carrying persons to and from ships to shore and caring for injured officers and men.

Of the total of accidents small and undocumented motorboats comprise 68 per cent, more than two-thirds of all the persons exposed to danger from the sea being on board this class of craft. The danger in unskilled handling of small pleasure craft is shown to be excessive. The use of power boats instead of the old styled oared craft is recommended by the showing that of the 4086 persons endangered, 2748 were rescued in power boats.

ORDERLY TO GRANT AND MEADE IS DEAD

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 26.—Word was received with last night of the death of the National Soldiers' home at Dayton, O., last night of Captain William F. Roberts, who served as orderly to Generals U. S. Grant and George G. Meade during the war between the states.

Captain Roberts was 68-years old and was formerly a business man here. He served as orderly to General Meade during the Gettysburg campaign and was assigned to the same position with General Grant when the latter took command of the Army of the Potomac. He was present at Appomattox as general Grant's orderly. Three horses were shot from under Captain Roberts at Petersburg and a Bible in his pocket saved his life during the same conflict.

FURUSETH RESIGNS AS "SAFETY" DELEGATE

London, Dec. 26.—Andrew Furueth, president of the International Seamen's union, has cabled President Wilson his resignation as a delegate to the international conference on safety at sea. He is said to have taken this step owing to his dissatisfaction with the report of the sub-committee with which he was connected. He argues that the sub-committee's report lowers the standard of safety, and he consequently refused to sign it. Mr. Furueth was out of the city today. The only American delegate asked about the matter professed ignorance in regard to Mr. Furueth's resignation.

WOMAN POLICE HAS MUSCLE FOR THE JOB

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Mary Boyd, one of Chicago's 10 police women is not a large woman but she is muscular. Yesterday she boarded a street car, while a powerfully built man and the conductor were engaged in a fight about a transfer. Mrs. Boyd showed her star and separated the men, telling the passenger he was under arrest. When he resisted the officer she pulled him from the car, stood him about a post and rang for the patrol wagon. Mrs. Boyd rode to the station with her prisoner and preferred a charge of disorderly conduct against him.

SHOOTING'S CAUSE STILL A MYSTERY

Mrs. Allen Says Husband Shot Her But Refused to Tell Why.

About 1:30 o'clock this morning a driver of an automobile found a woman giving her name as Mrs. J. A. Allen of 525 West Haywood street, lying in the middle of Clingman avenue, suffering from a bullet wound in the head, which she said was inflicted by her husband.

The woman was brought to the police station in the automobile, with an officer who had been called to the scene and her wound was dressed by Dr. L. E. McBrayer. She was shot one time with a pistol just over the right eye, the bullet ranging backward and coming out in the neck, just below the right ear. She had lost a considerable amount of blood and was in a weakened condition. About 3 o'clock the woman was removed to Mission hospital, where at noon today it was stated that she was in an unconscious condition and could not make a statement to a Gazette-News reporter. Her condition was such that it could not be stated whether she would recover or not.

The woman is deaf, and at the station last night in answer to written questions put to her by the police, made the statement that her husband shot her, but she refused to say anything else and all the efforts of the police could not get her to make any other statement. The woman's clothes were covered with mud, and the blood from the wound had clotted in her hair and her clothes were wet from the rain which had been falling all the time she had been lying in the street.

Upon investigation by members of the department this morning it was learned that the woman's husband is a deaf and dumb person called on them at their boarding house, 525 West Haywood street, and all four talked in the sign language for some time. These people state that Allen got up about 8 o'clock and motioned to his wife to come with him and they went out together, and so far as can be learned this was the last time any one saw either of them, although the two people who had stayed in the house say that someone came in later and went to the rooms occupied by the couple, but they could not tell who it was.

It was learned this morning that the Allens had been in Asheville for several months and had occupied a house near Billmore, until about five weeks ago, when they moved to the house on West Haywood street where they have been boarding. Allen is a cabinet maker, and the wife is a washer and has been employed at the Asheville Cotton Mills, although she has not worked there regularly. A thorough investigation of the shooting is being made by the officers, and it is believed by them that they will be able in the next few days to discover some cause for the shooting and to land the husband in jail.

SLUGGED WATCHMAN, STOLE BOX RECEIPTS

Two Thousand Dollars Taken From Orpheum Treater By Four Men.

New York, Dec. 26.—Two thousand dollars, the receipts of Christmas day, was stolen from the box office of the Orpheum theater early today by four men who hid under the balcony seats after last night's performance and surprised the night watchman. While a policeman stood just outside, the robbers knocked the watchman down and left him bound and gagged. Then they ripped the door of the office safe, took everything of value inside, and escaped. The watchman, still helpless, was found when the theater was opened today.

MISS JULIA KERN WEDS DR. LAWSON

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 26.—Miss Julia Kern, daughter of United States Senator and Mrs. Kern of Indiana, became the bride of Dr. George B. Lawson of Roanoke, Va., yesterday afternoon. The ceremony took place at Kern Chapel, near Hollins, Va., the summer home of Senator Kern. There were no attendants. The Rev. Dr. Arthur Rowbottom of Roanoke officiated. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for an extended trip in the south.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN WINTER BATHING

New York, Dec. 26.—Christmas was celebrated by 130 of the winter bathers, men and women, at Coney Island. The water registered 35 degrees while the temperature of the atmosphere was 37 degrees.

As the bathers appeared from the bath house each was enveloped in a bath robe which was quickly discarded at the edge of the surf. The majority remained in the water for fully 15 minutes.

EMPEROR PERSONALLY OPENED THE JAPANESE DIET TODAY

Tokio, Dec. 26.—The emperor today personally opened the Japanese diet. In his speech from the throne he emphasized the friendly relations existing between the powers, the strength of the alliance between Japan and England and the cordiality of Japanese relations with China.

OVER 400 BANKS ASK MEMBERSHIP

Institutions in Every State and Almost Every Large City Apply to Enter Federal Reserve System—The Reserve Districts Are Being Mapped Out.

Washington, Dec. 26.—More than 400 national banks and trust companies, representing every state and almost every large city in the country, have applied for membership in the federal reserves system of banks under the new currency law, according to an official estimate made today by the treasury department.

Applications have come so fast that officials have been unable to keep pace with them, but a careful count and record of the time when received will be made today. Banks in New York, Chicago and Boston have not applied in great numbers for membership, but Secretary McAdoo believed today that their applications soon would be forthcoming.

Mr. McAdoo and Secretary Hous-

FIRST REAL BLIZZARD RAGES IN N. Y. STATE

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Syracuse and outlying districts are blanketed today with a heavy snow. The first real blizzard of the winter is raging, interfering with telegraph wires and trolley service.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 26.—A blizzard which raged all night and continued with less violence this morning, paralyzed street car traffic in this city today. Thousands of workers were forced to walk to their shops. Railroad trains entering Rochester were very late. Reports from the country say roads are impassable on account of the drifted snow.

EXTERMINATING PHASES IN CASE OF HAGERDON

Military Attache Court Martialized For Leaving Post Against Orders.

New York, Dec. 26.—The verdict of the court martial which was called by Major General Wood, chief of the general staff of the army, to try Major Charles B. Hagerdon, military attache of the American embassy in St. Petersburg, for disobedience of orders, has filed its finding with Major General Thomas H. Barry.

Major Hagerdon was charged with disobedience of orders, in that he left his post after being instructed to remain there by his superior in Washington. It was brought out that there were extenuating circumstances as Major Hagerdon had at first been granted leave of absence because of illness and that this permission was countermanded after he had bought his tickets and despatched his baggage.

Major Hagerdon has a splendid army record and was one of the first officers to receive an appointment by President Wilson.

SCHOONER A. W. SNOW REPORTED TO BE SAFE

Washington, Dec. 26.—Wireless advices to the revenue cutter office early today from the United States steamer Seminole reported the schooner Augusta W. Snow, Jacksonville to New York, safe and proceeding north.

The Seminole left Wilmington, N. C., yesterday afternoon in response to a wireless message which stated that an unknown schooner, presumably the Snow, was in distress off Diamond shoals.

The message today from the Seminole came on route from Cuba to Hampton Roads, from the United States steamer Otark, which did not give the position of the Snow.

DIES OF HURTS FROM FIRE CRACKER EXPLOSION

Nicholasville, Ky., Dec. 26.—William Walts, county attorney of Jessamine county and one of the best known politicians in the state, died at a hospital in Lexington today of injuries caused by the premature explosion of a fire cracker at his home in Nicholasville last night.

REST PROGRAM OF PRESIDENT

Chief Executive Maps Out Plans For Recreation While He Is at Pass Christian.

BUT HE HAS ON HAND TWO IMPORTANT TASKS

Will Consider Selection of Reserve Board and Message To Congress on the Trust Question.

Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 26.—President Wilson today mapped out a program of recreation for his visit here.

The nation's chief executive will sleep at least nine hours each night, the quota he had hoped to get, but often missed. After breakfast he will motor to the Mississippi Country club, 13 miles away, for a game of golf with his physician, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, U. S. N. At noon he will dispose of whatever important letters or telegrams that may reach him from the White House, and after luncheon will take an automobile ride with his family, followed perhaps by a long walk along the beach roads.

The president plans to spend the evenings reading.

While the president will do little official work there are present two things uppermost in his mind—the selection of members of the federal reserve board in the new currency law and the writing of a special address to congress on the relations of the government to "big business" and the trusts. Of the choice of members of the board which will put into operation the new currency system there is little possibility that Mr. Wilson finally will decide on any individuals while he is here.

When the president returns to Washington he probably will confer with cabinet advisers and friends regarding the personnel of the board. Those closely associated with the president believe there will be no nominations until the full 60-day period allowed by law for the selections has about expired.

The president probably will make a rough draft of his anti-trust address while here and later submit it to leaders of the administration.

Investigation into the trust situation as a growing desire on the part of business men to co-operate with the government in reorganizing their companies to conform with the Sherman law, it is virtually certain, will be dealt on by the president.

Those who conferred with Mr. Wilson before he left Washington drew encouragement for the ultimate establishment of an interstate trade commission to comply with requests for information made by business concerns desiring accurate details of what the Sherman law permits or prohibits.

While such a commission would not be given regulatory powers, it would constitute a bureau of information and investigation over which its advocates intend the commissioner of corporations should preside. It would assist the courts in carrying out decrees of dissolution by observing whether such decrees actually are put into effect.

This is one of the phases of the trust question which, in the light of recent developments, is considered quite likely to be discussed by the president in his address. The president has told friends he will deliver the address immediately after the holidays.

It is probable it will be read on January 19, about a week after the president has returned to the White House and canvassed the subject thoroughly with his official family.

Much White House Mail. Washington, Dec. 26.—The task of the postman who delivers the White House mail was not an easy one yesterday. Postal officials say that the Christmas mail received at the White House yesterday was heavier than ever.

Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the president, and Rudolph Forester, assistant secretary, were swamped and made no attempt to learn the contents of all the packages.

A glance to ascertain the important messages, if any, was all that was attempted. The majority of the letters are said to have contained messages of cheer and good wishes to the president and family.

GOV. AND MRS. FOSS VISIT STATE PRISON

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—Governor Foss paid his usual Christmas visit to the state prison yesterday and delivered a short address to the 750 convicts. Both the governor and Mrs. Foss, who accompanied him, talked with Jesse Pomeroy, a notorious life prisoner. With the exception of his mother, Mrs. Foss is said to be the only woman who has seen Pomeroy since he entered a solitary confinement cell 27 yesterday.