

MANY TESTIFY IN ADAMS CASE

Mass of Irrelevant Testimony Given—Merrimon Says Adams Supervises Collections.

COURT REFUSES TO ENTERTAIN COL. LUSK

Sevier States That He Was Offered Money to Make Affidavit, By P. H. Thrash.

Many witnesses were examined at the investigation which the mayor and board of aldermen, sitting as a court of impeachment, are making into the record of Police Justice Julius G. Adams, with a view to determining his fitness or unfitness for office. In a mass of irrelevant testimony these were perhaps the chief features: Testimony of George Cathey, judge J. G. Adams had personally tried to collect from him a liquor bill for the Paul Jones company; the testimony of J. G. Merrimon that Judge Adams was in direct supervision of the firm's collection department; testimony of Pete Sevier that P. H. Thrash offered him \$20 "for his time" to go and make an affidavit that Judge Adams personally "dunned" him for liquor bills; testimony of W. H. Wyatt, corroborated by that of former Chief Lyster, that two large seizures of whiskey were turned back from City Hall by order of Judge Adams because "there was no evidence that it was to be offered for sale."

The refusal of the court, on objection by the Adams defense, to permit Col. V. S. Lusk, an attorney for Mr. Thrash, to attack Sevier's story of the alleged attempt to bribe was the most interesting event of the afternoon from a legal viewpoint. It was a distinct victory for the defense.

Sevier was the first witness of the afternoon. He admitted that he operated the "Battery Park bar," but insisted that he received only one letter from the Adams firm—the Westheimer letter—and declared that he made a payment of only \$10 on that account. He said he told Judge Adams that the liquor was not for him, but to be used at a banquet. Then the witness was examined in regard to the statements attributed to him in affidavits published in The Gazette-News. He admitted he agreed to make an affidavit setting forth the facts contained in the Thrash affidavit, but protested that he did not want "to get mixed up in it." This was "the Saturday before Christmas," he said. On Monday, he said, Mr. Thrash again saw him and he again endeavored to put Thrash off. Continuing, he swore that Thrash offered him \$20 "for his time" if he would abandon a proposed tip to the country and make the affidavit. Subsequently he was overtaken in the country by an automobile in which were Mr. Thrash, a reporter for The Gazette-News and a notary public. Again he refused to make the affidavit or to produce the receipt from Judge Adams, he said. That was the last he heard of the matter.

Colonel Lusk here endeavored to attack the witness' testimony, but it was objected that he had no standing as an attorney in that court and that he must file charges. Colonel Lusk objected that he never heard of an

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FIREMAN WAS KILLED IN DELIBERATE WRECK

M. and O. Passenger Train Ditched—Switch Lock Was Sawed Through

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 31.—What railroad officials declare a deliberate attempt to wreck Mobile & Ohio passenger train No. 7, bound for St. Louis, at a siding 12 miles north of this city last night resulted in the ditching of the engine, express and baggage cars and the death of three firemen and serious injury of three other persons. The engineer threw on the emergency brakes as the train struck the switch and saved the passengers from injury.

Fireman Hodges was scalded to death beneath the engine. The more seriously injured who were brought here were W. H. Stagan, engineer; E. P. Humphries, express passenger; and H. Christian, negro porter. Railroad officials who investigated the wreck said that the lock which held the switch had been sawed through and the switch opened.

TUMULTY HANDLES GOVERNMENT REINS

Every Effort Made to Keep Official Business From The President.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Three competent secretaries are busy at the White House endeavoring to keep all official business away from President Wilson unless it is of such importance to require reaching the presidential ear. While President Wilson is passing the gaily climate of Pass Christian, Miss., and recreating on the golf links of the southern resort, Joseph P. Tumulty, his private secretary, is keeping the White House machinery going, handling hundreds of letters a day and settling off hard executive questions that would worry any but a seasoned White House secretary.

The president left his full staff at Washington when he went south for rest and pleasure. Mr. Tumulty, with the aid of Assistant Secretaries Forster and Brabney, has been able thus far to handle the affairs of state without an appeal to his chief, and no mail or message, except those coming directly through official channels calling for a decision from the president, has been forwarded to his southern headquarters.

Secretary Tumulty is following the example of his chief and endeavoring to get as much recreation as possible during the recess of congress. He has not been able to let go of the White House reins for a whole day so far, however, and his rest consists in a daily walk of an hour and 15 minutes, an occasional trip over nearby golf links and short excursions by automobile to nearby points.

COMMISSIONER WALDO RESIGNS HIS POSITION

"Will Not Be Party" to Plan of Incoming Administration, He Says.

New York, Dec. 31.—Rhinelander Waldo, for nearly four years police commissioner of New York, put on his hat and walked out of headquarters today. In a letter to Mayor Kline he said: "It appears to be the desire of the incoming administration not to appoint a commission but to have an acting commissioner appointed by me remain in charge of the department. I will not be a party to the plan."

CHARGED WITH HIRING MURDER OF MINER

Colliers, W. Va., Dec. 31.—William Bildebeck, assistant superintendent of the Colliers' mine of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Coal company, was arrested today charged with "aiding and abetting" the shooting of Jim Logan, a striking miner, who is alleged to have been seriously wounded by Mike Potanski, a striker.

FORMOSAN PLOTTERS PUBLICLY EXECUTED

Tokio, Dec. 31.—The public execution of 13 Formosan conspirators was carried out at Taihoku, Formosa, today, according to despatches received by the government here. The conspirators were sentenced to death in connection with a plot discovered early in November to overthrow Japanese rule in Formosa. The plotters had planned to raise an army of 100,000 Formosans to massacre the Japanese garrison, and turn over the island to China.

ARMY HAD TWO TYPHOID CASES

Records for 80,000 Men in 1913 Prove Prophylactic Treatment Has Wiped Out Scourge.

SOME DOUBT EVEN AS TO THE TWO CASES

There Were Seven Cases in Navy Where Immunizing Was Instituted a Little Later.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The army go through the year 1913 with only two cases of typhoid fever in the enlisted strength of more than 80,000 officers and men. One was that of a man who had not been immunized with the typhoid vaccine and was believed to have contracted the fever before he enlisted; the other case was among the troops in China and through the man was immunized in 1911 the history of the case is in doubt.

The navy, which adopted the vaccine later than the army and did not make its use at once compulsory, had among its 80,000 jacksies only seven authentic cases of typhoid in the year ending last June. Four of those were treated at a remote tropical station where the vaccine had deteriorated.

Such is the wonderful record of the prophylactic treatment which has wiped out one scourge among the nation's defenders and which many medical officers believe has had something to do with the decreasing rate of tuberculosis.

Under the direction of Surgeon General Blue of the public health service many thousands of sailors and merchant ships have been treated with the serum at the government's marine hospitals.

Before the resort to immunization, typhoid cases in the army averaged about three per thousand enlisted strength, on in the neighborhood of 250 cases per annum. In 1910, before the beginning of the treatment, the rate was 3.22 per thousand; in 1911 it dropped to .80; in 1912 to .26; this year the rate is practically nothing.

Some scientists have thought that the prophylaxis involved an increase of liability to tuberculosis. Army surgeons who have been analyzing their figures feel that they have established the fact to be exactly contrary.

The figures. Here are the figures showing the number of cases of tuberculosis among the soldiers: In 1909 there were 4.70 per thousand; in 1910 the rate was 3.73; in 1911 it was 3.74; and last year 3.49. It is admitted by the surgeons that the reduction is due in some degree to the more careful examination of recruits, but the figures at least show that the prophylaxis treatment has not increased tuberculosis.

BERLIN COVERED WITH 14 INCHES OF SNOW

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The German capital was covered with 14 inches of snow at noon today and the fall still continued. A heavier snow storm has been recorded only once in 30 years.

SCHMIDT JURY UNABLE TO AGREE, DISCHARGED

New York, Dec. 31.—After deliberating 36 hours the jury trying the case of Hans Schmidt, formerly rector of St. Joseph's church, accused of the murder of Anna Zumalter, reported about 10 o'clock last night that it could not reach an agreement and was discharged.

WEST ASHEVILLE TO VOTE ON BONDS

Election on Issue of \$50,000 For Water and Sewer February 5th.

With all members present except W. E. Britt, who is in Florida, the board of aldermen of West Asheville at the regular meeting last night unanimously voted to call an election on February 10, for the purpose of submitting to the people of the town the proposition of issuing bonds to amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of installing a water and sewer system for the town.

Gallatin Roberts appeared before the board for the Buckeye Water company and asked that the company be granted a franchise for 50 years to supply water for the town. The matter of granting this franchise was discussed very freely by all members of the aldermanic body, and by E. B. Atkinson, Rev. E. A. Brown and several others. It developed during the discussion that the members of the board were of the opinion that it would be better for the town to own the water system than for any private corporation to supply the water.

When the matter of calling the election was disposed of the board passed several ordinances, about 25 or 30 in copied from Bourne's code of the city of Asheville.

One ordinance that was recently passed by the board was "to amend several ordinances relating to the city to be changed. It was the 'hog ordinance,' which read that no one could pen hogs with in 300 feet of any residence or public street. This was cut down to 150 feet. The board voted on the Asheville ordinance pertaining to Sunday closing, and after a general discussion it was decided to pass the ordinance; that is, that only drugstores can stay open on Sunday. The board decided that no drugstore could sell anything except drugs, however. The vote was very close on this ordinance and the mayor's vote decided it. Mayor A. L. Bright, aldermen H. A. Brown, W. V. Felmet, voted for the ordinance as it passed, and aldermen J. C. Penland and Dr. J. G. Anderson voted to leave all stores open on Sunday.

Several other matters of minor importance were taken up by the board and the session was one of the longest yet held.

It is understood, from parties who say that they have discussed it, that the board's action in calling the election has met with the heartiest approval of a large number of the citizens. While it was impossible of course to see all of them today it is believed by many residents of the town that a large majority of the citizens will vote to issue the bonds when the election comes up in February.

SAILING FLEET'S FATE IS STILL NOT KNOWN

Nothing Heard From Ships Since Stern Struck Them Christmas Day.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 31.—The passing of another 24 hours without word from the fleet of sailing vessels presumed to have encountered the gulf storm of Christmas day, today increased the fears of shipping agents here as to their fate. The schooners Glenafon, Harrison T. Beacham and M. A. Achorn which sailed from Mobile, and the bark Teresa and schooner Dora C. overdue from West Indian ports, are the objects of great apprehension. Eleven sailing vessels in all are unreported and known to have been in the storm.

HOBBS IS ACQUITTED OF SOLICITING OF BRIBES

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 31.—G. A. Hobbs, a state senator who was charged with receiving and soliciting a bribe, was acquitted today by a jury before which he had been on trial for several weeks.

TROOPS GO TO CHESTERTOWN

Rescue Deemed Necessary During Trial of Confessed Murderers of James B. Coleman.

PRESENCE OF MILITIA MAKES DISSATISFACTION

Preparations Made to Try the Three Negroes, Confessed Murderers of Mrs. Jefferson Irby.

Chestertown, Md., Dec. 31.—The second battalion of the fifth regiment, Maryland National guard, consisting of four companies from Baltimore, arrived here early today at the request of the judges of the Kent county court who believed their presence necessary during the trial of the two negroes, Norman Mabel and James Paraway, for the murder of James R. Coleman.

The troops marched to the jail and went into camp around the county buildings. They carried full field equipment and a plentiful supply of ammunition. Brigadier General Chas. D. Gaither is in command. General Gaither is also acting as the personal representative of Governor Goldsborough.

The troops were received insubordinately by the few persons assembled at the depot. Their coming was totally unexpected, as order had been restored since the indictment of the negroes who already confessed their guilt. The judges were apprehensive, however, that there would be another outbreak, if the verdict should be against the sentiment of the community, of which a large part demanded that the negroes be hanged.

Chief Judge Constable declared that the court would tolerate no dictation. The court did not know any of the evidence and therefore could not say what penalty would be imposed.

SIMMONS PREDICTS A PROSPEROUS YEAR

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—At Newbern, N. C., last night United States Senator Simmons said: "I predict without hesitancy that the coming year is to be the most prosperous which this country has ever had." His address was at the annual dinner of the Newbern chamber of commerce, at which he was the guest of honor.

THAN COMMISSION TO SIT JANUARY 7

Concord, N. H., Dec. 31.—The commissioners appointed by the federal court to determine whether public safety would be endangered by the liberation of bail of Harry K. Thaw, notified counsel today that a public hearing on the matter would be had January 7. In accordance with the order of the court all interested parties may offer evidence at the hearing respecting acts of Thaw since his commitment to the Mattewan asylum tending to show on his part any disposition to do physical harm or violence to the contrary.

EIGHT PEOPLE DIE

Many Injured Jumping From Flames—Families Are Homeless.

New York, Dec. 31.—Eight persons, five men and three women, were killed in an early morning tenement house fire at 96 Monroe street in the crowded Eastside today. Fifteen persons were injured, four seriously by jumping from the fire escapes.

An hour before dawn the tenants in the house were aroused by the cries of persons in the street. Finding escape by way of the stairway shut off, they crowded on the fire escape platforms. Many became excited and jumped before the firemen could raise ladders. Some made their escape over the roofs of adjoining tenements.

The dead: MRS. BECKY KAPLAN, 55 years old, a widow. BARNEY KAPLAN, 18, her son. LOUIS KAPLAN, 16, another son. SAMUEL COHEN, 64. ISAAC WEISBERG, 59. MRS. PEARL WEISBERG, 50, wife. GUSTIE MAZZIN, 15. ISRAEL GOLDEN, 75.

GOVERNOR OF HAWAII IS WARMLY WELCOMED

L. E. Pinkham Makes Statement Outlining Policies To Be Pursued.

Honolulu, Dec. 31.—L. E. Pinkham, the newly appointed governor of the territory of Hawaii, received a warm reception on his arrival here yesterday. A large crowd assembled at the dock to greet him as he landed from the steamer Honolulu. A parade was held in his honor in which marched hundreds of Filipinos who were sent here by Mr. Pinkham when he was acting as immigration agent in the Philippines. Later in the day Governor Pinkham issued a statement that had been eagerly awaited regarding the policies he will pursue.

The assertion made here that the new tariff law would prove disastrous to Hawaiian planters was denied by the governor. The statement declared there was urgent necessity for the partitioning of large tracts of land so that some homesteaders would be given opportunity to own farms.

MR. BRYAN REFUSES TO DISCUSS LIND'S RETURN

Secretary of State Silent as to Conference Between Envoy and President.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Secretary Bryan back from his holiday in Florida, was early at his desk today going over Mexico dispatches which accumulated in his absence.

Mr. Bryan would not discuss John Lind's forthcoming conference with President Wilson or the reasons which had prompted the president's Mexican representative to seek a personal interview with his chief. He said he did not know whether Mr. Lind would come to Washington.

FEDERALS FACE EXTERMINATION

Almost Entire Remnant of Northern Division in Presidio Has Small Chance of Escape.

SLOGAN OF FEDERALS IS 'NO SURRENDER'

President Wilson Officially Notified That John Lind Will Reach Port Tonight.

Presidio, Tex., Dec. 31.—Practically the entire remnant of the northern division of the Mexican federal army confronted extermination today, if the federals cross the border into the United States they will be arrested and disarmed, and if they continue the battle, which has been in progress for 48 hours, they are threatened with death by the 4,000 rebels under Toribio Ortega, attacking Ojinaga across the river from here.

General Ortega, acting under orders from General Villa to "drive the federals into the United States and return to Chihuahua with 400 prisoners," has in two days' battle fought an aggressive fight which has terrorized the federal troops and which already has sent scores of them in flight across the American border.

Beginning of End. The resumption of the battle this morning was expected to be the beginning of the end, for Ojinaga was tightly surrounded and the fighting must almost be hand to hand before the government troops could be dislodged from their trenches and the fortifications of the town.

No surrender was the slogan under which the federal generals entered the battle today. American army men commanding the troops here on border duty, forecasted that the result would be flight. They kept a close patrol on the Rio Grande, now and then capturing a deserter, disarming him and driving him back into Mexico. Extensive preparations were made by Major McNamee, commanding the American forces, to check any impetuous retreat into the United States and to care for additional wounded federals.

The rebels yet must make the circular line of hills which protect Ojinaga before they direct their fire into the heart of the federal fortifications. With the heaviest artillery directing shot and shell at the hill fortifications, however, it appeared but a matter of hours before the rebel cavalry would enter the little Mexican village. The federal army has not the guns to match the rebels, and it depends mainly upon its rifle fire and the protection of a few mountain guns.

Referring indirectly to the Japanese, who have the largest percentage of enrollment in the public schools of the islands, Governor Pinkham predicted that aliens born here and having the right of citizenship would soon dominate the local government. He said the policy must be pursued of Americanizing them as rapidly as possible.

IDENTITY OF BODY IN TRUNK IS CONFIRMED

New York, Dec. 31.—The body of the man found in a trunk on the east side Monday has been positively identified as that of John Kremen, a Polish laborer, who has recently been employed on road work near Garrison, N. Y.

Detectives have ascertained that Kremen was at the laborer's camp outside of Garrison as late as Sunday. The police are strong in the belief that the slaying of Kremen in the belief that some grudge against him by Garriore laborers. Inspector Faurot is personally conducting a search throughout New Jersey, looking for a man who was a friend of Kremen and worked with him in Garrison.