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## BELSHAZZAR ORGY

New Jersey Shocked at Reported Revels of Legislators.

LAST NIGHT WAS A GAY TIME.

Wine and Whiskey Flowed Like Water and Startling Dances by Women Friends of Solons Said to Have Been Enacted in Committee Rooms.

Trenton, N. J.—The New Jersey assemblymen who put one over on Belshazzar, in the orgies which closed the thirty-fourth session of the lower house on Thursday, have not only brought about a storm of denunciation from every pulpit in the state, but have given Governor Fort a lever to pry the lid off of a situation which for civic corruption may make the exposures in New York legislature resemble a popping of a fire cracker.

Revelry a Disgrace. Governor Fort, after declaring that the revelry of the legislators and their women friends was a disgrace to the state, intimated that he was shortly to call a special session of the assembly to investigate the obscenities which are said to have been enacted.

For some time Governor Fort has been at war with interests both in and out of New Jersey, which have been attacking his administration. Some of them center about Atlantic City and their hand was shown when the saloon-keepers in the coast resort defied the governor to send the militia to close their places on Sunday.

Although the state laws are supposed to govern Atlantic City, the resort has a code of its own in direct opposition to some state ordinances.

Indecent Dances. Governor Fort's legislative program, which somewhat resembled that of Governor Hughes, has been attacked and fought bitterly. At least one millionaire contractor attended sessions of the legislature openly, although he is not a member. Governor Fort is a reformer and the revelations of "hoocheecoochee" dances said to have been enacted by women in committee rooms for the legislators, the wholesale consumption of champagne, whiskey and beer in the assembly rooms while the legislature was in session and the manner in which women thronged the galleries and called in familiar fashion to their men friends below have left the governor speechless with mortification and anger.

So embarrassed was he at the action of the members of the house of delegates that he quietly slipped away from Trenton, but just before going he said:

"I am so much astonished that I can scarcely think of the disgrace which has been brought upon the state. I have received letters and petitions from ministers and women asking that action be taken without delay. Something will be done, and that very soon, although I cannot reveal now what course will be pursued."

Legislative Probe Demanded. Trenton, N. J.—A special session of the legislature to investigate the alleged orgies in the state house that marked the end, with an all-night meeting, of the last session, has been demanded by Mark A. Sullivan, minority leader, of Hudson county, in which is Jersey City. He made the demand in a letter to Governor Fort. The alleged drinking and presence of women in the state house has aroused a storm of indignation throughout the state.

Dallas Votes for Bonds. Dallas, Texas.—Dallas has voted for \$1,300,000 in bonds for civic improvement. The club women who were candidates for the board of education were defeated. Six men were elected to membership. Last year two women were members. An ordinance to provide a maximum telephone rate carried.

Girl Held For Raising Bill. Greenville, S. C.—Rosa Trotter, a 13-year-old white girl, was arrested here for raising a \$2 bill to \$20. She was held in \$500 bond.

## LYNCHED IN CELL.

Sensational Jail Escape Reported From Houston, Texas.

Houston, Texas.—Following the sensational escape from jail, wounding of three men and recapture of the jail breakers, Frank Bates, was hanged in the jail at Centerville. Dolly Bates, a son of the man lynched, was also strung up, but cut down before life was extinct.

The mob gained access to the jail by using the keys to the doors, but how they secured possession of them is not known.

When Jeff St. John, the jailer, entered the cell in which the Bates were confined, he was attacked by Dolly Bates and thrown to one side, both prisoners making a dash for the street, which they succeeded in reaching, but were forced to surrender after St. John and the prisoners had been wounded in an exchange of shots.

The escaping men were armed with pistols, which, it is believed, were smuggled to them. The Bates were charged with the murder of Ben Moon last December. Two weeks ago they were arraigned for the crime, a mistrial resulting.

## POSTAL DEFICIT IS SMALLER.

Neat Surplus For Last Quarter of 1909.

Washington.—The post office department made a surplus of \$2,111,356.69 for the quarter covering the months of October, November and December, 1909, as shown by the report of the auditor for the post office department today. This was the largest quarter's business in the history of the post office department. Indications are that postal deficit for this fiscal year, instead of being \$17,000,000, as was the case last year, will fall below \$10,000,000.

## KILLED IN PISTOL DUEL.

Shots Exchanged Between Policeman and Man in Streets of Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—I. W. McLean, aged 65, who shot and killed Robert Kitchen, aged 18, was himself shot to death by officers in East Chattanooga.

A posse of officers went to serve a peace warrant on McLean, who had threatened to kill Lloyd Evans, a boy. McLean opened fire on the officers, who returned his fire. Five bullets entered McLean's body, resulting in death.

In the pistol duel, fully twenty shots were fired. Neither officer was injured.

McLean was under a \$10,000 bond for killing Kitchen.

## Powder House Explosion.

Ooltewah, Tenn.—Compress No. 1 of the Chattanooga Powder Company, has been blown up: John Martin, press foreman, and Arch Crum, a helper, were killed. No others were injured. The press house was completely demolished and fragments of the men's bodies were found several hundred feet away. The two men killed were at the time preparing several thousand pounds of powder for pressing. Electricity was used to operate the machinery in the mill.

## Mrs. Hetty Green Ill.

New York.—Mrs. Hetty Green, America's richest woman, is critically ill, according to an official of the Chemical National bank, her financial headquarters. She has not been about for weeks. It was learned today that Mrs. Green has been ordered out of town by her physician, and at the Chemical National bank, which she owns, it was said she had not been there for five weeks.

## Musician Drops Dead.

Evansville, Ind.—Jason Debar, a 64-year-old tuba player, rose from a sick bed, despite protests, to play in a band, which the Musicians' union had organized in honor of the funeral of a fellow-musician, who had been Debar's life-long friend. Debar insisted upon playing, "If I fall in my tracks." He marched two blocks and while stoutly blowing into his tuba, dropped dead in front of the hearse.

## And Miss It?

Teacher—Can any little boy tell me what a pessimist is? Tommy—I kin, teacher. It's a boy what thinks that when any one is carted away in an ambulance on his block it'll sure happen while he's in school.—Harper's Bazar.

## SUSPECTS CAUGHT

Bankers Killed by Yeggmen Near Pittsburg.

ROBBERS GOT SMALL AMOUNT

McKees Rocks Is Scene of Sensational Tragedy—Police Looking for Italians Charged With Murder and Theft.

Pittsburg.—Three men have been arrested and are being held on suspicion of being members of a gang of four yeggmen who held up the Victor Banking Company, at McKees Rocks, killing Cashier Ignatz Schwartz, Bookkeeper Samuel Friedman and seriously injuring Robert King, who attempted to stop the robbers as they ran from the bank. The suspects give the names of William Brown, a negro teamster; James Brown, a negro coal miner, and Faldatto Zengrelli, an Italian. The police say the men could not give a good account of themselves when questioned.

The Victor Banking Company did a business largely with foreigners, and did a night business for their convenience. McKees Rocks and vicinity is greatly excited over the hold-up and threats are made as to what will happen to the yeggmen if captured before the police get them.

A general police alarm has been sent out, and many officers and detectives are making a diligent search for the robbers. The dragnet spread is so general and thorough that it is believed the bandits can not elude capture.

The scene of the hold-up was practically the same as that of the famous "bloody Sunday" battle during the recent car works strike, in which several persons were killed and many injured.

## TAFT IS TROUBLED.

His Cabinet Said to be Threatened With Disruption.

Washington.—The cabinet of President Taft is threatened with disruption. Despite the denials given out in response to persistent rumors of approaching resignation of cabinet officials, the impression is widespread that within a short time two or three members will get out.

The cabinet circle is torn with dissension, and the widespread popular criticism of the administration has not helped to smooth ruffled feelings or to harmonize differences.

President Taft said he knew nothing of the contemplated resignation of cabinet officials. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh gave out both formal and informal denials of stories published in the New York papers.

## SENATE IN UPROAR.

Mississippi Law Makers Prevented by Colleagues From Fighting.

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

Tusker, 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. Other senators intervened, and roughly pulled the men apart.

## Many Victims of Strike.

Philadelphia.—Leaders of the carmen's strike call attention to a list of fatalities since the beginning of the walkout six weeks ago. Eleven persons have been killed by street cars and collisions have been frequent, causing injuries to passengers. A movement is under way, the strike leaders say, to bring pressure to demand that the transit company send out only reliable operatives on cars.

## Fought in Vain for Life.

Waco, Texas.—With his clothing clenched in his hands and evidences of having made a desperate fight for his life, the body of Dallas Dunham was found in a hallway of a rooming house, which was partially destroyed by fire here. Dunham, it is believed, was overcome by smoke.

## USED SELF AS BAIT.

Pretty Woman Charged With Fraudulent Matrimonial Scheme.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Another indictment has been returned on charges of graft, romantic instead of councilmanic. Alice Peterson, a pretty Johnstown woman, who has manners of refinement, is charged in a true bill returned by the federal grand jury with having used the United States mail to conduct a fraudulent matrimonial scheme in which she was the bait. The woman is alleged to have held a large correspondence with men in western cities, and when love affairs had ripened to a proper point, she would ask them to send money for her fare to their town so that she might marry them.

Among the exhibits offered by the postoffice inspectors are a number of fervid letters. One was addressed to J. Frank Ross, of Eugene, Ore., whom she requested to send her \$100, so that she could pay for an operation to be performed on her mother.

The third letter was of a bright and cheerful nature, and was addressed to Ben O. Baker, Ambrose, N. D. In this letter the writer asked for \$57.32.

## FAMOUS MURDER TRIAL.

Trial of Dr. Hyde for the Murder of Colonel Swope Begins April 11.

Kansas City.—The trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde, accused of the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, will begin April 11. Dr. Hyde has been at liberty under \$100,000 bail. The case will be tried before Judge R. S. Lathshaw, and the representatives of Colonel Swope's estate have engaged the best legal talent money could secure, while Dr. Hyde with his wife's and his own fortune has scoured Missouri for lawyers famous for their ability. The trial promises to be one of the most sensational ever tried in this country. While Dr. Hyde will be tried for the murder of Colonel Swope, who was many times a millionaire and gave Swope park to Kansas City, he has been accused of causing the death of Christian Swope and the serious illness of other members of the Swope family. Dr. Hyde was indicted by the grand jury for administering typhoid fever germs to Colonel Swope.

## EXPLOSION ON SHIP.

Fire Followed and About Twenty Persons Were Injured.

Dover, England.—A terrific explosion has occurred on the British steamer Cairnrona off Dungeness, which wrecked the women's quarters, killing one child and injuring a number of women and children.

The steamer caught fire and a panic ensued, in which men fought for the possession of the boats and had to be beaten back by the crew to allow the women to be taken off first.

In all twenty were seriously injured and not less than fifty were slightly injured by the explosion and in the panic that followed it.

## Will Spar With Jeffries.

Chicago.—Joe Choynski, the veteran prize fighter, whose record includes a 20-round draw with Jeffries and a three-round knockout administered years ago to Jack Johnson, has telegraphed Jeffries consenting to act as Jeffries' sparring partner. Choynski will leave for the west next week. George Cotton, the colored fighter, signed up as a sparring partner with Johnson.

## Fight Duel About Woman.

New Orleans.—Word was received here of a fatal duel over a woman on a plantation at Tilden, La., between two wealthy men. Charles Collins was killed and L. E. Lemelme was fatally shot. The two men had been rivals for the hand of the same woman, and it is said Collins was the one who was successful in his suit. The men met at the home of the woman and a quarrel followed.

## Engine Strikes Auto.

Birmingham, Ala.—A switch engine of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad dashed into an automobile at Bessemer, seriously injuring J. S. Maben, Jr., general manager of the Davis Creek Coal and Coke Company, and also W. H. Nixon, a garage man. Mr. Maben has a broken arm, broken leg and several broken ribs.

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STATIONS		
P M		A M
4 35	Lv. Hendersonville, Ar.	10 10
14 40	Yale	19 45
54 51	Horse Shoe	59 44
14 56	Cannon	19 38
55 05	Bowling	59 33
55 11	Blairsville	19 28
55 17	Penrose	59 21
75 25	Davidson River	19 18
55 30	Piggaw Forest	59 10
55 40	Brevard	19 05
55 53	Selma	18 50
76 01	Cherryfield	18 43
76 04	Calvert	18 40
76 10	Rosman	18 35
76 35	Quebec	18 22
76 38	Reid's	18 19
6 45	Ar. Lake Toxaway, Lv.	8 00

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## Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Brees, jr. Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, F. L. Devane, E. W. Carter. Marshal—J. A. Galloway. Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway. Treasurer—T. H. Shipman. Health Officer—Dr. C. W. Hunt. Attorney—W. W. Zachary. Regular meetings—First Monday night in each month.

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