

ROOSEVELT SHAKES BIG STICK IN FACE OF THE SENATE AND TELLS IT 'WHERE TO GET OFF'

Says It Has No Business to Give Orders to Head of Department. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING Heads of Department Are Not Subject to Beck and Call of Senate.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—President Roosevelt today informed the senate in no uncertain terms that he had given his approval to the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States corporation and that he had instructed Attorney-General Bonaparte not to respond to the senate inquiry as to the reason for his failure to prosecute the steel company.

The president concludes his message with the statement that he does not conceive it to be within the authority of the senate to give directions of this character to head of an executive department.

The message to the senate is in response to a resolution introduced by Senator Culbertson calling on the attorney general to state whether he had brought an action against the steel company because of its acquisition of the Tennessee concern, and if not, the reason for non-action.

While the resolution was not directed to President Roosevelt his attention was called to it by Attorney General Bonaparte. The president says: "As to the transaction in question I was personally cognizant and responsible for its every detail. For the information of the senate I transmit a copy of a letter sent by me to the Attorney General, November 4, as follows:

His Letter. "The White House. "Washington, November 4, 1908. "My Dear Attorney General: Judge E. H. Gary and Mr. H. C. Frick, on behalf of the steel corporation, have just called upon me. They state that there is a certain business firm (name of which I have not been told but which is of real importance in New York business circles) which will undoubtedly fall this week if help is not given. Among its assets are a majority of the securities of the Tennessee Coal company. Application has been urgently made to the steel corporation to purchase this stock as the only means of avoiding a failure.

"Judge Gary and Mr. Frick informed me that as a mere business transaction they do not care to purchase the stock; that under ordinary circumstances they would not consider purchasing the stock, because but little benefit will come to the steel corporation from the purchase; that they are aware that the purchase will be used as a handle for attack upon them upon the ground that they are striving to secure a monopoly of the business and prevent competition, not that this would represent what could honestly be said, but what might recklessly and untruthfully be said.

"They inform me that as a matter of fact the policy of the company has been to decline to acquire more than sixty per cent of the steel properties and that this policy had been persevered in for several years past with the object of preventing these accumulations and as a matter of fact their proportion of steel properties has slightly decreased, so that it is below sixty per cent, and the acquisition of the property in question will not raise it above sixty per cent.

Prevent Panic. "But they feel that it is immensely to their interest as to the interest of every responsible business man to try to prevent a panic and general smash-up at this time and that they are willing to go into this transaction, which they would not otherwise go into, because it seems the opinion of those best fitted to express judgment in New York that it will be an important factor in preventing a break that might be ruinous; and that this has been urged upon them by the combination of the most responsible bankers in New York who are now engaged in endeavoring to save the situation, but they asserted they did not wish to do this if I stated that it ought not to be done. I answered that while of course I could not advise them to take the action proposed I felt it no public duty of mine to interpose any objection.

"Sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

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GRISCOM WILL MEET THE U.S. BATTLESHIP

Expected to Arrive in Messina Sunday—Relief Ship Will Start Today.

PANIC IS SPREAD BY 'HOOLIGANS'

Run Through Naples Crying Earthquake and Thieves Go to Work.

(By Associated Press.) ROME, Jan. 6.—Ambassador Griscom will leave here tomorrow for Messina, to meet the American squadron, which is expected to arrive there Sunday, under Rear-Admiral Sperry on the flagship Connecticut. The steamer Bayern, the American relief ship, flying the Red Cross emblem, will sail for Messina tomorrow. This steamer, with its great cargo of supplies will be able to take care of thousands of sufferers. There are three surgeons abroad and fifty nurses, of whom three are American and three English. Fifty eight thousand dollars has been spent for the medical outfit, provisions and clothes for distribution at Messina. There is an immense supply of the necessities of life aboard for men, women and children, particular attention having been paid to food, for little ones.

In the past 48 hours, \$150,000 has been spent in Rome, and \$50,000 in Genoa, for clothing alone. There are also medical supplies sufficient for the establishment of three camp hospitals ashore. Those in charge of the expedition have \$20,000 in small bills for careful distribution.

Word received here from Naples says that "Hooligans" during the night ran through various quarters of the city crying "Earthquake," "Earthquake." Their cries aroused thousands of people who rushed out of their houses, thus giving thieves an opportunity to work. The frightened population gathered in the squares and crowded the churches. Some of them took crucifixes and images of saints and carried them through the streets in procession, said wailing and weeping.

People More Calm. Signor Bertolini, minister of public works, who is now in Reggio, has telegraphed to Premier Giolitti, that the people there are beginning to be more calm and for that reason there is no pressing need of steamers for the transportation of refugees. The minister adds that efforts should now be directed toward the sending of a great quantity of wood and other building material for the construction of huts along the Sicilian and Calabrian coasts.

The following list of places in Reggio province is published as having suffered the greatest damage from the earthquake: Baglari, Cannello, Catania, Gallico, Laganati, Melicocca, Melito, Montedello, Motta, Palmi, Pellaro, Pedargoni, San Procopio, Santo Stefano, Scilla, Seminara, Sinopoli, and Giovanni.

The generosity of the American people is coming to the aid of the earthquake sufferers is the predominant feature which is now attracting attention here. The feeling of gratefulness extends from the king down to the most lowly subject. In accepting in behalf of the Italian nation, the supplies sent by the American government, the king said to Ambassador Griscom: "Your people will be delighted to hear of this mark of international humanitarianism and will follow with the keenest interest the work of mercy being performed by the Bayern."

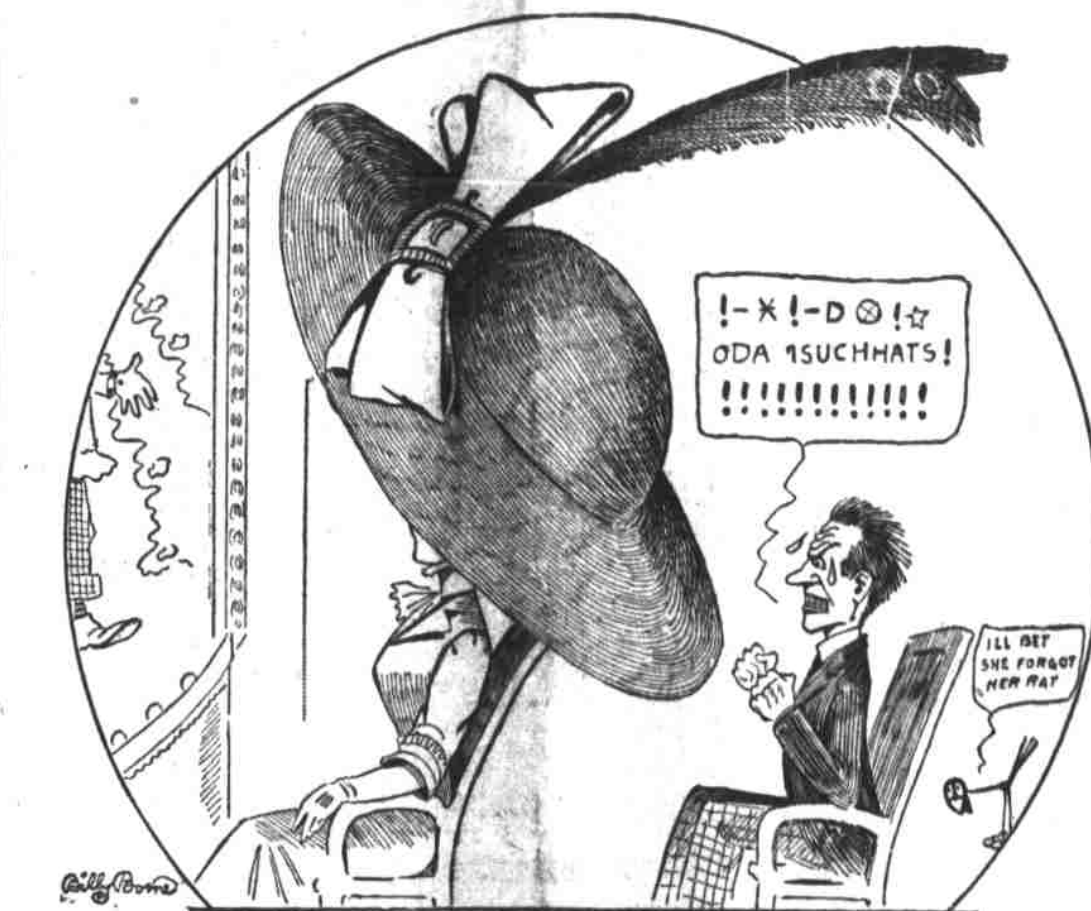
The king further informed the American ambassador that he had received with the greatest appreciation the communication notifying the government of the appropriation of \$500,000 for the earthquake victims.

Signor Tittoni, the foreign minister said: "Never before on any occasion has occurred such a demonstration of sympathy as that of America. It includes all classes and conditions from the president to the humblest citizen. Nothing could more tightly bind together the two countries, or render their friendship closer."

Count Taverna, the president of the

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Doesn't it Make You Mad—



When you Ask the Lady in Front of you With the Big Hat to Kindly Remove it, and She Absolutely Refuses—Doesn't It Make You Mad Though?

BITTER ATTACK ON GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE

Senior Counsel for Alleged Night Riders Is Reprimanded by Judge.

'MEN BRIBED TO PERJURE SELVES'

Nothing in Evidence to Sustain Charge, Says Judge Jones.

(By Associated Press.) UNION CITY, Tenn., Jan. 6.—After a bitter attack on the governor of the state and an attempt to bring the killing of Former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack into the case, Rice Pierce, senior counsel for the eight alleged night riders, on the trial for the murder of Captain Quentin Ranken, today was reprimanded by Judge Jones.

Mr. Pierce was preparing to close his argument for the defense and was discussing the testimony of Fehring, Hogg and Morris, night riders who turned state's evidence. He launched into a violent denunciation of Governor Patterson.

"The governor of the state," he said, "after sending an army into Ohio county to trample on the rights of the people, to snatch honest men from their homes and bully them and abuse them, offered a reward of \$10,000 for the arrest of Ranken's murderers," said Pierce.

"I do not approve of crimes. I denounce murder, whether it is a cowardly assassination on the streets of our capital, or any equally cowardly murder on the banks of Reelfoot lake, but I submit that all men are equal before the law, and that the man or men who assassinated Carmack are entitled to no better treatment than those who killed Ranken.

"After filling Ohio county with soldiers, what does Patterson, the governor of this state, do? He sends for Fehring, Hogg and Morris and bribes them to perjure themselves to send innocent men to the gallows."

Is Reprimanded. Several times the attorney repeated this charge and then Judge Jones said: "The court does not believe that the judiciary should permit to pass unnoticed this assault on the chief executive of the state. There is nothing in the evidence to sustain counsel's charge. The witnesses swore repeatedly that what Governor Patterson told them was that if they told the truth he would give them an unconditional pardon and see that they got safely out of the country. In no way is it in evidence that he offered them pardon to involve any one in the murder."

"But," retorted Pierce, "these witnesses, or one of them at least, swore that if Patterson had not offered him the pardon he would not have made the confession. Just what else he offered I have a right to say he bribed the witnesses to perjure themselves."

"Mrs. Pierce," again said the court, "these remarks are highly improper, and the court will not permit you to make them. Gentlemen of the jury, there is nothing in the evidence upon which the charge against the governor can be based."

STATE SENATE AND HOUSE ARE NOW ORGANIZED

All Officers Nominated at Caucus Elected by Good Majority.

\$50,000 MAY BE VOTED AFFLICTED.

Resolution Providing Appropriation Introduced in the House.

(Special to The Citizen.) RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 6.—The North Carolina general assembly organized today with A. W. Graham, of Granville, speaker of the house and Lieutenant Governor Francis D. Winston, president in the senate until the new lieutenant governor, W. C. Newland, takes office as presiding officer January 12. Whitehead Klutz, of Salisbury, was made president pro tem for the session.

All other officers in both branches were elected in accordance with the selections made in the democratic caucus last night. The vote for speaker in the house was Graham, (democratic), ninety; Harshaw, (republican), twenty-seven; Hayes, of Chatham, and Dowd, of Mecklenburg, both defeated candidates in the democratic caucus, nominated and seconded the nomination of Graham for the speakership and Hayes later introduced the speaker to the members when he assumed the chair.

In the senate, Klutz was nominated by Long, of Iredell, for president pro tem and J. J. Britt, (republican), was nominated by Starbuck, of Forsyth. The vote was Klutz, thirty-one; Britt nine.

The senate passed a resolution preparatory for the inauguration of governor and state officers Tuesday, January 12, at one o'clock.

A joint resolution was offered in the house by Perry, of Vance, extending profound sympathy to the king and queen of Italy and their subjects and appropriating \$50,000 for relief of the sufferers from the earthquake. This was referred to the committee on finance and must await the appointment of this committee.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK NOW UP.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The bill to establish postal savings banks was taken up by the senate today and read for amendment. Senator Carter in charge of the measure, announcing that he would not attempt to get a vote on the bill until next week.



WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Forecast: North Carolina—Fair with a cold wave Thursday and Friday; fresh northwest winds.

FATE OF ERB'S SLAYER HANGS IN BALANCE

Case Against Mrs. Beisel and Mrs. Erb Is Given to Jury.

PATHETIC APPEAL FOR ACQUITTAL.

With Withering Sarcasm McDade Refers to the 'Innocent Wife.'

(By Associated Press.) MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 6.—The fate of Mrs. Catherine M. Beisel and Mrs. M. Florence Erb, charged with the murder of Captain J. Clayton Erb, at his country home "Red Gables" on October 6, hangs in the balance. The case was given to the jury at 4:30 this afternoon and after deliberating for four hours they were locked up for the night. Not an intimation was given as to a poll of the jury.

When court opened B. Frank Rhodes, began the closing address for the defendants. He ridiculed the Commonwealth's case, and said not one scintilla of evidence had been adduced to show that Mrs. Erb was in any way connected with the murder of her husband that Mrs. Beisel the other defendant had shot Erb that her own life and that of her sister might be spared. He unmercifully scored the "Philadelphia gang" as he termed them, for the part the Philadelphia detectives and coroner's physician Wadsworth took in securing evidence and testifying against the accused. He closed with a pathetic plea for the acquittal of the defendants.

Mr. Rhodes was followed by District Attorney McDade, the latter bitterly assailed the "slur cast upon the Philadelphia" who, he declared, had been asked to aid the Delaware county authorities who at the time were busy on the Chester strike trouble.

Close Attention. The jury gave the district attorney closer attention than they had evinced at any time during the trial which had been in progress for eight days, and when he spread upon the floor of the court room the blue print of the second floor of "Red Gables" where Erb was murdered, every juror left his seat in the box and seemed intent upon gaining all information possible. As Mr. McDade described in the minutest detail the "terrible murder" many of the jurymen questioned him as to the version of the crime. He pleaded for a first degree verdict, saying the murder was a "diabolical plot, conceived by shrewd cunning women."

With withering sarcasm he referred to the "innocent wife, who had blackened the character of a man who saved her his honored name." He closed his address by reading the endearing letters from Captain Erb to his wife, which were offered in evidence yesterday.

Judge Johnson consumed an hour in his charge to the jury, reviewing the evidence adduced by both the prosecution and the defense.

BRITISH STEAMER LANDS ON ROCKS.

(By Associated Press.) NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 6.—Losing her bearings in the dense fog early yesterday morning the British steamer Anglo-African, with a cargo from Togo, Mexico, bound for Baltimore, brought up on Smith's Island, off Cape Charles. There is little wind and only a moderate sea running. She is reported in good condition.

MINISTER'S DISMEMBERED BODY FOUND

Partially Consumed By Fire In Two Heating Stoves Of Church.

ROBBERY MOTIVE OF FEARFUL MURDER.

Pews and Communion Table Daubed With Blood Tell of Struggle.

(By Associated Press.) DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 6.—The dismembered body of Rev. J. H. Carmichael, a Methodist minister, was found today partially consumed by fire in the two heating stoves of one of his three churches near Columbus, in the southwestern part of St. Clair county. Investigation was begun to clear away temporary uncertainty as to the identity of the victim and to discover the perpetrator of the crime.

The identity of the clergyman was soon ascertained by Orville Lindsay, who was sent to the church for that purpose by Mrs. Carmichael, who had been in great distress since her husband failed to return home as expected last evening, and who surmised that the minister had been murdered, as she had heard reports that some one had been murdered in the Columbus church.

A clue to the murderer and the motive was more difficult to obtain. There was a rumor that a man had left a train at Hickey and had been seen at Columbus church. The fact that several coins were found in the clothing of the dead man and in the ashes of the stoves precluded the theory of robbery and at the time of his death it was not known that the murdered minister had an enemy in the world.

Rev. Carmichael had been in Michigan about ten years, and for two years had been pastor of the three churches at Columbus, Adair and China. With his wife and three children he resided at Adair. Leaving home yesterday morning he told Mrs. Carmichael that he was going to Columbus to arrange for a series of revival meetings there. He waved his hand affectionately to a group of children as he drove out of the village of Adair and from that moment all trace of him is lost.

Discovers Crime. Myron Brown, who lives near the scene of the tragedy, was the first to discover the crime today. While he was waiting at the cross-roads to keep an appointment the cold wind drove him to seek shelter in the church. He was surprised to find the church doors unlocked and upon opening them was terrified to see the communion table daubed with blood and fragments of bloody clothing scattered all around. Evidently the clergyman, who was 58 years old, and of athletic build, had made a terrific struggle for his life.

Without investigating further Brown fled to his home, where he had a key to the church. He returned and locked the doors and hurried to the village of Hickey, from which place he notified the sheriff's office at Port Huron.

The authorities on their arrival at the church found parts of the dismembered body in the two stoves, and discovered in one stove the head of what was apparently a new hatchet, the handle of which had been burned off. A dirk was also found in the church and it is believed that the dirk served for the murder while the hatchet was used to cut the body to pieces. The minister's horse was found today tied to a tree in the village of Pine River, the dead man's overcoat being discovered in the buggy.

The River is a small village near Thornton, on the main line of the Grand Trunk railroad, and fully twenty miles from the scene of the murder.

TAFT INTERESTED IN CHILD LABOR.

(By Associated Press.) AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 6.—The president-elect is a member of the National child labor commission, and he today listed in a report from M. J. McElwey, secretary of the commission for the Southern states. Mr. McElwey has had quarters at Atlanta. It is his conclusion that the child labor laws of the Southern states are pretty well adapted to condition, but there is lackness in their enforcement. No action on the subject is understood to be contemplated at this time.

National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock returned from his trip to Birmingham and Atlanta this morning and this afternoon had an extended interview with Mr. Taft.

WELL-TO-DO FARMER HELD FOR TRIAL ON CHARGE OF PEONAGE.

(By Associated Press.) VALDOSTA, Ga., Jan. 6.—United States Commissioner Powell here today held F. Ramsey, a well-to-do Brooks county farmer for trial before Judge Emory Spear on the charge of peonage.

HE SAYS GRAFT MUST ONE DAY HIDE ITS HEAD

Owen Wister, Author of 'The Virginian' Believes Good Time Coming.

IS BITTER FOE OF CORRUPTION.

Failure to Register and Vote is Main Cause of Grafting in America.

(By TAV. (Special Correspondent of Citizen.) PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—"It is only a question of time until graft will be eradicated from public affairs. I was never more hopeful than now." Optimistic Owen Wister! He belongs to that class of Americans that fully realize the existence of evil influences here and there in public life, but that have undaunted faith in the conviction that ultimately the great average voter will set all things right.

Wister's courage is particularly striking in view of the fact that in Philadelphia's last councilmanic election he was not only personally overwhelming defeated in his attempt to free the people of his own ward from the yoke of gang rule politics, but in every instance save one the citizens showed their preference for a continuation of the present republican "graft" administration.

In Wister's ward in particular the issues had been clearly drawn. It was honesty and decency vs. gang rule. Wister was up for councilman. "According to the returns, 648 voters in your ward voted for clean politics and 3,458 voted for the other kind. How are you able to sustain such optimism in the face of these figures?" I asked Mr. Wister during our interview at his home in Pine street.

"I base my prophecy on my discovery of a germ of discontent," he replied. "The better classes are growing discontented. When they become fully aroused, and I believe they will arrive at that point suddenly, graft will be dealt a fatal blow."

"There is a great crime in existence in this country upon which no direct concentrated fire has ever been made. It is a crime principally of the wealthy, the aristocratic. Some day the effect of this crime will be nationally realized. When it is, goodbye to graft. The basis of the crime I am referring to is failure to register and failure to vote. That is why Philadelphia's election went overmanly against clean government. The best people of Philadelphia did not go to the polls. If by not going to the polls they allowed men to gain office that rob the city, are they not morally guilty of the crime of the grafters?"

"The man who has taken no interest in politics is becoming disinterested with conditions. In seeking a reason for conditions, he is finding that it is he who is to blame."

"For years the rich young men of Philadelphia have been a dormant mass. I myself was dormant until the gas stoves were turned on. When I wrote the story of the 'Keystone Crime' for a magazine a year and a half ago my whole soul was stirred. I realized for the first time there were some duties I owed to those about me beside writing books. I might make enough money to live comfortably thinking, but if I didn't because of non-interest do my duty as a voter, was I not allowing those about me to suffer? That was the question as it presented itself to me for the first time."

"Philadelphia is right now being robbed right and left by the contractors, the sewer, contractors, the pavement contractors and others. By raising the assessment on real estate the city collected \$2,000,000 more last year than the year previous, or ever before. Yet the people get no benefit of this \$2,000,000. It goes to the contractors. Why the assessment on this building has been increased from \$5,000 to \$11,500 in three years, yet the city water is so dirty I would be deprived of a bath if I didn't go to private expense to get clean water. As to the pavement and draining of city streets, look out of my window. There is a pool of water deep enough to drown in. I can stand it, but should I not do all I can for others that cannot be so independent? There is no way of getting around it. My plain duty is to vote."

Wister said other things. Although brought up an aristocrat, he spoke as a man with a new conviction. His tone of voice was not that of the dandy, but the steady and forceful of a man who has determined to make good in a new capacity.