

PUBLISHERS NOT LIABLE FOR LIBEL IN CRIMINAL SUIT

Young Rockefeller's Complaint Against Journal Dismissed by Justice

WRITER OF ARTICLES IS GUILTY OF CRIME

Story of Rockefeller's alleged Methods of Peonage at Bottom of Matter

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, April 12.—The writ of habeas corpus secured in behalf of S. S. Carvalho, Bradford Merrill and Edward H. Clark, publishers of the New York American and Evening Journal in the action brought against them for criminal libel in complaint of John D. Rockefeller Jr., was upheld by Justice Gerard in the Supreme court today and the defendants ordered discharged.

CONFESSED ARSON.

Demopolis, Ala., April 12.—The barn of Tom Walton, a white farmer, was burned Sunday night with seven mules and a large amount of feed. A negro who confessed to the crime of setting the fire, was taken to Greensboro today.

MR. JOHNSING WILL NOT FIGHT ANYBODY WHO MAY BE LOOKING FOR MATCH

Is Getting Little Particular About Whom He Wastes His Strength On

THREE CANDIDATES

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 12.—After a meeting of the three heavy weights—and near-heavies—who are anxious to fight him, Jack Johnson, the colored heavy-weight champion, tonight announced that he would not decide as to whose challenge he would accept until Thursday. The reason given for this postponement was that Al Kaufman, one of the anxious challengers, will box Tony Ross, a much heralded fighter, before a local club tomorrow night and Johnson desires to see how Kaufman will figure as a drawing card for a championship match.

At the close of the conference, Hugh D. McIntosh, the Australian fight promoter, offered a return match for Johnson and Burns. The champion Johnson, however, demurred and matters were left standing, pending the issue of the Kaufman-Ross battle.

CRITICISE POLICE, DEFEND THE NEGRO, AND NAME TICKET

Republican Convention Ratifies Ring Slate, And Hears Startling Statements From Leaders

The republican city convention last night nominated the following: Mayor, Dr. C. P. Ambler, Aldermen 1st ward, Canie N. Brown, Alderman 2nd ward, W. M. Hill, Alderman 4th ward, H. S. Harkins, Alderman 6th ward, F. W. W. Graham.

The features of the meeting of delegates was the stringent attack made by Chairman T. J. Harkins on the police who declared when not drunk, spend their time loafing in pool rooms.

Dr. Ambler, in his speech of acceptance which followed the nominations said that he would accept no nomination from ringleaders, and declared that rank injustice is being done to the negroes in this city, who are punished for offenses which are condoned in white men.

Mr. Harkins declined an escort of honor, took the stand and said: "Men to be nominated tonight, if we do our duty, will be in office for the next two years. It is the duty of the republicans to make claims."

The present administration is either influenced by that element, or else they are not competent to govern the people of this town," said the chairman, referring to the seller of liquor as "that element."

Attack the Validity of the Anti-Trust Statute As A Whole SHEPPARD PRESIDES

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 12.—When the cases against the American Naval Stores company, the National Transportation and Terminal company and six officers of the naval stores company were called in the United States District court here today, the defendants tendered a demurrer to the indictment against them.

ROANOKE, Va., April 12.—Fruit growers in this section today reported that their crops have been ruined by the heavy frosts and freezing weather prevailing for the past several nights.

usually in the pool rooms. The people of this town have said by their votes that such and such should be the case, but judged by their acts the present administration cares no more for the wishes of the people of this town than a mule does for music."

Nominations Made. Charles G. Lee was elected secretary and then nominations for mayor were called for. Mr. H. T. Collins named Dr. C. P. Ambler, saying he carried through all he undertook. On motion of J. L. Lancaster an amended by T. F. Roland the nomination was made by acclamation.

Police Judge. The only real contest was then called, on nomination for police judge. H. T. Collins said there must be enforcement of law and order; that all candidates should be good men, but differed in experience, one of them Col. V. S. Lusk, being a man pledged to law and order.

Mr. Harkins nominated F. W. Thomas for permanent chairman, but on the statement of the gentleman that he had promised to nominate at least two men T. J. Harkins was unanimously named.

Mr. Harkins proposed, "Men to be nominated tonight, if we do our duty, will be in office for the next two years. It is the duty of the republicans to make claims."

Wanted to Make It Plain That Petroleum is to Go on Free List WAS CLERICAL ERROR

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 12.—A good, workable membership was present when the house of representatives met today for the first of its semi-weekly sessions. The galleries were filled with Easter visitors. Mr. Payne, of New York, offered a resolution providing for the return of the tariff bill to the house in order that it might be amended so as to make it plain that crude petroleum and its products should appear on the free list.

The census bill was sent to conference. The house, at 2:15 p. m., adjourned until Thursday.



Richard Croker. Who Returns Shortly to His Irish Estate after Spending the Winter at Palm Beach.

MYSTERY OF SHOOTING OF WOMAN NOT SOLVED

Believed That Smooth Blackmailers Were Behind Scheme to Extort Large Sum From Bank President in Which She Was Stool Pigeon

WASHINGTON, Ind., April 12.—That there is a mystery behind the recent shooting of Zella Clarke Stringer, the young woman charged with being implicated in the scheme to blackmail Nathan G. Read, president of the Washington National bank, is the belief of many people who have more than a passing knowledge of the incidents leading up to the affair.

Many people believe the woman was simply a stool pigeon for a gang that was after the money, and though she insists that she does not know the man who told her to go to a certain place and pick up a package, the general opinion is she does know the man, and is shielding some one.

The scheme to blackmail the bank president was simple, according to the way it was played. Mr. Read got a letter telling him to place \$20,000 in a package at the east gate of the public school building grounds and that if he failed to do so his home and family and the bank would be blown up.

War Department has Granted Request of Charlotte for Detachment

(Special to The Citizen.) CHARLOTTE, April 12.—Through the efforts of Senators Overman and Simmons and Congressmen Webb and Morehead, General James F. Bell, chief of staff of the war department, has agreed to send troops, one of the fine government bands and a large number of flags to be used in Charlotte during the twentieth of May celebration. The troops will very likely serve as an escort to President Taft, who will arrive at 10 o'clock on the morning of May 20th.



(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 12.—Forecast: North Carolina: Showers Tuesday; Wednesday colder and generally fair, brisk to moderately high south winds becoming west Wednesday.

thirty out of another, and there are shot wounds in different parts of her body.

There is a good deal of feeling over the shooting of this woman and the charge is made, too, that at least one shotgun was fired at her before a demand was made for her to halt.

The general belief is that the scheme to get a lot of money out of President Read under threats to blow him up did not start with either Sparks, who is the girl's lover, or the girl. The supposition is that there is a stronger mind than either of them in the affair, and if the girl would tell the truth the real blackmailer would be found.

Early in the evening, when it was so bright you could almost read a newspaper, a woman came down the street and picked up the box, and as she did so she was fired on by the hidden officers. When the officers got to her it was found that she was Mrs. Zella Clark Stringer, and Dr. G. W. Willeford at different times has picked forty shot out of one arm and

troops and band to ESCORT PRESIDENT

FOREST FIRES DOING DAMAGE IN VIRGINIA

(By Associated Press.) ROANOKE, Va., April 12.—Forest fires that have raged on the mountains in Roanoke and Botetourt counties for the past week did great damage last night a few miles north of Roanoke, when several saw mills and many thousands of feet of cut lumber were destroyed. A number of small homes occupied by negroes were also burned.

CRAZY SNAKE DEAD? MURCOGEE, Okla., April 12.—There is a rumor here that Crazy Snake, chief of the Creek Indians, who has been sought by the state militia for the past two weeks, is dead, but it cannot be verified.

ROME, April 12.—Mount Aetna is not in eruption, although reports to that effect have been current, and according to the latest advices received here from Catania there is no apprehension felt there that another earthquake is imminent.

VISIT TO CAPITAL COURSE OF STUDY IN MANY SCHOOLS

Consequently the Capital is Full of Pupils Now Learning Its Ways

ALL DETERMINED TO SEE PRESIDENT

Even Listen to the Prosy Tariff Debates in the Halls of Congress

(Special to The Citizen.) WASHINGTON, April 12.—Nearly 30,000 tourists have looked Washington over during the last three weeks, and the favorite season for visiting Washington is only opening. A fact worth noting is that the boards of education in most of the states along the Atlantic seaboard and in some states farther west are now making an annual pilgrimage to the national capital a part of the course of study.

Visit White House. The white house is the center of attraction for the student bodies. These spring days they almost swamp the attendants about the president's home and the executive offices, all demanding to see the president.

The senate committee restored from the dutiable list as twenty-five cents per ton, a reduction of fifteen cents a ton from the Dingley rate.

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CRESCENT CITY MEN TO FACE SERIOUS CHARGES

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, La., April 12.—Charging him with the embezzlement of \$7,700 of the funds of Jefferson Parish while he was secretary of the parish police board during 1908, an indictment was today returned against A. A. Daunhauser. Upon his arrest and plea of not guilty Daunhauser was released on bond of \$5,000. He is at present a justice of the peace of Jefferson Parish just across the river from New Orleans.

IGNORE PARTY LINE? WASHINGTON, April 12.—It was stated at the white house today that President Taft has instructed Director North, of the census bureau, to disregard party lines in securing suitable men for supervisors and other appointive places under the new census act. The instructions it was said have special reference to the south.

DIED OF WOUNDS. AUGUSTA, Ga., April 12.—W. B. Causey, a prominent white man, who was shot down on the streets of Hampton, S. C., Sunday by "Peg Leg" Hughes, a negro and who was brought to a private hospital here for treatment, died at 6 o'clock this evening.

SENATOR ALDRICH GIVES SUMMARY OF AMENDED BILL

Claims Many Reduction Have Been Made In Various Schedules

TAX INCREASED ON ARTICLES OF LUXURY

Daniels Criticizes Majority For Not Giving Democrats Chance

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 12.—The tariff bill was today reported by Mr. Aldrich from the committee on finance to the senate and on Thursday it will be taken up for consideration. Senator Daniels led democratic criticism of the reporting of the bill to the senate without affording the democratic members an opportunity to inspect it. Senator Aldrich replied that to have proceeded otherwise would have entailed long delay and reminded the members of the minority that the republican majority alone would be held responsible for the tariff legislation to be enacted by this congress.

Many revenue producing features will be reported subsequently as they are interwoven with administrative features of the measure which will be adopted later, Senator Aldrich, when requested to make a brief summary of the general character of the changes proposed by the senate finance committee to the house tariff bill, furnished a statement in part as follows:

"In the main the rates in the tariff bill as reported from the senate finance committee are lower than those in the bill as it passed the house the actual number of reductions being about three times the number of increases. Such increases as have been made have been largely rendered necessary to preserve the symmetry of the schedules. A considerable number of articles in common use have been taken from the dutiable list. The great mass of the rates reported are below those of existing law."

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EDUCATORS GATHER FOR THE CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., April 12.—Many prominent educators arrived in Atlanta today and tonight to attend the conference for education in the South, which opens in annual session here Wednesday. It is expected that by tomorrow afternoon at least 1,500 persons will be here to attend the conference.

ARRESTED IN NEW ORLEANS. NEW ORLEANS, April 12.—Louis P. Allard, was arrested by local detectives here tonight upon landing from the steamer Parismina from Colon. It is charged that he defrauded merchants of Peoria, Ill., of about \$30,000 on bogus drafts and checks. He is said to have been formerly manager of the Adams Automobile company, of Peoria.