

ALDERMANIC BAND OF GRAFTERS ROB MONTREAL AT WILL

For Years Have Been Farming Out Contracts For Large Rake Off WORKED THROUGH IMPECUNIOUS DUMMY Several Departments of City Have Been Systematically Worked

MONTREAL, August 21.—Testimony showing that the city of Montreal has lost millions of dollars in contract work and that officials of all kinds have been bought and sold for years, has been brought out by the investigation into the city's civic affairs begun by the provincial government several weeks ago.

The investigation covered the administration of the police, fire and public works departments, each of which is controlled by a committee of aldermen with an administrative chief appointed by the committee.

Graft in Contracts. The public works department sworn testimony showed that the lowest bidders were ignored and the contracts awarded to higher tenderers, who had a pull with a certain middleman who conducted negotiations between the aldermen and the contractors.

The excess price paid by the city for paving was shown to average sixty cents a yard. On contracts for this year totalling \$660,000, the excess price, it is charged, amounted to \$120,000. A man who swore that the total value of his plant was less than \$100 that he kept no books and could produce no complete set of check stubs was shown to have had contracts this year in excess of half a million dollars which he farmed out to sub-contractors at a handsome profit.

Special Election. Partly as a result of the revelations of the investigation and partly as a movement for civic reform generally an election will be held here September 20 on the question of reducing the number of aldermen by one half and of establishing a board of commissioners to administer the city's affairs subject to the approval of the council.

THREE MORE ADDED TO DEATH'S TOLL IN SPEED CARNIVAL

Opening of Great Motor Speedway Has Been Marred by Seven Deaths. Race Called Off When Two Spectators Were Killed.

(By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, August 21.—Three more lives were sacrificed in the mad speed carnival which has inaugurated the great Indianapolis motor speedway. One mechanic and two spectators paid the penalty of their lives to satisfy the extreme desire for speed. The fatal accident came when a National car driven by Charles Mez in the three hundred mile race, lost a tire and crashed through a fence into a group of spectators, spreading death and destruction in the wake of its wild plunge.

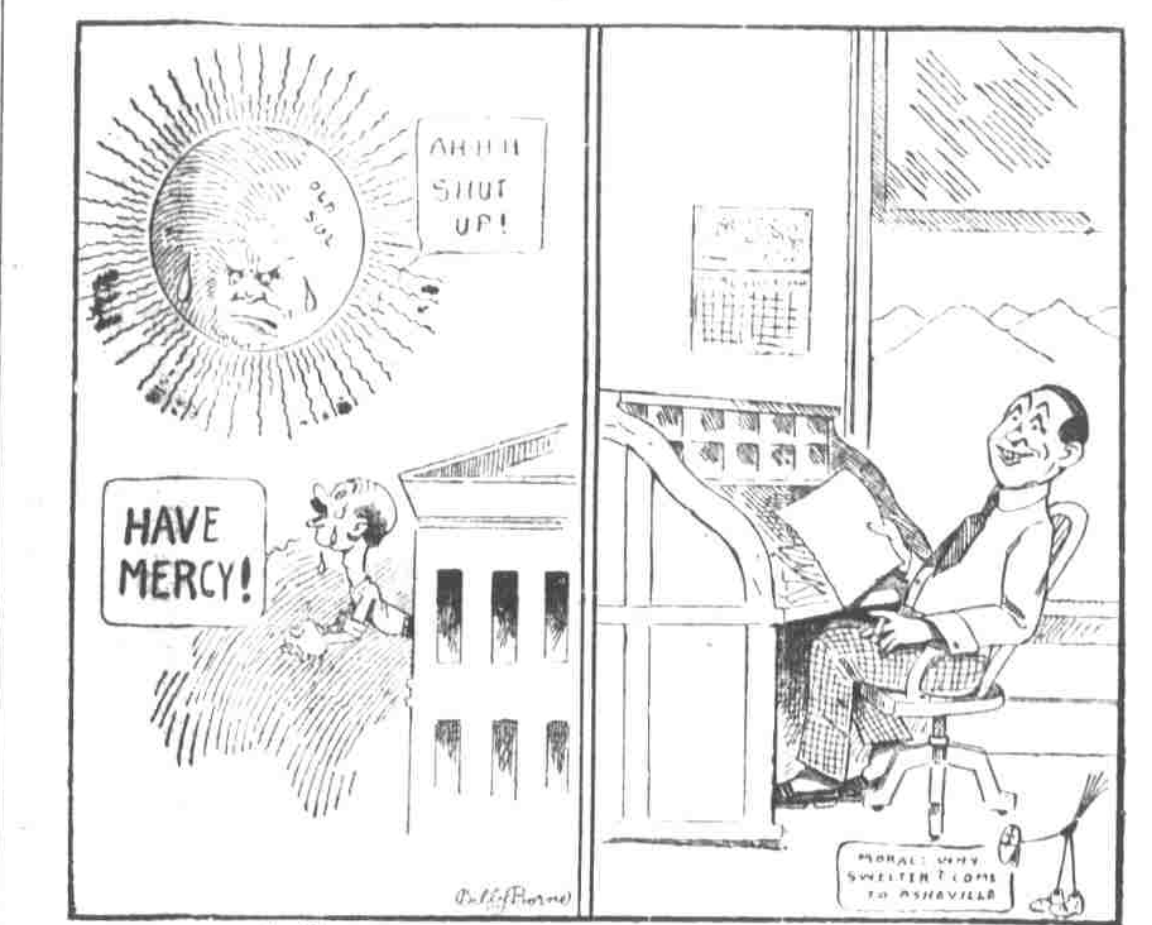
The dead are: Claude Kellum of Indianapolis, mechanic in the National car; Ora Joffe, Trafalgar, Ind., and an unidentified man. Besides the three deaths, two serious injuries resulted during the day. Henry Tapping of Indianapolis was seriously injured in the fatal wreck, sustaining a compound fracture of his right arm, a broken nose and several scalp wounds. Bruce Keene, the driver of a Marmon car in the same race, crashed into a post shortly after the National wreck and was badly cut about the neck and head.

After the second accident the officials decided to call off the three hundred mile race when the leading car—a Jackson with Lee Lynch at the wheel—had covered 225 miles. Ralph De Palma, in a Fiat, was second and Stillman in a Marmon was third. The race will be declared no contest and the great Indianapolis motor speedway trophy will be raced for again.

Driver Not Hurt. By a strange freak of fortune Mez escaped from the terrible wreck with hardly a scratch. He fell under the car when it turned a somersault through the air and down into a gully near the side of the track. He was in imminent danger of being burned to death but by extraordinary luck he was able to shut off the engine and thus saved himself from a horrible death.

Kellum was hurled out of the car and landed in the gully some distance from the twisted mass of steel and iron that once had been a speed machine.

"The Deadly Parallel."



In Texas In Asheville

WELLMAN'S SECOND ATTEMPT TO FLY TO POLE ENDS IN FAILURE

After Flying About Thirty Miles Lost Ballast and Shot up into Cloud, Series of Mishaps Culminating in Explosion of Balloon and Utter Failure of the Whole Adventure.

(By Associated Press.) CAMP WELLMAN, Spitzbergen, August 15, via Hammerfest, August 21.—Walter Wellman's second attempt to sail over the North pole in a balloon has resulted in failure. The giant dirigible balloon America, in which Mr. Wellman and his party of three set out upon their perilous flight today met with a mishap after it had proceeded about thirty-two miles from the starting point. Mr. Wellman and his party succeeded in making a landing without injury to any member, and returned to this point on board the steamer Fram, which also towed in the disabled balloon.

Got a Good Start. After a long preparation and waiting for favorable weather, the opportunity came today and Mr. Wellman decided early in the morning to make the start.

At ten o'clock in the morning the masts were cast loose, the air ship ascending beautifully. The engines were set in motion and everything seemed to work to perfection. The big air craft was headed northward and set out at twenty-five miles an hour. After having covered some thirty-two miles the leather guide rope, to which was attached a thousand pounds of provisions and stores broke away. This was just as the air ship was nearing the pack ice of north Spitzbergen.

Rose to Great Height. Released from this great weight the airship shot upwards at a terrific pace until it was at a great height above the clouds. The pilots succeeded, however, in bringing her down near the earth, turned her about and set out to fight their way southward against a strong wind. The airship proceeded slowly southward to the edge of the pack ice where the steamer Fram was anchored. The Fram started to tow the airship to Spitzbergen. The strain was so great however, that it threatened to tear the car to which the rope was attached to pieces, and Mr. Wellman finally decided to bring the airship down to the surface of the water. This was effected without mishap and the car rested on the surface of the water until all the members of the crew, the dogs and the scientific instruments could be transferred aboard the Fram. A fresh start was then made and the America was towed back to the landing stage and within a short distance of where the start was made.

More Bad Luck. But the ill-luck of the expedition was not yet at an end. Just as the airship had reached the landing stage and everything looked favorable for its rescue without serious damage, a sudden gust of wind caught the big inflated bag broadside and snatched it away from its tow lines.

It was carried careening over rough ice hammocks for some distance, and then it exploded. All the scattered parts of the airship were subsequently recovered, but the damage was so great as to preclude any further attempt to fly over the pole this year.

HAPPY FAMILY PARTY IS LEFT MASS OF CORPSES AND MANGLED WRECKS

Carrying Son to College Proud Father Carries Him to Death. MOTOR CAR TO BLAME

(By Associated Press.) NEW BRUNSWICK, August 21.—Two members of a prominent Chicago family met death in an automobile accident near here this afternoon. George A. MacLean, Jr., whose parents were returning to New York after having made arrangements for his entering Princeton university, was almost instantly killed. His father, George A. MacLean, said to be a department manager for Marshall Field and company, Chicago, was so seriously injured that he succumbed in a hospital here tonight. Of a party of seven, including a negro chauffeur, none escaped injury. Mrs. MacLean was injured internally and is in a precarious condition. Miss Dorothy MacLean, a daughter about twenty years old, had both arms and both legs broken. Miss Jeannette and Miss Harriet McDonald, nieces of Mr. MacLean, also of Chicago, were also seriously injured. One of them had her thigh and arm broken.

The MacLeans came from Chicago to install young MacLean in Princeton and were making the journey to New York by automobile preparatory to leaving for Chicago tonight. Near this place, while the car was going at a good clip, something went wrong with the steering gear, the machine dashed to the side of the road and crashed into a tree. All the occupants were thrown out violently and young MacLean landed on his head with such force that death was practically instantaneous.

FEUDISTS FIGHT OUT ENMITY IN TOWN STREET WITH KNIVES AND GUNS

Resulting in Death of One and Wounding of Several Others Seriously. WAS BLOODY BATTLE

CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 21.—As the result of one of the fiercest feud fights in the history of Mecklenburg county at Huntersville tonight, Reese Hucks, a prominent young farmer of Croft, has died at St. Peter's hospital; Lester Hucks, a brother, Charles Cox and Gilrath and Rattle Davis, neighbors and substantial farmers, are seriously and shot and several others slightly wounded. The fight took place on the main street of Huntersville in front of the postoffice, and was witnessed by a large throng, events transpiring so quickly that bystanders could not interfere in time to prevent the carnage. For a year there has been bad blood between the Hucks brothers and the Coxes growing out of the shooting of a dog belonging to Rattle Davis, a friend of the Hucks brothers, by Charles Cox.

General Fight. Members and friends of both families attended a farmers' institute at Huntersville today and Rattle Davis and Charles Cox met in front of the postoffice and renewed the trouble over the dog. Cox was getting the better of the fight when the Hucks brothers appeared and interfered. This drew the Cox faction into the row, which became general. Ed Cox is said to have done all the shooting, putting three bullets into Reese Hucks, who died a half hour after being transferred to the Charlotte hospital, shooting Lester Hucks in the back and his brother Charles, by mistake, in the arm. Knives were freely used by the combatants. After receiving his death wound Reese Hucks arose from the ground where he had fallen and grasping a chair felled his assailant, Ed Cox, with it.

DROWNED IN PANAMA.

ATLANTA, August 21.—Gordon Burton Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Smith of this city and nephew of former Governor Hoke Smith was drowned yesterday in the Charles river, Panama, according to a cablegram received by the young man's father today. Smith was twenty-one years old and had been in Panama a year. The body had not been recovered.

STABBED BY NEGRO.

MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 21.—While aiding a policeman to arrest two negro women tonight, William Cooper, twenty-three years old, was fatally stabbed by John McFee. After his assailant had been placed under arrest a mob was formed and it was with great difficulty that the black was placed in jail.

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POLICE SAY ATLANTA IS THE KISSINGEST CITY

ATLANTA, Ga., August 21.—Kissing is under the ban in Atlanta. It is unhealthily and embarrassing to those not taking part in the exercise. A few months ago, they convicted and fined a traveling man who kissed his wife on the street as he arrived home from a trip. The judge announced that there was nothing personal in the case, that he would have been fined had the same had he kissed some one else's wife.

And now they have called on the police and the electric light company to put a stop to reckless association in the public parks. The electric light company is to erect lights every now and then in the parks so that the kissing squad may catch and arrest the awful violators of the law.

People who live near the parks say that they are driven from the grounds every pleasant night by the whole side love making under their very noses. So the word has gone forth: No kissing goes.

NEW ORLEANS, August 21.—Major Henry Richardson, a member of the Mississippi river commission, died here today, aged sixty-eight years. Major Richardson served as a staff officer in the army of Northern Virginia during the Civil war. He was a native of Maine.

PITTSBURG, August 21.—Engineer J. B. Robinson, of Alliance, Ohio, was killed tonight when his train, known as No. 215, on the Erie and Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania railroad was wrecked at Youngstown, Ohio. The train operated between New Castle, Penn., and Alliance, Ohio. When near Youngstown the engine left the tracks and turned turtle. No one except Robinson was injured.

MEXICO CITY, August 22 Word reached here after midnight tonight that the central portion of the city of Monterey is burning and that the Federal telegraph office is on fire. All telegraphic communication between Monterey and this city and Laredo has been cut off.

FIVE YEAR OLD TOT KIDNAPPED AT THE POINT OF PISTOL

Famous Incubator Baby of World's Fair Has Another Weird Experience MOTHER TOOK IT BACK FROM ADOPTED HOME After A Long Suit In Court Recovered Her Baby Only to Lose It Again

(By Associated Press.) TOPEKA, Kan., August 21.—Born in a hospital five years ago, exhibited in an incubator at a world's fair, the cause for several years of litigation and kidnaped today, are the experiences which have already come to little Marlon Blakeley. She was kidnaped this morning from the home of her mother.

Two men and a woman were engaged in the kidnaping and the child was obtained only after an exchange of shots which, however, went wide of their mark. The kidnapers fled in a buggy. The police were notified immediately and a posse was soon in pursuit.

Mrs. Charlotte Blakeley who was awarded the child by the federal courts two years ago, lived with her mother. She worked as a stenographer. Fired on Protector. The little girl, who is five years old, has been carefully guarded in Topeka and constantly watched. This morning, a woman, ostensibly selling soap, appeared at the Blakeley home. A half an hour later a buggy in which were two men and the same woman, appeared at the house.

One of the men had alighted and entered the yard where the child was playing with a young man in whose charge she had been left. As the kidnaper ran toward her, the young man attempted to interfere. The kidnaper shot at him but missed. He then knocked the man down with his revolver, carried the child to the buggy and drove off. A large posse was soon in pursuit.

Short Stormy Career. Marlon Blakeley has had a stormy career. She was born in a hospital at St. Louis and was placed in one of the incubators shown at the exposition there. While there, she was formally adopted by Mrs. James G. Barkley, of Moline, Ills. Mrs. Blakeley signed a release but she afterwards sued to recover the child and was successful in the Illinois courts. She brought the little girl to Kansas and she was kidnaped from the mother in Montgomery county but later was recovered.

KIDNAPPERS CAUGHT. KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 21.—Little Marlon Blakeley, who was kidnaped at Topeka today was taken from her captors by officers here late tonight and two of the kidnapers were arrested. Mrs. Edith Barclay and John Gentry were arrested at the Burlington railroad bridge in this city. The man, woman and child were passengers on a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy train which they had boarded at Atchison, Kansas.

OFFICERS OF PRESSED STEEL CAR COMPANY ARE CHARGED WITH PEONAGE

Strikers Fight against Company Brings out Darker Side of Case.

MAKING OVERTURES PITTSBURG, August 21.—A charge of peonage was formally made late today against Frank N. Hoffman, president of the Pressed Steel Car company and Samuel Cohn, head of the service bureau at the Schoenville plant.

The specific charge is that the two men have violated section 552 of the revised statutes of the United States in having "arrested, held and returned the complainant (Albert Amos) to a condition of peonage."

Amos, who claims to be a resident of New York City, alleges he was brought here in ignorance of the state of affairs at Schoenville. On August 16, he avers, he made an attempt to escape from the plant first asking permission from Cohn to leave. He alleges that he was then beaten, being injured so severely that he had to go to a hospital whence he was released on yesterday.

Before appealing to the United States commissioner Varnos solicited the aid of the Austro-Hungarian consul, whom in turn immediately started an investigation regarding the alleged illegal detaining of Austrians (Continued on page six.)