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WARRANTS FOR BLISS, CORTELYOU, PERKINS

Will Probably be Sworn Out Tomorrow by District Attorney Jerome

DEPOSITIONS TO MAGISTRATE MOSS

Mr. Jerome Applied Today for Several Warrants, but the Magistrate Took Ground It Would Be Necessary for Evidence to Be Presented That a Crime Had Been Committed—Jerome Agreed to Present Depositions.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, March 27.—District Attorney Jerome today applied to Magistrate Moss for warrants against several persons in connection with the recent life insurance investigation.

The warrants were not issued, the magistrate taking the ground that it would be necessary first for the district attorney to present evidence that a crime had been committed.

Mr. Jerome thereupon agreed to present depositions upon the questions to the magistrate later, and it was reported late this afternoon that this would be done tomorrow.

When news that the warrants had been asked for became public it was recalled that the names of Postmaster General Cortelyou, chief of the republican national committee; Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of that organization; and George W. Perkins, formerly vice president of the New York Life Insurance Company, had been mentioned by Mr. Jerome before Judge O'Sullivan in connection with the warrants. Magistrate Moss, however, said that no names whatever were mentioned during his conversation with the district attorney.

As a result of Mr. Jerome's conversation with the magistrate, subpoenas in blank were issued, and it was announced that John Doe proceedings would be begun at once in an effort to procure evidence upon which the warrants might be issued.

A few weeks ago Mr. Jerome presented to the grand jury certain evidence bearing upon such contributions which was brought out in the legislative insurance investigation. Following this the grand jury presented to Judge O'Sullivan a long series of hypothetical questions as to whether under certain circumstances the insurance officials had committed larceny in making the political contributions. Several days later Mr. Jerome informed the jury that the officers were not guilty of larceny unless intent to defraud was shown and expressed the opinion that it was not shown in these cases.

Last week, however, Judge O'Sullivan notified the jury that it was for the jury to say whether or not intent to defraud was shown by the insurance men, and that if the jury found that it was shown the crime of larceny would have been committed.

When Judge O'Sullivan so charged the jury Mr. Jerome declared that the judge had misconceived the case and that if his ruling was correct warrants should issue for Messrs. Cortelyou, Bliss and Perkins. Mr. Jerome offered to ask for the warrants if Judge O'Sullivan would grant them and hear the cases. Judge O'Sullivan declined to go about the case in that way and instructed the jury later to secure the evidence from the district attorney's office and investigate fearlessly the entire matter of political contributions by insurance officials. The foreman of the grand jury yesterday made application at Mr. Jerome's office for the evidence but the assistant district attorney declined to give it to him.

Mr. Jerome was not then at his office. Assistant District Attorney Kresel, accompanied by Vice President Darwin F. Kinsley of the New York Life Insurance Company appeared before Magistrate Moss today and Mr. Kinsley made a deposition. Several subpoenas in blank were then issued by the magistrate for John Doe proceedings. None of the court officials concerned in the proceedings would say what the proceedings were.

Afterward Mr. Kinsley and Edward D. Riedolph, treasurer of the New York Life Insurance Company, went to Mr. Jerome's office at his request to make an affidavit, it was reported as a test of the case against George W. Perkins. (Continued on page.)

VERDICT ON THE COLORADO WRECK

Operator Asleep When Train Passed Station

ORDER BLOCK SIGNALS

Either That or Denver and Rio Grande Double Track Its Roadway—No Criminal Prosecution Should Lie Against Lively or Railroad.

(By the Associated Press.)

Canyon City, Colo., March 27.—A coroner's jury which has been investigating the Denver and Rio Grande wreck at Adobe on March 14 today returned a verdict as follows:

"The collision was due to the carelessness and negligence of S. F. Lively, operator at Swallow; that said negligence was not willful or malicious; that said Lively was asleep when No. 3 passed his station and failed to so report when asked by the chief dispatcher; that night operator Vandusen should not have deserted his post of duty; that no criminal prosecution should lie against Lively or the railroad by reason of said collision; that a change of signals methods should be adopted to require trains to remain at message stations until stop signals are changed and the engineer has ascertained from the agent that there are no orders for him; that a block signal system be installed or that the Denver & Rio Grande system double track its roadway."

OVERDOSE SAVED HER

Mrs. Ritchie of New London Tried to End Life

Young Wife of Prominent Citizen Left Letter Saying Domestic Infelicity Was Too Great for Her—Requested to Be Buried at Her Father's Feet.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Salisbury, N. C., March 27.—From a private letter of a friend, who is a prominent citizen of New London, your correspondent has learned of an attempt at suicide in that town which stirred the whole village greatly.

Mrs. John Ritchie, one of the best known women of the town, made a desperate effort to end her life, swallowing fifty cents worth of morphine. The very excessive overdose seems to have been all that saved her.

Mrs. Ritchie is the rather young wife of an old gentleman prominent in the church and generally esteemed throughout the country.

The cause of Mrs. Ritchie's rash act was given by her in a letter, which said domestic infelicity was too great for her. She left word with her friends to bury her at her father's feet, and closed with "farewell."

Notwithstanding the unsuccessful attempt to abbreviate her life, Mrs. Ritchie has declared that she may try it again. The matter has been kept a secret.

DISAGREEMENT IS REPORTED

(By the Associated Press.)

Indianapolis, Ind., March 27.—The joint scale committee of the bituminous coal operators and miners of the central competitive district, after being in session one week, decided today to report a disagreement to a session of a joint conference of miners and operators to be held at 2 o'clock.

Miners came from the committee room there were indications that each man was laboring under a nervous strain. President John Mitchell of the United Mine-Workers, said it would be determined by the action of the conference when he would go east to take up consideration of the anthracite situation. The miners national convention will be held immediately following the adjournment of the joint conference.

THE EVIDENCE IN SMOOT CASE

Defense Concludes and Arguments Begin Soon

OVER THREE SESSIONS

Testimony Before Senate Committee Today Had Reference to Mormon Church Part in Salt and Sugar Business in Utah—Apostles Had to Deal With the Trust Companies at Salt Lake.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 27.—The introduction of testimony in proceedings against Senator Smoot was concluded at 11:50 o'clock today. The arguments will be made some day next week to be agreed upon by counsel. The hearings have extended over three sessions of congress.

Joseph Geoghegan, a manufacturer's broker of Salt Lake, Utah, was on the stand today. He was examined by A. S. Worthington, counsel for Mr. Smoot, concerning the interest of the Mormon church in sugar factories in Utah and Idaho. The witness testified that the church had financed those concerns before it appeared that sugar factories could succeed, but that neither the church nor the Mormons control the stock. It was shown, however, that the two largest concerns have Mormon officers and a majority of Mormon directors. He spoke at length concerning the active participation of church officials in business and showed that general. (Continued on Page Two.)

SEVERE STREET RIOT

2 Killed, Over 300 Wounded at Bucharest

Trouble Arose Over the Demonstration of Romanian Nationalists Against use of French Language in National Theatre.

(By the Associated Press.)

Vienna, March 27.—Severe street rioting occurred at Bucharest last night, and culminated in a conflict between the rioters and the troops, during which two men were killed and over three hundred were wounded.

The trouble arose over a demonstration of Romanian nationalists against the use of the French language in a performance at the national theatre. The Ladies Charity Society, which is under the patronage of the Princess Marie, advertised the production of a play in French, and thousands of nationalists gathered about the theatre and became so threatening that troops were summoned and fired twice before the demonstrators were dispersed. Over a hundred persons were arrested.

SPRIGGS SENT UP FOR 20 YEARS

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 27.—Robert H. Spriggs, the negro recently convicted of abduction in detaining white women against their will in a resort frequented only by negroes, today was sentenced to serve twenty years in state prison.

Sallie Bennett, who assisted Spriggs in conducting the resort, and who pleaded guilty to abduction, was sentenced to ten years in state prison.

Will Hang June the First.
Los Angeles, Cal., March 27.—Morris Buck, who shot and killed Mrs. Canfield, the wife of the oil millionaire, was yesterday sentenced to be hanged June 1.

NO DOUBT AS TO NATIONAL BANKS

Tillman Refers to Larceny Question

SOME CONTRIBUTIONS

Knows of One Case in Which \$17,000 Was Given to Campaign Fund in 1896, and Believes \$1,000,000 Was Contributed to Republican Fund by National Banks That Year.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 27.—In the senate today Mr. Lodge presented an amendment to the railroad rate bill prohibiting rebates and discriminations and providing penalties for violations of the law.

The joint resolutions regulating the allotment of documents in the government printing office and intended to prevent unnecessary printing and binding, passed yesterday by the house, were adopted without discussion.

Mr. Tillman then presented the daily communication on the question of railroad discrimination to meet the request of Mr. Scott, as he explained. The letter in this case was from Samuel Kinsey of Carriek, Pa., president of the Pittsburgh Standard Coal Company, who made complaint that the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad refuses to afford accommodations to his company's mines thirty-one miles west of Pittsburgh.

In the same connection Mr. Tillman referred to his resolution concerning the contributions of national banks to campaign committees, and made it the basis for a reference to the differences between District Attorney Jerome and Judge O'Sullivan as to the applicability of existing law to the liability of insurance companies for the same offense. Whatever doubt might exist as to insurance companies there could, he said, be none as to national banks. These he believed constitute malfeasance in office and call for punishment under the law.

He knew of one case in which \$17,000 had been contributed to the republican campaign fund in 1896, and he had reason to believe that no less than \$1,000,000 had been so given by the national banks that year. He also spoke of Judge Humphreys' recent decision in the beef packers' case, and declared that the tendency was to punish a man of straw, the corporations, without paying attention to the individuals.

KILLED HIMSELF IN HOTEL TODAY.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 27.—A man who registered as William Mahler of Michigan, committed suicide at the Chelsea Square Hotel at 185 Fifth avenue today by hanging. A penciled note left on a table in his room by the suicide requested that the unders of the body notify Cass Mahler, care of Kutzman, Cadillac Square, Detroit, Mich. Mahler had been living at the hotel since March 9. He said that he was a printer and that he came to this city to search for employment.

GOV. PATTISON GAINS TODAY.

(By the Associated Press.)

Columbus, O., March 27.—Governor Pattison continues to gain strength. His friends are greatly encouraged and some declare he will recover. The doctors continue to be reticent and will give out nothing in addition to the bulletin. The doctors issued the following bulletin this forenoon:

"Governor Pattison has had a good night and made a steady gain in strength. Pulse 90; respiration 22; temperature normal."

BIG THEATRE BURNED TODAY.

(By the Associated Press.)

Meriden, Conn., March 27.—The Meriden theatre, a wooden structure, and a four story brick building adjoining it were burned today, entailing a loss of about \$115,000. Both buildings were owned by the Wilcox Realty Company. Two firemen were injured by falling timbers.

DOUGLASS OLDS IN EXTREMIS.

Friends throughout the state will learn with deep regret of a telegram that was received this afternoon from Col. F. A. Olds who is at Southern Pines with his son Douglas, to the effect that Douglas had a sudden collapse this afternoon and that the attending physicians say that the end is near.

SAM RAY KILLED AT WAYNESVILLE

Went After Policeman With a Winchester

BATTLE AT THE DEPOT

Policeman Henry Able Had Arrested Ray's Brother for Trying to Attack a Merchant With a Knife and Had Handled Him Rather Roughly—Ray Swore He Would Kill Able or Get Killed.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Asheville, N. C., March 27.—A long distance telephone message from Waynesville today tells of the killing at that place between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning of Samuel Ray by one of the three men, Policeman Henry Able, Dr. Able and Policeman Davenport. The message stated that current report was that Policeman Able fired the fatal shot. The message says:

"Last night Wiley Ray, brother of Sam Ray, was arrested by Policeman Able. Ray was arrested while attempting to attack a merchant named Dennett with a knife. In order to effect the arrest Ray was handled roughly by the officer. This morning Sam Ray sallied forth with a Winchester rifle, purchased cartridges and declared that he would kill Able or get killed. He went to Able's house and fired several shots. He then went toward the depot, followed by the two Ables and Davenport. At the depot Ray shot at the men twice, clipping a piece from the officer's gun. The three men then opened fire. Ray was killed by a pistol shot fired at a distance of sixty yards. Ray was a dangerous man and one of the best shots in Haywood county. The opinion is that the killing was justified."

32 HORSES CREMATED

Large Part of a Pennsylvania Town Destroyed

Explosion of Gasoline Engine Started Blaze in Livery Stable—A Dozen Buildings Burned Down, Including City Hall and Baptist Church.

(By the Associated Press.)

Bradford, Pa., March 27.—The explosion of a gasoline engine caused a fire which destroyed a large part of the town of Kane, near here, entailing a loss of \$84,000, with very little insurance. The blaze started in the lively stable of Wickman & Johnston and cremated thirty-two horses in their stalls. A dozen buildings were destroyed before the fire was controlled. Among the structures burned were the city hall and the Baptist church. Twenty roomers in Mrs. Jacobson's boarding house lost all their belongings.

TWO KILLED IN A FENCE ROW

(By the Associated Press.)

Chickasa, I. T., March 27.—As the result of a shooting which took place twenty-five miles from here, a man named Mullens and G. W. Dean were killed, and Martin Anderson and another man named Meeks were severely wounded. James Martin and his two sons were arrested shortly after the trouble charged with having done the shooting. The trouble arose over a division fence.

Big Paper Fire.

(By the Associated Press.)

Butte, Mont., March 27.—Fire in the Olsen block resulted in approximately \$100,000 damage to the wholesale stock of the Passmore Paper Company through the warehouse being flooded with water. The damage to the building was about \$20,000.

IN HONOR OF GEN. WHEELER

Memorial Exercises in Atlanta Today

RAIN PREVENTS PARADE

Camp A. Wheeler's Confederate Cavalry, the Hosts—Veterans of Civil War, Union and Confederate, and the Spanish-American War, United to Speak of His Deeds.

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., March 27.—The memorial exercises in honor of General Joseph Wheeler, prepared by Camp A. Wheeler's Confederate Cavalry, were held here today. Representatives of the veterans of the civil war and the Spanish-American war, in both of which General Wheeler took a large part, united to do him honor and to speak tenderly and reverently of his deeds.

A splendid military parade was planned to precede the addresses, but a drenching rain, which continued from early morning, made it necessary to omit this part of the program. The Grand Opera House, where the exercises were held, was decorated appropriately with the national colors. The boxes were occupied by the daughters of General Wheeler, the honored guests of the day, Misses Annie Wheeler, Lucy Wheeler and Carrie Wheeler and Mrs. Julia Wheeler Harris, a sister of the lamented general. Other boxes were filled with prominent members of the Daughters of the Confederacy and other similar organizations.

Colonel Thompson H. Jones, chairman of the local committee of the Wheeler Cavalry, introduced Governor Joseph M. Terrell, who made an address of welcome and introduced the first speaker, Hon. John D. Mott, representing Wheeler's cavalry; General Clement A. Evans, representing the United Confederate Veterans, in the absence of General Stephen D. Lee, commander-in-chief of the organization, "Corporal" James Tanner, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Major General Charles H. Miller of Cleveland, O., speaking for the Spanish war veterans.

THE NAVY PROGRAM

One Battleship, 3 Destroyers and Submarines

Bill Carries Total of \$99,750,000—Battleship to Be of Largest Type, to Cost \$6,000,000 Exclusive of Armor and Armament.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Mar. 27.—The house committee on naval affairs decided today to report a building program for new ships in the navy as follows: One battleship to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, \$6,000,000, the ship to be of the largest type, the tonnage to be determined by the secretary of the navy; three torpedo boat destroyers to cost \$750,000 each, and \$1,000,000 to be expended by the secretary of the navy for submarine boats in his discretion.

The naval bill will carry a total of \$99,750,000. The current law aggregates \$103,000,000.

WON'T OPPOSE B. L. DUKE'S SUIT

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 27.—Counsel for Mrs. Alice Webb Duke, in the supreme court today, announced that in accordance with his agreement he would not oppose the taking of an inquest and the granting of a decree in the suit for divorce brought against her by Brodie L. Duke. He said, however, that at a later date he might move to re-open the case.

Charles Francis Approved.

(By the Associated Press.)

Vienna, March 27.—The foreign office today informed the Associated Press that Emperor Francis Joseph today approved the appointment of Charles Francis to be ambassador of the United States to Hungary.

FIVE STEAMERS WERE BURNED

Fall River Liner Plymouth to Water's Edge

ONE DEATH RESULTED

Caretakers on Plymouth Had a Narrow Escape—Steamers Were Undergoing Regular Spring Overhauling at the Repairing Plant at Newport.

(By the Associated Press.)

Newport, R. I., March 27.—The Fall River liner big side-wheel steamer Plymouth was burned to the waters edge, the freight steamer City of Lowell was damaged, a long pier shed, hoisting shears, paint shop and old railroad station were destroyed and the paint was scorched off three other steamers, the Puritan, the Priscilla and the Naugatuck by a fire early today. At one time the blaze threatened to wipe out the entire repairing plant of the owners of the line, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company. The loss is estimated at more than a million dollars.

No lives were lost, but thirteen caretakers, watchmen and firemen on board the Plymouth were nearly hemmed in, so rapid was the rush of the flames through the vessel.

The five steamers were all undergoing the regular spring overhauling preparatory to the summer season and the burned pier shed contained considerable quantities of material for the work. The company's plant here covered several acres and includes a long wharf which is used as a landing place for the boats from New York, two large docks with piers and nearly a score of machine shops and smaller buildings. The fire broke out in the Plymouth shortly before 2 o'clock this morning. The watchman discovered flames bursting from the saloon in the after part of the boat. He quickly aroused the men sleeping in the lower hull. As the men tumbled out of their bunks and sought the stairs, the flames were already sweeping toward them and scarcely one of them had time to seize his clothes in the rush for the upper deck.

Within a few minutes the entire city fire fighting force had been summoned to the scene before the first effective stream had been turned on, the Plymouth was doomed and the entire plant was threatened. The steamer City of Lowell, which had caught fire was towed out into the harbor by the tugs C. W. Morse and Solicitor and the flames on her were extinguished by the crew of one of the tugs.

In the meantime the flames had enveloped the Plymouth from stem to stern and had jumped to the tall wooden hoisting shears overhanging the vessel and to the pier shed. By half-past two the firemen gave up hopes of saving the shears and the shed. The fire by that time had attacked the paint shops and the oil railroad station at the head of the pier and they were quickly destroyed. The Morse and Solicitor steamer in again through the smoke and burning brands and towed the remaining steamers to safety. The Puritan and Priscilla were scorching but except for the smoke, their interior fittings were not damaged. The Naugatuck was undamaged. The firemen were able to prevent a further spread of the flames. The steamer Plymouth was a sidewheel vessel of 2,250 tons net burden. She was built at Chester, Pa., in 1890. Her hull was constructed of steel and her interior and fittings were nearly all wood. She was 36 feet long and was valued at nearly a million dollars. The other losses aggregate about \$50,000.

Later in the day the body of Louis Lemont, a fireman about twenty-five years of age, was found on board the Plymouth.

Oil Hearing.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 27.—When the proceedings by which Attorney General Hadley of Missouri seeks to oust from that state companies controlled by the Standard Oil Company were resumed today H. M. Thirford of New York took the stand. He said he is president of the Continental Oil Company, which does business in Colorado and the west, and also connected with a second company engaged in the oil business in the Pacific states, a corporation incorporated in Iowa. He said that he had an office at 26 Broadway.

SET FIRE TO CELL 4 CONVICTS PERISH.

(By the Associated Press.)

Corsicana, Texas, March 27.—A negro prisoner at the county farm, two miles north of here, set fire to his cell today in an effort to escape. The flames spread and before the prisoner could be removed four were burned to death and a fifth was fatally burned. The man who started the fire was among those burned to death.