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GOSSIP ABOUT THE SEABOARD

John Temple Graves Tells About Williams & Ryan

WANTED TO WRECK ROAD

According to the Diagnosis of Dr. Graves Mr. Williams is Probably Highly Pleased at the Receivership and Hopes and Expects to Again Be Made President of the Company in Readjusting Affairs.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Jan. 3.—John Temple Graves has the following editorial in this morning's American:

It is not likely that the receivership of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad will have any especially depressing effect upon financial conditions in the southern states.

There has been for some years past a fierce and insistent rivalry between the majority and minority interests represented in the Seaboard Air Line and this has been more particularly expressed in the personal antagonism between two men, John Skelton Williams, of Richmond, and Thomas F. Ryan, of New York—long standing enemies and rivals, have had the road in constant agitation for the last six or seven years.

Some years ago the longer purse of Thomas F. Ryan prevailed to oust John Skelton Williams from the presidency. Mr. Ryan and his friends assumed control. Since then Mr. Williams has been an insistent and fearless critic of the Ryan management, charging upon it a lack of good faith, an intention to wreck, and a general lack of effectiveness in the conduct of the Seaboard affairs. It has been prophesied by mutual friends that ex-President Williams would never rest contented until the Ryan interests were de-throned, and he himself re-established in the presidency of the road. The possibility that this result will follow the receivership is calculated rather to inspire confidence than to decrease it throughout the south.

Mr. Williams is perhaps one of the most popular railroad men who has ever figured in southern development. He was a constructive and conciliatory agency in the railroad world, and during his connection with its affairs, the Seaboard enjoyed almost universally the confidence and regard of the sections of country through which it passed, and Mr. Williams himself was the toast of the industrial interest of that great section of the country.

The fact, which now seems certain under the receivership, of his restoration to power will give great pleasure to his multitude of friends, and inspire a personal confidence in the renewal of his constructive policies.

It is quite likely that if the receivership results in this change of administration, President John S. Williams will be received with acclaim by the industrial and conservative interests of the south who believe strongly in his motives and in his capacity to serve the best interests of the road and of the sections of country through which it passes.

Dispatches indicate that an adjustment of personal difficulties between Mr. Ryan and Mr. Williams has been reached and that perhaps the reinstatement of Mr. Williams as president will be with the full consent of the Ryan interests. It is, however, a notable fact, and entirely in keeping with the reputation of Mr. Ryan in corporate affairs in New York that the Seaboard, during almost every month of his administration of its affairs, has been under assault, under criticism and under suspicion by the minority stockholders. And it seems to be, from the records, entirely truthful to say that Mr. Williams' administration of the road was one of confidence, popularity and general good will. Meanwhile the forecast of Mr. Williams' reinstatement as president of the Seaboard will not only be likely to inspire confidence rather than to create depression in the south, but the strongest commercial men of that section are his friends and well-wishers and will undoubtedly co-

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THE GREAT PIE DISPENSARY

How It Will Dish Out the Presidential Nomination

DIXIE CAN LAND TAFT

Political Analysts Figure it Out That Way—Congressmen "Fresh From the People" Say This True, "Specially if Mr. Political Fixer Hitchcock Handles the Job—Supposition That Understrapper But Wall Street Favorite Cortelyou May Drop Out.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Secretary Taft will be nominated for the presidency on the first ballot in the republican national convention at Chicago next June if the delegates from the southern states stand together and support him.

At least, this is the way the political analysts among the members of congress who have remained in Washington during the holiday recess have figured it out. A number of them got together in one of the committee rooms at the capitol and held a mock convention. One of their number called the roll and as each state was reached the political conditions in it were discussed and the vote credited as the consensus of opinion directed.

The total result was favorable to the secretary of war, provided the administration could bring into line the forces that have been so well organized by Frank Hitchcock, assistant postmaster general. In fact, all the analysts were of the opinion that Mr. Hitchcock is an important factor in the securing of delegates in the next convention.

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FINLEY ORDERS A 2 1/2-RATE IN SOUTH CARO.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 3.—President Finley, of the Southern Railway, announced to Governor Ansel in a conference here today, that in recognition and acknowledgment of the forbearing and conservative attitude that has been held steadfastly by the South Carolina legislature toward the railroads, at a time when her sister states were enacting drastic anti-railroad laws, his system would voluntarily reduce its passenger rates in this state to 2 1/2 cents for regular tickets and 2 cents and 2 1/2 cents for mileage books, the reduction to be effective for twelve months, commencing April 1 next.

The state railroad commission has the power to make rates, provided no rate in excess of 3 cents is authorized, and it will probably require the other companies in the state to meet the Southern's new rates.

An attempt will be made to induce the legislature to protect the very short and feeble little neighborhood railroads, of which there are a dozen in the state, by passing an act permitting them to charge higher rates than the big systems. This legislation would probably apply to railroads under fifty miles in length.

Mr. Finley's offer will be submitted to the governor in writing before Mr. Finley leaves the city.

FAMILY DYING OF STARVATION IN WEST VA.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Grafton, W. Va., Jan. 3.—As the result of starvation, two daughters of the family of James Clevenger, of Flemington, ten miles west of this city, are dead, another is critically ill, and the other five members of the family are eking out a bare existence. The extreme poverty of the family is assigned as the cause of starvation.

EVELYN WILL TELL IT AGAIN

Preparing for Thaw's Second Trial Next Monday

INSANE THEN, SANE NOW

That Will Be the Defence This Time. Thaw Feels the Madhouse More Than the Electric Chair—Indications That Jerome Intends to Be As Vigorous As Before in Personally Prosecuting Thaw—Anthony Comstock for Thaw and the Little Jew Lawyer Thief, Abe Hummel.

It is practically certain that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will again take the stand to tell her story of alleged ill-treatment by the dead architect with a view to showing the cause of her husband's homicidal mania. On the prisoner's side will also testify Anthony Comstock, and against him will be, among others, "Abe" Hummel, who has so far recovered that he is expected to be able to tell his story in court.

In anticipation of a long drawn struggle District Attorney Jerome has cancelled all his other engagements for two months. A panel of 300 jurors has already been prepared and their examination will probably be begun Monday. The jury will be locked up during the progress of the trial.

GOVERNOR MAY CALL OUT THE TROOPS TODAY

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 3.—It may be necessary for Adjutant General Oran Perry to call for state troops to come to Muncie before the day is over in order to control the strike situation here. It was 9 o'clock before the chief of police and his force of 150 patrolmen succeeded in dispersing the crowds.

The first violence of the morning came when a large crowd of strike sympathizers went out to the edge of the city and waited for the coming of two cars from industry, a suburban town. Bricks, stones and clubs were hurled at them and every window was broken. The strike-breakers who were operating the cars were compelled to flee. No one was seriously hurt.

An attempt was made to operate three city cars but no headway could be made as strike sympathizers had soaped the tracks.

The outlook is very grave. The local officers can protect the downtown district but the force is not sufficient to protect property on the edge of the city and suburbs.

The street railway strike situation was quiet early today, but a large number of strike sympathizers gathered on the streets, waiting for the street cars to start. The Interurban Traction Company declared it would operate cars with strike-breakers beginning at 8 o'clock.

It was even then feared a demonstration and riot would break out if the attempt was made. Troops are in readiness in Indianapolis and other nearby towns and five hundred men can be landed in Muncie within three hours.

General Oran Perry is in Muncie and when in his opinion the local authorities are unable to handle the situation, Governor Hanley will order the troops at once.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 3.—William Moore, who was under arrest at Henry, Henry county, while escaping from custody, shot and seriously wounded two deputy constables, James Mullins and Cleveland Coleman.

NIGHT RAIDERS SEIZE THE TOWN

Capture Police & Fire Stations and Wires

BURN TOBACCO HOUSES

Another Outrage Committed in the Dark Tobacco Section of Kentucky in the Fight Over the Weed. Three Prominent Citizens Shot. Planting Mill and Other Establishments Fired by the Lawless Mob of Countrymen—Details of An Ugly Affair.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Russellville, Ky., Jan. 3.—Fifty to seventy-five night raiders rode into Russellville at one o'clock this morning, seized police headquarters, the fire department headquarters and telephone exchange, and proceeded to dynamite and set fire to the tobacco warehouses of Luckett & Ware and the American Snuff Company.

Three prominent citizens, J. R. McLean, J. Henry Mosely, merchants, and Dr. Charles M. Robinson of Evansville, Ind., who ventured into the streets, were fired upon by the marauders and seriously wounded.

The planting mill of Roberts & Brown and three smaller houses were damaged. Many shots were fired. There were between fifty and seventy-five masked men in the party and they were in town about an hour. The Louisville & Nashville station was threatened by flames, but escaped. The attack was entirely unexpected.

The buildings destroyed were Frank G. Works' tobacco house; loss, \$15,000; American Snuff Factory, \$15,000; Brown & Roberts' planting mill, \$14,000; Underwood's grocery, \$2,500; King & Proctor's stable, \$2,000; and a private dwelling owned by John Knowles.

When he detected the presence of the raiders, Chief of Police Bruce attempted to reach the fire tower and sound an alarm, but was captured by the mounted men, tied hand and foot and thrown into an alley, where he lay until daylight before he was found by citizens.

Dr. Charles M. Roberts, of Evansville, Ind., a guest at the Forest House, heard the shooting and kept within the hotel until he felt sure the masked men had left town. As he stepped outside the hotel door he came face to face with three masked men and started to run. One of the raiders deliberately raised his gun and shot Roberts in the head and face. He will probably die.

J. H. McLean and J. H. Mosely, merchants, were ordered to get inside their houses, but stopped to argue with the raiders and both were shot. Mosely receiving a charge of buckshot in the breast and McLean having one side of his head badly mutilated. Both men will probably recover, although they will be disabled for life.

Before leaving town the night raiders locked and barricaded the doors of the telephone exchange, making prisoners of the operators and bound the two watchmen.

The men left town by the Hopkinsville and Clarksville turnpike. So far there has been no pursuit, were shot, 4,000 inhabitants, and is the county seat of Logan county, which borders on the Tennessee line. It is in the heart of the dark tobacco belt and only one county (Todd) separates it from Christian and Trig counties, the scene of the recent depredations in and around Hopkinsville.—Editor.]

SHAW SAYS NEW YORK DELEGATES MAY ALL BE INSTRUCTED FOR HUGHES

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Denison, Ia., Jan. 3.—"I believe the New York delegation to the republican national convention will carry with it instructions for Hughes for president," said Leslie M. Shaw, who is visiting his home here.

When questioned as to his aspirations for the presidency, Mr. Shaw was non-committal, saying: "I have received many letters urging me to ask the support of the Iowa delegation for the nomination for president, but I am far from being decided that I will do so."

John Putler Yeats and Lili Yeats of Ireland, Who Will Take Part in the Irish Industrial Exposition



In this picture is shown John Putler Yeats, father of the noted Irish poet, and his daughter, Lili Yeats, who have arrived in this country to take part in the Irish Industrial Exposition at Madison Square Garden. The Yeats have taken an active interest in the industrial development of Ireland, are enthusiastic over the outlook.

POWERS JURY STANDS 11 TO 1 FOR ACQUITTAL

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Georgetown, Ky., Jan. 3.—An unexpected report is current here that the jury in the case of Caleb Powers, stands eleven for acquittal and one for life sentence. The jury retired for the night at 9:30 o'clock last night and will resume their labors today. The jury members asked the court to refresh their memory as to which George Yontey made his escape and from which window of the secretary's office the shot was fired.

This is taken by the public as an indication that the jury is seriously considering the phase of the case instigated upon by the defense that Yontey himself fired the fatal shot and that Jim Howard had nothing to do with it.

No Hope of Agreement.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Georgetown, Ky., Jan. 3.—The jury that heard the trial of Caleb Powers, accused of complicity in the Geobert murder, after twenty-five hours of deliberation, reported to the court this morning that it could not agree. It was at 10:25 that the jurors filed into the court-room, and through the foreman, J. L. Price, declared that they could not reach a verdict.

"We are further from a verdict today than we were last night," said Foreman Price, "and I know that one will be impossible."

Judge Morris told the jury that the law required that they be kept together as long as there might be a chance for reaching an agreement. The judge has not yet indicated how long he will keep the jury if it does not agree. Powers appears satisfied, although he had hoped for acquittal.

"We ultimately expect to have this charge lifted by jury trial," said Powers today, "and I have long ago consigned myself to my fate, while awaiting the subsiding of the political passions that have bound me."

TROUBLE AHEAD FOR MR. BRYAN AT DENVER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—That all will not go as planned for William Jennings Bryan in the democratic national convention, to be held at Denver next July, is the opinion of Colonel Alexander Truitt, editor of the New Haven, Conn., Patriot and a prominent Bryan agent. Colonel Truitt confidently expects to see Bryan nominated by the democrats, but in discussing the general situation, he said that the Nebraska nomination would be defeated if it lay in the power of his opponents in the party to bring about his downfall.

It appears, according to Colonel Truitt, that the anti-Bryan democrats of every section of the country are working as hard as they can to get control of a third of the delegates to the convention. If they can do this they will have Bryan's nomination up until they can agree upon a candidate that they can support. After this they will all in and make the famous band of Grant's stalwarts look like the original of a new picture.

The men who are supposed to be engineering this scheme are those back of Governor Johnson of Minnesota, Lieutenant Governor Chandler of New York, Senator Harmon of Ohio, and Judge Gray of Delaware.

CANADIAN MINT FORMALLY OPENED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Ottawa, Can., Jan. 3.—Earl Grey yesterday, in the name of King Edward formally opened the Canadian branch of the Royal Mint. The first coin minted in the Dominion was a fifty-cent silver piece, stamped by the governor-general.

For the present only silver and copper coins will be struck, but the fifty-cent coin also five dollar gold pieces. Canada has never had a gold coinage. Heretofore Canadian silver and copper coins have been minted in England at a profit to the government here of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a year. The new mint cost nearly \$500,000 to build and equip.

DIVORCE FOR THE MISMATES

Predicted Ending of "Telephone Girl's" Romance

A CHOICE BIT OF GOSSIP

The Pretty Telephone Operator Who a Few Years Ago Married Multi-millionaire Tower Enters Suit for Divorce—Husband Tired of Extravagance Reduced Current Expense Account From \$1,100 to \$100 a Month—Now She Says He Drinks and is "Cruel."

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 3.—The "telephone girls" romance which upset all the old families in January, 1903, when Millionaire Albert Edward Tower, master of a fine home on the ancient Hyde Park road and inheritor of seven millions of cash amassed by his father, the old iron master, wedded Mary Bogardus, a pretty operator at the local exchange, has ended, as the gossips predicted it would, in the divorce courts.

Mrs. Tower has served papers on her husband in an action for separation. Application will be made by her attorney, Charles Marchant, to Judge Mills at White Plains next Saturday for alimony and counsel fees.

From the mistress of a palatial home with an unlimited income, Mrs. Tower sets forth in her complaint that she has been reduced to the necessity of living on \$100 a month. She was willing to accept a settlement of \$700 a month with an allowance for servants and maintenance, running the account up to \$400 additional, making a total of \$1,100 a month.

She and her husband signed an agreement to this effect in the presence of witnesses last September.

Since the agreement was executed Mr. Tower has changed his mind. He reduced the allowance to \$100 a month and Mrs. Tower no longer occupies the Tower family mansion. She is living with relatives.

Mrs. Tower in her complaint verifies the charges made some months ago, that she and her husband had quarrels over her attention to a southern woman, Mrs. Weiss, on the yacht Earl King.

Mrs. Tower in her complaint recites that her husband is guilty in his relations with her of cruelty, abuse, excessive drinking, consorting with other women with whom it is alleged that he frequently associated and compelled his wife to get on his yacht and in other places.

Mr. Tower makes his home at the Metropolitan Club in New York and has a summer home near New Rochelle. He is a member of the New York Yacht Club. He has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Nina Carpenter, a daughter of B. Platt Carpenter, who was once governor of the territory of Montana. Mrs. Tower killed her half grown daughter and herself a few months before Mr. Tower wedded Miss Boardman.

LYNCHED NEGRO WHO MURDERED TWO OFFICERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Brookhaven, Miss., Jan. 3.—A negro arrested here accused of shooting Officer Stringer at Oakdale Tuesday night, was taken by force from the officers who were conducting him to jail and shot to death.

After the affair the negro was identified as being "Coot" Autman, who assassinated Policeman McCormick on the 10th of December. Two police officers have been assassinated in the past month. Autman was implicated in the assault on Miss Ruth Williams last week.

ROCKEFELLER ADDS MORE MILLIONS TO CHICAGO UNIV.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Martin A. Ryerson, president of the board of trustees of the University of Chicago, announces that John D. Rockefeller has added \$2,191,000 to his gifts to the University, making the total of his benefactions over \$23,000,000.