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PROHIBS MAKE A DEAD SET ON WASHINGTON

They are Getting "Managingly Active" With Congress Says This Report

NATIONAL GOV'T MUST NOT LAG BEHIND STATES

Petitions in Favor of the Littlefield Bill and Against the Canteen in the Army Constitute a Deluge of Appeals That Emanate From Every State in the Union, and Which Promise to Exceed Before End of Session Anything of the Kind Ever Known Before—They Represent an Organization That Politicians Must and Statesmen Will Voluntarily Respect and Pay Attention to—Money, Brains, in the Anti-Liquor Movement.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Feb. 29.—The "drys" are getting most menacingly active with congress. They don't want the federal government to fall behind the states in earnestness and zeal for the downing of the demon rum.

Petitions in favor of the Littlefield bill and against the canteen in the army are again coming to members of both houses at a great rate and by the end of the session will exceed anything of the kind before known.

They come from all the states, from city and country, and members declare that on the whole they are more business-like than ever before and indicative of inspiration of a more business-like organization.

The truth is, according to statesmen who receive them and are paying most distinguished respect to them, that the petitions represent the efforts of an organization that is prosperous, insistent, well-equipped with money and brains, and that feels that it has a downhill pull. The prohibition movement has had, like the populist party, a half-cut. It is getting troublesome in all sorts of places.

It was announced as the result of a conference of Ohio politicians in Washington that a plan of organization and a draft of platform had been arranged for the coming state convention that will present Secretary Taft as Ohio's candidate for president. In the schedule of planks that will go into the platform was mentioned "a strong temperance plank," the announcement caused some wonder and inquiry.

"The reason for it is that we have got to do it or lose the state at the election," frankly declared an Ohio man who is thoroughly informed on conditions at home.

"Let me add that we are not the only state that will do the same thing in this national year. Indiana is so full of prohibitionism that it is worrying everybody. Michigan has a real anti-liquor crusade and making great gains with wonderful speed. The whole middle west has caught the fever from the south and it is a remarkable fact that the democratic party is apparently taking the lead.

"In democratic districts and counties you will find that the sentiment is stronger and more aggressive than in republican. Conditions have completely reversed since the last prohibition wave swept over the country some twenty years ago."

TO IMPROVE TRADE WITH PHILIPPINES (By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Feb. 29.—The senate committee has ordered a favorable report on the Lodge bill to remove the coastwise shipping restrictions from Philippine trade between the islands and ports of the United States. Secretary Taft advocated the passage of this bill before committees of both the senate and house. He argued that under coastwise laws the commerce of the Philippine Islands had remained at a standstill for the reason that there are not enough American ships to meet the increased demands.

EXCITEMENT IN KENTUCKY OVER BECKHAM DEFEAT

The Evening Times yesterday afternoon gave the first news to the people of this section of the defeat of Gov. Beckham, (Dem.), of Kentucky, and the election of ex-Governor Bradley, (Rep.), by the legislature of Kentucky yesterday afternoon.

Fuller particulars of the event, which is a matter of interest to politicians especially all over the country, received today are as follows:

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 29.—Ex-Governor Bradley received 64 votes, four of which were cast by democrats opposed to former Governor Beckham, leading democratic candidate for senator, who was endorsed for the office at the state primaries.

The four democrats were surrounded by party friends and urged to withdraw their support from Bradley and re-elect Senator James McCreary or any democrat they might name, but the four men declared that the proposal came too late. The democratic leaders even promised a caucus to select a candidate, to which the name of Beckham would not be presented.

The ballot as recast resulted as follows: Bradley, 64; Beckham, 15; James, 15; McCreary, 10; Mayo, 5; Allen, 2; Smith, 2; Peak, 2; Newman, 1; Ellison, 1; Stanley, 1; Blackburn, 1; Cantrell, 1; Ellis, 1; Cammack, 1; Sullivan, 1; McElroy, 1; Hunt, 1.

In a speech accepting his election, Bradley promised to use every effort as senator to procure the repeal of the six-cent tax on tobacco.

Representative Lillard was the only one of the four democrats to explain his vote for Bradley. He said he thought the time had come to "throw off party shackles and to bring up the machine," and although he did support the democratic ticket for forty years, he believed his vote for Bradley "was the best democratic vote he ever cast."

The republicans voted solidly for Beckham, the caucus nominee. It has been held from the beginning of the contest (over six weeks ago) that a majority or quorum was sufficient for an election, and with 125 members present today it required 64 votes to elect. The votes of the four democrats who have steadily refused to vote for former Governor Beckham were today transferred to Bradley from the various democratic opponents of Beckham.

WON BY FOUR MAJORITY. Bradley received 64 votes to 60 for Beckham, 15 for Allen and 1 for Blackburn. The democrats left the hall in an attempt to break the vote, but later returned and the vote was ordered ratified.

Senator McNutt and Charlton and Representative Meuller, of Louisville, and Representative Lillard, of Boyle, were the democrats who voted with the republicans for Bradley.

A scene of the wildest excitement prevailed before the result was announced, the democrats demanding a recapitulation. Beckham came on the floor and released the democrats from their primary nomination pledge. Many democrats sought to change.

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Rhea Takes Oath of Office. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Richmond, Va., Feb. 29.—Judge William F. Rhea, confirmed by the general assembly as state corporation commissioner, has been formally sworn into office.

NO ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR HIM

Looks Like Roy's Wife's Threat Cannot Be Executed

REFUSAL TO ARREST HIM

Alleged Murderer of His Wife's Brother Offered to Surrender in Paris Today—No Charge Against Him There—Glacia Calla Made a Statement Just After the Killing Which States Roy Tried First to Kill Her—Contradictory Stories.

(By Cable to The Times.) Paris, Feb. 29.—Paul Roy, who is charged by his American wife, Glacia Calla, with the murder of her brother in New Hampshire in January last, called, with his counsel, M. Aubin, at the public prosecutor's office today and placed himself at the disposal of the judicial authorities.

The prosecutor, however, informed Roy that no charge had been made against him, whereupon he left.

Another Contradictory Statement From the Stage Beauty. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 29.—Central Office Detective Dietsch today told of a sensational statement made to him by Glacia Calla, the opera singer whose French husband, Paul E. Roy, shot and killed her brother, George Carkins, in her home at Newington, N. H.

According to this statement, which was made before she left to get a warrant for her husband's arrest in France, her husband first fired at her and then her brother emptied his revolver at Roy, who later shot and killed the brother, who was intoxicated.

Detective Dietsch was sent to the opera singer to get her own story of the affair, which is as follows: "While I was dressing to go to an evening entertainment my husband accused me of bringing absurd French manners to our New England home. We quarreled and he called me an awful name and I replied in kind. He became infuriated and shot at me once. I ran from the room screaming for my brother. He was intoxicated. He ran upstairs and he and my husband had a terrible quarrel. Suddenly I saw my brother reach into his pocket and take out his revolver. He commenced firing at my husband, who ran down stairs, followed by my brother, George A. Carkins. In the front room Roy dodged about chairs until my brother had ceased firing. As my brother sank into a chair exhausted and perhaps more excited

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THE JOLLY TARS CELEBRATE AND THE FLEET SAILS

(By Cable to The Times.) Callao, Feb. 29.—The American battleship squadron left here today. The festivities on the flagship continued until midnight and the departure today was signalized by a review of the fleet by President Pardo. It is expected the fleet will reach Magdalena about May 1.

President Pardo expressed the utmost delight at his reception on the flagship last night. He especially enjoyed his visit to Admiral Evans in the latter's quarters, which his rheumatic attack still makes it impossible for him to leave.

Henry Reuterdahl, the press representative who has accompanied the fleet on its voyage this far, and whose criticisms of American battleship construction started the investigation by congress, left San Diego on the Culgoa, ostensibly owing to illness in his family at home.

Great Naval Review at Frisco. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—Secretary of the Navy Metcalf is now arranging the final details for the great review of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets which he will hold in San Francisco early in May. It will be the greatest naval spectacle ever known in the Pacific.

HARRY & EVELYN GOING TO PART

Mother Thaw Apparently Desires a Separation

HOUNDING YOUNG WIFE

She Visits Harry No Longer and Has Not Seen Him in Weeks—Crazy Son Apparently Yields to Mother's Desire and is Ready to Throw His Wife Away—Evelyn Says They Can Not Use Her Further and Now Would Cast Her Off—Monetary Settlement in Dispute—Thaw Permanently Insane.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 29.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw at her Park Avenue home today admitted that she had not seen her husband for some time and said that she believed the Thaw family had decided to eliminate her.

"They have no use for her now," she said. "The story that there had been a conference at the Waldorf-Astoria, between lawyers for the Thaw family and my lawyers is not true. There could not have been such a conference without my knowing it," said Mrs. Thaw.

"It was reported that a private detective employed by your husband made a report to his family which brought about the conference," she was told.

"That is another lie," she replied. "I have a signed statement from Detective Dougherty denying that he was employed to follow me, or that he had any information derogatory to my character. I am ill with the grippe and my cough is very heavy. I have not seen my counsel today and I am worn out with denying stories that have been retailed to me.

Efforts are being made to induce Colonel Franklin Bartlett to assist A. Russell Peabody in untangling the Thaw matrimonial skein. Colonel Bartlett is expected to bring about a quiet and sensible rearrangement.

It was reported today that Evelyn Thaw has demanded \$1,000,000 of the Thaw family to consent to an annulment of her marriage. The elder Mrs. Thaw is said to be unwilling to give more than \$500,000.

Why Separation is Advisable. The friends of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who are familiar with the temper and moods of Harry Thaw, and know of his bad treatment of her in the past, believe she ought to be glad to secure a separation or divorce—especially if Thaw is ever liberated, as his insane jealousy might cost her life if she lived with him again.

Again, if his mother and he desire it, as is evidently the case, the younger Mrs. Thaw can conscientiously accept the separation, despite her post delusion, which has been so plainly and prominently manifested, and accept the monetary consideration offered. A half million, too, ought to satisfy her, they think, in view of the heavy drain on the Thaw family funds, for which she is largely, if not solely, responsible.

Thaw Permanently Insane. But it is the fact that Thaw is likely to remain in an institution for the insane for a long time yet, if not for life. He may get out of Matteawan and into a more comfortable private institution—under a sort of semi-prisoner arrangement with the court, but he is not likely to regain his entire liberty for many years, if ever at all.

This being so, it is again the part of wisdom for the still beautiful young actress to consent to a legal separation, if it can be brought about through divorce proceedings. Not necessarily, however, by further humiliation on her part.

MOTHER KILLS HER 4 CHILDREN AND HERSELF (By Leased Wire to The Times.) North Baltimore, O., Feb. 29.—Mrs. J. C. Spies, wife of a well known farmer, killed three of her children, fatally wounded a fourth and then committed suicide. One of the children was drowned in a well. Others were shot and their throats cut.

DON'T ASK HELP OF UNCLE SAM

New Chinese Minister Brings No Special Message

JAPS NOT SEEKING WAR

Wu Ting Fang, the Newly Arrived Minister From China, Talks On Important Subjects—Says Japan Is Not Preparing for War, As Alleged, and He Can See Nothing to Be Gained By War With Uncle Sam—Other Matters Discussed.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 29.—Chinese Minister Wu Ting Fang, who arrived last evening with a retinue of seventy—consuls, attaches and students—denied that he was the bearer of an appeal to Washington asking this country to assist in preserving Chinese interests in Manchuria and protesting against the alleged aggrandizement of Japan in that province.

"I have no such documents here," said Minister Wu, placing his hand to his breast pocket, "neither am I the bearer of such an appeal to President Roosevelt. I am giving no avasive answer. I am not that kind of a man. If I was bringing such a note of protest I should either frankly say so or decline to talk about it.

"The relation between Japan and China are cordial. There may be some friction but it is local. That may occur in any country. So far as my knowledge goes, Japan has not violated the Portsmouth treaty with reference to the open door policy in Manchuria.

"China is organizing a good, modern army," said Minister Wu, "but as to its size I cannot say. That's too long a story at this time." Discussing conditions in China, Minister Wu said:

"China has made wonderful progress in the last few years. In its army, its schools, its railroad industries, and other industries China will become a modern nation, but it must go slow.

"The people are now preparing for a constitutional government. When a constitution will be granted I cannot say. At least, not until the people are educated to know what it is and what it means. That will take some time.

Minister Wu said the northern and eastern provinces were rapidly organizing and drilling armies of considerable size, armed with the most improved weapons, and instructed principally by Japanese officers. He deprecated the idea that China would become a menace, declaring that its object was to preserve the integrity of the empire.

Asked if he thought that Japan was preparing for war, Wu Ting declared most emphatically that it had not. "I do not believe there will be war between Japan and this country or any other country," he said.

"I am positive that Japan is not seeking war, but wishes to maintain peace. I cannot believe otherwise, or see what it would gain by war."

HEIR TO SPANISH THRONE ON WAY (By Cable to The Times.) Madrid, Feb. 29.—An announcement is expected in the Gazette that Queen Victoria is again to become a mother. Dr. Gutierrez, the court physician, has gone to Seville, where her majesty is staying.

INSPECTION TO BEGIN MONDAY Col. Thos. Springfield, of Waynesville, arrived in the city today to begin the inspection of the North Carolina National Guard. Tomorrow Capt. A. H. Hughes, U. S. A., will arrive in Raleigh and the inspection, both for the state and federal government, will begin Monday with Raleigh.

CONSCIENCE OF MAXIM STANDS GUN-STRICKEN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Hartford, Conn., Feb. 29.—With the news of his invention of a noiseless fire-arm echoing around the world, Hiram Percy Maxim, son of the inventor of the machine gun, admitted frankly that he stands conscious stricken in the presence of this monstrous child of his brain.

"The simple truth is that I am ashamed of myself," said Mr. Maxim, responding half-heartedly to congratulations at his home in this city. "I am fully conscious of the awful possibilities of this gun and my conscience is not at all easy on the subject. If it could be taken hold of by the government alone and its manufacture be restricted to the government, it might not be so bad, but I know that that is impossible under the circumstances, and I regret that there can be little doubt that advantage is already being taken of my idea by those for whom it was never intended.

"It possesses all those attributes which prevent any notice or alarm when the gun is fired. And when you can discharge a bullet with practically the same velocity and accuracy as with the old gun, and do it silently, it is evident that you have a very dangerous possibility.

Among those possibilities which Mr. Maxim admits are that the army of the United States may at some future be overwhelmed by this gun, devised by an American citizen and that the weapon may fall into the hands of the criminal classes, with all the terrifying possibilities of its perfect adaptability to the art of private assassination.

LABOR LEADERS DO NOT AGREE ON NEW PARTY (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—The American Federation of Labor will not take kindly to the movement inaugurated by the United Trades and Labor Council, of Cleveland, O., to organize a political party in opposition to the present dominant parties in order to carry forward the program of organized labor.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, says that his attention has not been officially called to the new party, but when it is he probably will disapprove such a project.

"The A. F. of L. as it now stands," said Mr. Morrison, "will support any political aspirant who is friendly to the cause of organized labor. We have no desire to merge into a larger body, or to assist in effecting an organization such as has been inaugurated by the Cleveland Labor Council."

BREWERS VOTE MONEY TO FIGHT PROHIBITION (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Galveston, Texas, Feb. 29.—At a meeting of the Texas Brewers' Association \$1,000,000, or so much as may be needed, was pledged to combat prohibition in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

The Texas brewers believe that a crusade against disreputable resorts and unclean saloons is the most effective weapon to fight prohibition and they urge their brethren in those states to apply this method. The brewers also pledged themselves to refuse to sell to any person, firm or company in Texas that has not the endorsement of the municipal or precinct authorities or forfeit \$5,000 to the association.

BIG HAUL AT AN "OLD HOSS" SALE (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Detroit, Mich., Feb. 29.—A trunk sold yesterday at an express company auction for \$4.50 yielded \$6,000 worth of smuggled lace.

ATELL KNOCKS OUT ED. KELLEY

Punch In the Seventh Round Did the Business

KNOCKED DOWN 3 TIMES

Attell Knocks Kelly Down Three Times in Succession, As Fast As His Opponent Gets Up, Before the Time Keeper Would Count Kelly Out—Then the Police Captain Was Advancing Into the Ring to Stop the Fight.

(By W. W. SAUGHTON.) (By Leased Wire to The Times) San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 29.—Abe Attell has at last shown a San Francisco fight gathering that he is the possessor of a knockout punch. He did it for Eddy Kelly, of Buffalo, in the seventh round of their contest at Dreamland last night and the chances are that Abe could have turned the trick in the first round if he had wanted to.

During the first two rounds Attell contented himself with dodging the Buffaloian's blows. It was a piece of masterly defensive work, Kelly's well directed lefts and rights spanking themselves in the air within an inch of the clever champion's face.

In round five Attell aired his knowledge of ring tactics. At times he side-stepped and allowed rushing Mr. Kelly to whiz past him to the ropes. He varied this by pulling his head away on Kelly's steady fire of lefts and rights.

There were a few clinches at the beginning of the sixth. Abe suddenly dropped his head between his shoulders and allowed Kelly to catch him with both gloves around the ears and on the back of the head. Abe then straightened and hooked Kelly with left and right, knocking his head from side to side. Kelly clinched to save himself and Abe looked toward the featherweight's corner and laughed outright.

In the seventh Abe went at Kelly with a vengeance. A right hander knocked Kelly to the floor and when he arose Abe dropped him again. While Kelly was getting to his feet, the second time, Attell turned to the Buffalo fighter's corner and asked the seconds why they did not give up the battle.

They took no notice of the question and Abe proceeded to send Kelly to the floor for the third time.

The jig was up now. Captain of Police Duke stepped on the platform and ordered the fight stopped. Time-keeper Harting said afterward that Kelly had been counted out before the police captain saw fit to interfere.

GLAD TIDINGS FOR ALL; EDISON WILL GET WELL! (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Feb. 29.—Thomas A. Edison's condition was so much improved today that the physicians at the Manhattan eye, ear and throat hospital expressed the opinion, that, barring unforeseen complications, the inventor will fully recover. Dr. J. H. Brashaw, Mr. Edison's private physician, said he believed the distinguished inventor would be restored to perfect health in a few weeks.

It was admitted that for a time on Thursday Mr. Edison's condition was grave.

Valuable Incandescent Lamp Invention. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) London, Feb. 29.—George Calvert, a young inventor, has discovered what metallurgists have been seeking for years—a cheap and efficient substance for platinum in incandescent lamps. Mr. Calvert's method is simply to enamel strips of copper wire in such a fashion as to enable the wire to be hermetically sealed to the lamp without oxidation, thus effecting a saving of over one-half in platinum.