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Corrupt And Content No Longer Is Philadelphia

May be Some Corruption Left But Absolutely No Contentment Either Among Enemies or Friends of Vice, as Old Gimlet Eyes Is Keeping Both Jumping

By ROBERT T. SMALL

Philadelphia, March 4.—"Old Gimlet Eyes" is having the fight of his life.

For two months he has been at death grips with the vice and crime of a city once known as "corrupt and content." The battle has ebbed and flowed.

Philadelphians believe, however, that General Smedley D. Butler, their new commissioner of safety, is getting the upper hand. The enemy has not been routed, but the offensive still is on. The pressure is such, never-the-less, that General Butler has hardly had a moment's breathing spell. He went away to Chattanooga a few days ago to deliver an address on cleaning up the city. While he was gone a dozen or more speak-easies and other resorts flourished in a single police precinct. The lieutenant in charge was one of the most enthusiastic cops who had greeted the general when he first arrived for duty. The cop had been commissioned, as it were, on the field of battle. When the commissioner got back from Chattanooga he promptly "broke" the lieutenant.

And so it goes. "Battling Butler" does not dare relax for a moment. A "system" which has grown up through the years and is deeply rooted, cannot be smashed in a day. When General Butler announced a "cleanup" in 48 hours he knew that was impossible. But he wanted to set a high goal. He talked much because he wanted to arouse the people. He was like the ballyhoo artist at the circus side show. He wanted to attract the crowd. He felt that once they were with him all would be well.

General Butler has attracted the people to his support and they are with him heart and soul. They believe he is doing better in his difficult post than any other man could have done. But Philadelphia is not a Sahara; nor is it crime-proof. As a matter of fact there have been a series of serious crimes during the last few days and once more the fighting marine at the head of the police has given his men orders to shoot and shoot to kill. Drying up Philadelphia, it is admitted, is like draining the Florida everglades. It can be done, but the job is a difficult one, requiring many patient hours and days and months.

Apparently many of the crooks driven from the Quaker city during the first few days of the Butler regime have run the blockade and are once more in their old haunts. Sporadic outbreaks of violence show their presence from time to time and General Butler attacks them anew. He is driving the police all the time. He is constantly on the firing line himself. The western battle front of the World War itself never offered a harder struggle, however, than the one which confronts General Butler each morning of his life.

Some of the criminal elements of the city were so firmly entrenched that the general's preliminary bombardment passed them by. The warfare has gone beyond that stage now. The "mop up" crew is at work and it is a tedious undertaking, routing a nest of criminals here and another there.

General Butler's friends say he never promised to make Philadelphia as dry as the Sahara. He has, however, endeavored to close all of the public drinking places.

Just recently he has read the hotel men of the city a steaming lecture. The hotel men told the general at the beginning of his campaign that they were with him to a man. The general said that was "fine" but he put some of his men on guard just the same. Now he has told the hotel men they have not kept the faith and they must stop the use of liquor in their public dining rooms and restaurants.

Like every other big city Philadelphia probably always will have its private supplies of illegal liquors and its private drinking parties. Never-the-less some of the enthusiastic police would suppress the parties. A particular vigilant cop recently raided a radio party where six married couples were celebrating a birthday anniversary. The incident caused a lot of trouble—particularly to the over zealous copper.

General Butler always had a pretty fine line of vicious language, learned in the vicissitude of the Marine Corps, despite his Quaker ancestry. Lately those who have had contact with him say that he can give "hell-and-Marla". Charles J. Dawes a running start of a couple of thousand swear words and catch him before he reaches the corner. He reserves most of his verbal barrage for those politicians who unctiously come to him and say that the police drive is all right so long as it is directed against the other fellow, but that the general ought not to go so far in certain other directions. That gets the Marine's angers.

None of the politicians expected the general to go as far as he has.

Three Murder Cases In One Term Court

And John C. Perry Thinks World Getting Worse At Rapid Rate Now

"As a boy and young man," says John C. Perry, 415 First street, "I don't remember but three murder cases up to the time I was 26 years old.

"Just look at us now. Here we have three murder cases docketed for trial in one term of Superior Court." Mr. Perry is sure that the world is growing worse and worse—far worse.

And whether one agrees with Mr. Perry or not, it must be admitted that never has such a crime wave rolled over Pasquotank County as that which started with the shooting of O. C. Bray last December.

The shooting of Bray was followed by the killing of Alfred Ferebee, colored, less than three weeks later. Ferebee was knocked over the head with a club.

Now comes the drowning last Friday night of W. R. Ballance, and preliminary hearing and Superior Court trial of Elwell Overton, colored, on the charge of knocking Mr. Ballance overboard, will follow one another hardly a week apart.

Not only in Pasquotank but in most of the counties throughout the Albemarle violence seems to have been rampant since the setting in of the winter just past. At Currituck County this week at least on shooting case was on the criminal docket; while there is another in Camden, Perquimans, which had a murder case at the last term of criminal court in that county, is said to have a kidnaping case and a case involving a charge of assault with deadly weapon for its next criminal term.

DAVID OVERTON IS LODGED IN JAIL HERE

David Overton, young negro who has given Elizabeth City police and Pasquotank County law enforcement officials no end of trouble, is back in jail.

David was captured by a posse in charge of Sheriff Charles Reid about six miles from town Monday about noon on the Williams farm owned by Coppensmith Bros. in Mt. Hermon township. He is now in jail awaiting trial on a number of charges.

Sheriff Reid has been on Overton's trail for several months and on receiving a tip Monday as to the negro's whereabouts he got a posse and went out to take him. David was found at the house of a negro named Paul Overton and when the posse surrounded the house and came in on him members of it could see David himself in the yard talking to a colored woman.

When David saw the sheriff he started to run, as he did some years ago when he was flushed out in the country by a posse headed by Police Officer Twiddy. Kennedy Davis and Leslie Armstrong were nearest the point toward which David headed when he undertook to make his escape, and Armstrong fired in the general direction of the negro, whereupon David threw up his hands and surrendered.

David Overton is the same negro, the shooting of whom cost Police Officer Twiddy several hundred dollars some years ago, though Mr. Twiddy has always stoutly maintained that he was paying for something that somebody else did.

Members of the posse that captured Overton Monday were Sheriff Charles Reid, W. L. Jones, Kennedy Davis, Milton Haskett, and L. B. Armstrong. Negroes as well as whites are reported as relieved that Overton has been captured. His depredations had grown to be a menace to the countryside.

TAKES OVER STORES NON PAYMENT TAXES

Norfolk, March 4.—The collector of internal revenue yesterday took charge of the Norfolk and Newport News stores of E. Hogshire Sons and Company, dealers in ship supplies, for non-payment of taxes during 1918, 1919, and 1920.

They thought the first flourish was all right and good publicity for the new administration. They expected the drive to die down within a week or so. But it still goes on and the politicians who at one time exerted control of the police are squealing loud and long.

Philadelphia may still have some corruption within its borders, but it is no longer content.

NOW IN THE LIMELIGHT



This photograph was taken in December, 1923, and shows Attorney General Daugherty (left) talking with former Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall, both of whom are repeatedly brought to public attention in the investigation of naval oil land leases. It was snapped just outside White Houses executive offices.

CURRITUCK SHERIFF CAPTURES ROBBERS

Poplar Branch, March 4.—The night of February 29, some one robbed the store of Curtis Grey of Corolla. The robbers came in an automobile or truck carrying away about 16 pairs of boots, several bags of flour, quite a supply of canned goods, plus several smaller things too numerous to mention. They emptied one keg of Coco-Cola syrup and took the keg with them. While in the store they ate one half can of oysters, several pounds of cake and some canned goods. They left the store with a light burning and the empty cans on the counter.

Sunday, March 2, R. E. Flora, Sheriff of Currituck county, captured the robbers at Seagull and placed them in the county jail.

SAYS BAL MASQUE MUST BE "SOBER"

Philadelphia, March 4.—The director of public safety, General Butler, announced yesterday that the bal masque which ushers in the Lenten season tonight must be a strictly sober affair and that he intends for rich and poor alike to observe the law. He says his policemen will be placed about the hotel to prevent any drunkenness.

Mrs. P. H. Morgan of Shawboro was in the city Sunday.

SAN JOSE SUFFERS QUAKE EARLY TODAY

(By The Associated Press)
San Jose, Costa Rica, March 4.—A series of earth shocks beginning at four o'clock this morning damaged fully half the buildings of San Jose and caused a number of casualties.

Washington, March 4.—"A very severe" earthquake about 21,000 miles from Washington in a southerly direction was recorded on the seismograph at Georgetown University today.

Father Torndorff, the seismologist, said the shocks began at 5:13 this morning, reached a maximum intensity between 5:23 and 5:26 and were still in progress at seven o'clock.

RAILROADS DECLARE DEVICES IMPERFECT

Washington, March 4.—Eighty-nine first class railroads today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to modify its order for the installation of automatic train control devices. The joint petition declared that devices intended to stop the train when it enters the danger zone are as yet imperfectly developed and that the experimental operation of them does not justify the extensive utilization of them.

Tug Clay Foreman Leads Eventful Life

The drowning of W. R. Ballance last Friday night and the events which followed in its train involved the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company of this city in a series of minor misfortunes that at any times except when a human life had been lost would have hardly been considered trivial.

In the first place, the tug Clay Foreman is a Foreman-Blades vessel and her work in towing lumber barges is important in the matter of keeping Elizabeth City's biggest lumber mill supplied with logs. The Clay Foreman had to put back into port Friday night and Captain Morrisette had to remain over with his vessel until after Saturday morning's session of police court, not knowing but that the preliminary hearing as to Overton might be held at that time. Again the going out of the tug was delayed Monday morning when Captain Morrisette remained over in the city to be present at Monday's session of court, when Overton's case had been set for trial; but the trial could not be held on account of the fact that Sunday night Overton was spirited away to Norfolk by the city police, acting under instructions from Solicitor Small. Prosecuting Attorney Sawyer and Trial Justice Spence did not know that Overton was gone until court convened Monday morning. Now Captain Morrisette faces having

to keep his vessel in port when he attends the preliminary hearing, probably some time next week, and again in the week following, when he has to appear as witness in Superior Court.

Not only so, but the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company found itself three men short besides Captain Morrisette Saturday morning. Ballance was dead and Elwell Overton was in jail, of course; but locked up with Elwell was John Davis, colored, suspected of being concerned in the difficulty between Mr. Ballance and Overton.

Davis has since been released, no evidence against him having been developed, but the Foreman-Derrickson Veneer Company, which is affiliated with the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company, came near losing another man Sunday night when Evans Forbes was unmasked by Sheriff Reid and Police Captain Winslow. Mr. Forbes is listed in the city directory as an employe of the Iron Works, but, it now develops, has been working more recently for the Foreman-Derrickson Company.

Still another interesting sidelight on the drowning of Mr. Ballance is the fact that Mrs. Ballance has been twice married and that her first husband was killed as a result of a difficulty at Washington, N. C., about 20 years ago. His name was John Rue.

RECORD SHORT SESSION

Routine business and a record for brevity marked Monday's session of the Board of County Commissioners.

The County Physician's report, showing 34 cases of measles, 11 of whooping cough, three of chicken-pox, two of German measles, and one of diphtheria, was practically the only matter of general interest brought to the attention of the Commissioners.

The board adjourned at noon, establishing a record for short sessions, so far as the memory of Register of Deeds G. W. Brothers goes.

MONDAY PASSES AT CANTON QUIETLY

Canton, N. C., March 4.—The first day of work on a non-union basis passed quietly Monday at the Champion Fibre Company with 300 men going to work. Union forces picketed the plant but did so peacefully.

ANOTHER IN RACE FOR SHERIFF NOW

Still another candidate for sheriff enters the lists today, and this one also is from Salem township, which already had one candidate in J. W. Hobbs.

The new candidate is C. L. Ball who lives on the Weeksville brick road about eight miles from town. Now one of the county's most prosperous and successful farmers, Mr. Ball is also qualified for the office of sheriff through 12 years as a corporation man, during which he had wide contact with the public.

"If elected to the office of sheriff of Pasquotank," said Mr. Ball, in handing this newspaper the announcement of his candidacy, "I shall do all in my power to give 100 per cent service."

With the entry of Mr. Ball in the race Pasquotank can not be said to lack for timber for sheriff, as there are now three candidates besides the two from Salem. The three from town are L. W. Anderson, Charles Carmine and Miles W. Ferebee.

Others prominently mentioned at one time for sheriff were J. M. Wilson and Jasper Thompson, the latter of Nixonton and the former of Salem township, but these two are said to have decided not to enter the primary.

MACK JENNINGS JAILED NON SUPPORT CHARGE

In the absence from the city of Trial Justice Spence, Mack Jennings, former resident of the city, in jail here since Sunday morning on a charge of abandonment and non support, was not given a hearing in the recorder's court Tuesday morning.

Jennings was brought to Elizabeth City from Richmond, where he was motorman on a street car, by Deputy Sheriff J. L. Pritchard. Arriving from Richmond Sunday morning, Mr. Pritchard was one of the officers who took Sap White and Elwell Overton to Norfolk Sunday night, but despite 48 hours of being almost continually on the go, Mr. Pritchard was in the sheriff's office transacting business as usual Monday morning.

Omitted by oversight in the report of Monday's session of court was the case of Leonard Armstrong, who, on charges of illicit possession and transporting liquor and of being drunk and disorderly, was required to pay fines aggregating \$60 and costs.

Reynolds Foundation Secures Its Charter

Raleigh, March 4.—For the purpose of helping out individuals and institutions the Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem was chartered yesterday by the Secretary of State. It is headed by the widow of the late R. J. Reynolds, tobacco king.

STICKS TO MELLON

Washington, March 4.—Adherence to the principles and the provisions of the Mellon tax plan were reaffirmed by President Coolidge today.

KNIGHT NOMINATED

Washington, March 4.—The nomination of Samuel Knight of San Francisco, to be special Government counsel in litigation to determine the validity of certain titles held by the Standard Oil Company to land in California, was sent to the Senate today by President Coolidge.

WAS CALLED HOME

D. S. Swanson who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morris of Weeksville was suddenly called to his home in Norfolk and left on the three o'clock train Tuesday.

COTTON MARKET

New York, March 4.—Spot cotton, closed quiet. Middling 28.50. Futures, closing bid, March 28.13, May 28.43, July 27.87, Oct. 25.11, Dec. 24.77, Jan. 24.47.

New York, March 4.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: March 27.78; May 28.06; July 27.50; October 25.00; December 24.75.

WALSH REFUSED DOHENY'S PLEA

Chief Prosecutor in the Oil Inquiry Clears His Own Name When He Reads Telegrams Into Record.

Washington, March 4.—Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana, chief prosecutor in the oil inquiry, refused in December to enter into any oil transactions with E. L. Doheny.

It might be "squeamishness on my part," Walsh told Doheny, but he could not appear to use his official position for profit, the Senator said.

The purpose of the negotiations apparently was to hamper the work of the oil committee.

Telegrams put into the record of the oil committee today showed that after Walsh had forwarded to Doheny the suggestion from a constituent as to the development of the Montana oil field, Doheny suggested that Walsh or his brother go to Los Angeles and consult about it.

Doheny based his suggestions on the proviso that Walsh or his brother was willing to "take interest" in the proposition.

The Senator replied that the suggestion was "most alluring," but said that he could not accept because leasing negotiations with the Government would be necessary.

This correspondence took place before Doheny revealed that he loaned \$100,000 to Albert B. Fall, but after the inquiry into the Doheny and Sinclair leases had begun.

Reading the telegrams into the record, Walsh said that efforts had been made "to discover something that might be urged feloniously or otherwise against me. That end would be served if it would be whispered about that there had been an exchange of telegrams between Doheny and myself."

Chief Burns of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice told the committee that E. H. McLean had been placed on the roll of secret agents soon after inauguration day in 1921 and that he still retained that connection.

Mr. Burns said that the famous "Mary" message was sent to Florida in an effort to suggest that McLean should resign in order not to embarrass Daugherty.

Francis McAdoo, son of William Gibbs McAdoo, told the committee that McLean telegraphed him that Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General under Wilson, was acting attorney for Fall and Sinclair.

Mr. Palmer, previously on the stand, had already denied the connection.

MEN PULL PISTOLS AND BOTH ARE DEAD

Columbia, Tenn., March 4.—Riggs Jackson and Robert White met on the road last night near here. White pulled his pistol and fired. So did Jackson. Both are dead and the cause of the trouble is unknown.

FUNERAL W. R. BALLANCE

The funeral of W. R. Ballance was conducted Monday afternoon at the home on Hunter street by Rev. R. F. Hall at 4 o'clock and interment made in Hollywood Cemetery. Mr. Ballance's body was found late Sunday afternoon not far from the place where he is said to have been thrown overboard by Elwell Overton, colored, Friday night, from the tug Clay Foreman.

Mr. Ballance is survived by his wife, and daughter, Marlon, his mother, Mrs. Sarah Ballance, and brother, George Ballance, all of this city.

The pall bearers were: Lyeurgus Madrin, Grover Hill, Eddie Sawyer, Jim Hall, Louis Twiford and Sam Hughes.

FUNERAL MISS WALL

Washington, N. C., March 4.—Miss Josephine Wall, aged thirty, passed away Saturday night at ten o'clock at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary L. Wall, on North Market street. The deceased while in poor health for the past several years had only been confined to her bed since last Wednesday. She had been a resident of this city for the past fourteen or fifteen years and during all these years a consistent and faithful member of the Christian church. She is survived by her mother, one sister, Mrs. J. F. Warner and three brothers, one of whom Robert E. Wall, is now taking a course of training in a Government school in Atlanta, he having been wounded in France during the late World War.

The funeral was held from the home on North Market street Monday afternoon at two o'clock by the Rev. Richard Bagby. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

NO INVESTIGATION FINDINGS OF CHICAGO GRAND JURY

Washington, March 4.—No investigation will be made of the findings of the Chicago grand jury which indicted Charles Forbes and J. W. Thompson will be made by the special Senate Veterans Committee, Chairman Reed announced today.

INVESTIGATE SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, March 4.—A sweeping investigation of the Shipping Board was authorized by the House today.