

RESERVE INQUIRY GROWING HEATED

Commander McNulty Testifies in Case of Feud Among Officers.

BLAIN IS CROSS-EXAMINER

Fight Over Rival Bills in Legislature Principal Subject of Last Night's Session of "Court" at Armory Building.

Sensations followed one another in rapid succession when John McNulty, Commander of the Oregon Naval Reserve, was on the witness stand at the Armory Friday night before the Court of Inquiry which is delving into the controversy between the officers.

On cross-examination by Lieutenant-Commander Blain, McNulty admitted that he wanted to see the late W. H. Corbett, head of the Willamette Iron Works, and tried to have him use his influence with Blain to have withdrawn the latter's bill before the Legislature, which was being advocated as a substitute to that championed by Captain George S. Shepherd and McNulty. The latter who is a nautical expert in the Hydrographic Office, declared that he had requested Mr. Corbett to use only his personal influence with Mr. Blain, Lieutenant Humphrey, of the Reserve, who was also at that time in the employ of the United States Government, had carried a story, he said, to Commander Elliott that he (McNulty) had attempted to coerce Mr. Corbett.

"I requested him," said McNulty, "to call up Mr. Corbett and ask him about it. He did so, but I never learned the details of the conversation. Later I asked Lieutenant Humphrey if Mr. Corbett had said that I attempted to coerce him and he said that Mr. Corbett had."

"Did you not intimate to Mr. Corbett that certain of the officers were trying to depose Captain Shepherd and elevate him (Mr. Corbett) to the position of commanding officer of the organization and intimate that Mr. Corbett stood in on the deal?" queried Blain.

"I told him that Lieutenant Humphrey and certain other officers had spoken to me of the advisability of having a man of some social prominence and financial standing at the head of the organization and that many of the officers of the Oregon Naval Reserve being in the employ of the Willamette Iron Works, his name was associated with an ambition to occupy the position," was in effect McNulty's answer.

McNulty stands by Shepherd.

There was another sensation when McNulty told of an alleged attempt on the part of the Blain faction to have him desert Captain Shepherd and come over to their side, promising that he would be re-elected to the position he now holds, that of commander. The conversation is alleged to have occurred at the corner of Fifth and Alder streets about the time the fight between the rival factions over the bills at Salem was looming up.

"Blain told me," said McNulty, "that I had better come in with them on their bill. I asked its contents and found that it provided that all the officers, with the exception of Captain and Commander, were to be named in the bill and that those two were to be elected by the officers who retained their commissions. Blain said, 'Well, you know Shepherd is not the man for the job. We'll see that you get the same position you have now.'"

I replied that an Admiralty would tempt me to desert Captain Shepherd after all he had done for the Oregon Naval Reserve. Blain said he knew my salary, and that if I did, he would see that I received no arms equipment or a ship from the United States Government.

Continuing his testimony, McNulty caused the third ripple of excitement in the courtroom when he said that the day following the conversation with Blain he was told over the telephone by the latter that the (McNulty) would be reported to the Navy Department for misuse of the Government frank on letters and undue political activity.

"I told him to send his report in by wire," said McNulty.

"A short time afterwards a voluminous report against me was sent to the Secretary of the Navy. It was signed by L. McWilson, who represented himself to be a superintendent of construction for the O. W. R. & N. Co. It was returned to me by the Secretary of the Navy. I investigated and found that McWilson was a fictitious personage."

Captain Shepherd Talks.

There was a great deal of variance in the testimony offered by Shepherd, McNulty and Master-at-Arms Wischusen. Shepherd said he walked away from Blain about 10 o'clock on the night of the disturbance, at the Armory, April 1, and commanded the master-at-arms to accompany him and that he did not order Wischusen to arrest Blain until he had returned and was within hearing of the latter.

McNulty testified that Shepherd walked down the Armory and ordered Wischusen to go up and arrest Blain, and that Wischusen had asked Shepherd what to do and that the latter replied, "Put him out." Shepherd was not sure whether or not he had said, "Put him out."

The really contradictory part came, however, when Wischusen took the stand. He said that Shepherd ordered him, within hearing of the latter, Blain, Lieutenant-Commander Edwards, W. T. Carroll and others, to "place Mr. Blain under arrest," and that at no time had Shepherd said anything of any nature about putting Mr. Blain out of the Armory. McNulty testified that Blain was dragged along by the master-at-arms several times until he had attempted to free himself several times before striking his captor. Wischusen said that he walked up to Blain and said: "You are under arrest," and that Blain swore and struck him immediately.

Lieutenant Blomberg, Mr. Carroll and Lieutenant-Commander Edwards had stated on the stand the previous sessions of the court that Shepherd did not order Wischusen to arrest Blain but had simply ordered that Blain be put out, using the words, "put him out," in response to a query from Wischusen, "What shall I do with him?" They were also unanimous in declaring Blain used no foul language.

Shepherd Denies Political Story.

Colonel Sam White, president of the court, stopped Blain when the latter was showering questions upon Captain

Shepherd for the purpose of bringing out Shepherd's nautical experience. Shepherd denied having given Bos's Mate Reeves his political cards for distribution. He admitted that Blain had made overtures to him two or three times to forget the fight before the Legislature, but declared he had not accepted them because he did not believe in Blain's sincerity and because he believed that the latter's conduct was such before the belated men that it would not have been for the good of the organization to have forgotten the past in view of Blain's letters to evening newspapers criticizing him and the fight at the Armory.

McNulty said on the stand that he had acted as adviser to Captain Shepherd on matters of procedure and that he had advised the latter to arrest Blain the night of April 1, when Blain appeared at the Armory. McNulty said he believed it was for the good of the organization to designate the officers of the Blain faction as conspirators. McNulty said in his letter to an evening paper, which was published February 2, Judge Advocate Bauer traced the fight of April 1 to this letter by bringing out that the letter led to Blain's stinging replies the next day.

McNulty admitted on a question from Blain that he had withdrawn the books of instruction issued by the United States Government on naval matters from the officers opposing himself and Shepherd because he believed their animosity to their commanding officer was ample provocation for his action.

BOWER QUILTS POST

GIBBONS TO BE SUPERINTENDENT AT ANNAPOLIS.

Navy Department Insists Beers Incident Had Nothing Whatever to Do With Change.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Captain John H. Gibbons today was appointed Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy to succeed Captain John M. Bower, who resigned the position voluntarily on account of ill health. Captain Bower probably will be assigned to less arduous duties.

Secretary Meyer yesterday received Captain Bower's application for relief, and immediately took up the question with the President, who confirmed the selection of Captain Gibbons.

In announcing the change, the Navy Department declared it was due entirely to the state of Captain Bower's health and had no relation whatever to the recent Miss Beers incident at Annapolis. This incident, which caused a lot of talk about "snubbery" at Annapolis, began when a midshipman was officially rebuked for bringing Miss Beers, the daughter of a Yale professor and employed as a governess in a Naval officer's household, to a social "hop" at the academy. Subsequently, at the direction of the Navy Department, Captain Bower sent a formal apology to Miss Beers and her father.

Captain Gibbons is a native of Michigan and for several months has been a member of the Navy general board. His last command was the cruiser Charleston. Previous to that duty, he was naval attaché at London.

HITCHCOCK IS ASSAILED

"PERNICIOUS ACTIVITY" IN POLITICS SCORED.

Representative Cullop, of Indiana, Making Grilling Speech on Floor of House.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Representative Cullop, of Indiana, a Democrat, in a speech in the House, vigorously assailed Postmaster-General Hitchcock and the Postoffice Department for "pernicious activity" in politics.

"The Postoffice Department is the greatest political machine constructed in this or any other country," said Mr. Cullop, "and it is openly administered as a political organization."

For much time devoted by the head of the Postoffice Department to political affairs and too little to business affairs were declared by Mr. Cullop to be responsible for the annual deficit of the department.

He said that the people should know whether any of the 27,500 postmasters were really business men, or whether they were reduced in rank for failure to perform political duties or to contribute to campaign funds, and whether employees were reported to the department for political purposes and punished if they did not comply.

He declared that the appointive power lodged with the President was greater than that enjoyed by any foreign monarch.

FUTURE WORRIES FRANCE

Forecast Republic Will Have but 25 Millions When German Has 100.

PARIS, April 29.—(Special)—Statistics have been published to show that in the year 1940, the population of Germany probably will reach the figure of 100,000,000, while that of France will be only 40,000,000. These figures will show whether this forecast is right; but it is interesting to note that anxiety on the subject already prevailed in France in the eighteenth century. The marquis de Saint-Pierre then thought that the marriage of priests would be a remedy; and he calculated that, if all the priests had married from the time of Francis I, there would have been 40,000,000 more Catholics in the country. Maurice de Saxe saw the solution of the problem in "leashhold marriages," which he believed would be more fruitful than the ordinary permanent unions for better or for worse. A third proposal was that the entire French army should be compelled to marry. This plan, according to the reformer who recommended it, would "embellish the race and ameliorate the destiny of the nation."

GIRL GIVES LIFE FOR PET

Attempt to Rescue Chamois From Foot of Precipice Fatal.

GENEVA, April 29.—(Special)—A pathetic little Alpine drama is reported from the village of Farnes, in the canton of Grisons, where a nine-year-old girl named Greater lost her life trying to save that of her little chamois.

The Greater family received a present of a baby chamois, and the animal was brought up and cared for by their only daughter. A few days ago the chamois escaped, and was followed by the young girl across the valley. As the girl did not return, her parents and some friends organized a search. They first found the dead body of the chamois at the bottom of a precipice, and half-way down the mangled body of the girl. She had apparently seen her pet fall over the precipice and tried to climb down after it.

MANY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

A. B. Manley and Aged Mother-in-Law Hurlled From Machine at Night.

An automobile driven by A. B. Manley, carrying his wife, two aunts and Mrs. Margaret Kelly, Mrs. Manley's mother, ran into a projecting sewer manhole at Thirty-fifth and Holgate streets, where contractors neglected to place danger lights, Friday night, and all the occupants of the car were more or less injured and badly shaken up. Mrs. Kelly, who is 84 years old, was thrown through the wind shield to the ground in front of the car and sustained many bruises and cuts. Mr. Manley was thrown out of the car and his shoulder was injured. The others fared better, as they were not thrown out.

Early in the evening, Mildred Anderson, 15 years old, of 777 Vaughn street, was run down at the corner of Twenty-third and Vaughn streets by an automobile bearing license No. 4923. Her arm was cut and her dress torn but she was not seriously injured. The chauffeur did not blow his horn as he came down the street at high speed, nor did he look back or stop the car after he knocked the girl down to learn how badly she was injured.

A young man and woman, giving the names Ernest Walker and Ada Ferrins, were injured in an automobile accident on Willamette boulevard early yesterday morning. The man had stopped the machine to examine the lights, when a speeding automobile ran into the rear of the car. Miss Ferrins sustained a compound fracture of the arm and Walker was bruised about the body. The man and woman in the other car were not injured.

An automobile was wrecked on the Base Line Road yesterday afternoon and Thomas Keane is at St. Vincent's hospital with a broken arm and bruised hip.

Lafferty Introduces Bill.

GAMBLING RUINS OFFICERS

Berlin Has Gaming Club Where High Stakes Are Played.

BERLIN, April 29.—(Special)—The fate of two young aristocrats, sons respectively of the commander of an army corps, and a leading member of the Conservative Party in the Diet, who have fallen into bankruptcy, and been compelled to throw up their commissions in the Guards, has called attention to the existence of a gaming club in the center of Berlin, where their ruin was accomplished. It is said that the place was financed from Paris, and is modelled on a sporting club at Monte Carlo. The rooms are sumptuous and furnished with all the play runs high, and the night's turnover frequently far exceeds \$25,000. When one of the gamblers runs short of money he can obtain an advance up to \$5000 in return for a properly executed bill, forms for which are kept in readiness on the premises. Ordinary "L. O. U.'s" are not accepted, as the sums for which they are given cannot be recovered in a court of law.

It is said that 25 young men, including seven or eight officers, have already been ruined in this club, but although all the persons connected with it are known to the police, it appears up to the present to have kept within the law, and consequently no interference with it. A recent Cabinet Order of the Emperor most strictly prohibited officers from entering establishments of this kind.

MORMONS GAIN CONVERTS

Countess of Chichester Alarmed by Inroads in Britain.

LONDON, April 29.—(Special)—The Countess of Chichester, who is engaged in the anti-Mormon crusade, says: "A flagrant propaganda of Mormonism is being carried on throughout England. Last year 555 girls were decoyed to Salt Lake City and Utah under the banner of religion, and it is the gross ignorance of religious things in which our boyhood and girlhood are now growing up that makes them fall an easy prey to these people who wear the guise of religion entice them away



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BIG EDINBURGH AIMED

Professor Has Plan to Make City Most Vast in World.

LONDON, April 29.—(Special)—By the eye of faith Professor Patrick Geddes looks forward to the rise of what he terms a "Greater Edinburgh," which is to be a very wonderful city indeed. It is to be "one of the greatest and most metropolitan of city aggregates" and "one of the most vast and best-situated cities in the world." So he told a meeting in connection with the Town-Planning Exhibition being held in the Scottish capital.

Edinburgh and Glasgow, abandoning their jealousies, are to form a "vast bipolar capital," extending from one side of Scotland to the other, and rivaling, if not eclipsing, London. They are to be linked up by garden villages and towns which the prophetic eye of the professor sees stretching for 50 miles or so in a continuous chain along the banks of a "Forth and Clyde canal," which is to form part of "the great circle of navigation from Hamburg to New York."

FOOD COST BURDENSOME

Italian Lower Classes Demand Increase in Wages.

ROME, April 29.—(Special)—The high prices of food and rents are becoming more intensely felt among the Italian lower and middle classes.

With the approaching opening of the great international exhibitions at Rome and Turin and the inauguration of national fetes to commemorate the golden jubilee of the proclamation of Italy as a united kingdom, employees of all branches of the civil service in Rome, Turin and Florence have presented a joint petition to Parliament for an increase in their salaries during jubilee year, on the plea of the high cost of living.

The tramway men in Rome, whose demand for higher wages has been rejected, have decreed a general strike on the eve of the formal opening of the Rome exhibition. The workmen engaged on the exhibition works are also discontented, since their pay is in arrears. Prospects are not bright in the

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