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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP SCOURED BY FAIRBANKS

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Chicago, Sept. 21.—The cornerstone of the five million dollar courthouse of Cook county was laid this afternoon. Vice-president Fairbanks, the Governor of Illinois, Mayor Dunne and all county officials were the principal participants at the building. Prior to the exercises a military parade attracted a large crowd. At three thirty this afternoon vice-president Fairbanks spoke in a felicitating way of the county and the county's prosperity.

With Mayor Dunne, the apostle of municipal ownership, sitting near him on the platform, the vice-president launched into a denunciation of government ownership or state ownership of railroads or any other utility, the administration of which, he declared belongs to the people in individual or corporate capacity. He said that government ownership was one step toward destroying this form of government, as it admitted of weakness in the body politic.

"Substitution of Socialism would strike down this political system, over the hopes of lovers of a republican government. Those who advocate the ownership of the railroads by the government propose a radical departure from sound principles which have to heretofore guided us. They propose to introduce the government in a field possessed by individuals of enterprise who are fully competent. This would be a long step toward a dangerous centralization of power and towards the inauguration of a system of socialism which is a substitution of government for the individual. It is not wise for the government to usurp functions which can be discharged by the people. Let the government regular the instruments of commerce as the federal government is now doing with a determination to secure honorable service. This it has the law power to do."

AMERICA GIRDLED BY HARRIMAN

(Scripps News Association)

New York, Sept. 21.—Negotiations are now in progress for the turning over of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad to the Union and Southern Pacific. Upon the outcome of this depends whether or not Harriman will secure the Boston and Ohio railroad. If Harriman secures the final management of the B. & O., he will have a complete system of his own from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

WERE IN POLITICS

(Scripps News Association)

St. Paul, Sept. 21.—A. W. Trenholm, general manager of the Chicago St. Paul Minneapolis and Omaha railway company admitted before the state railroad warehouse commission today, in the rate hearing, instituted by the Shippers association, that the road charged to operating expense, the money contributed in the political campaign to defeat Senator La-Follette.

ENRIGUT MADE SECRETARY

(Scripps News Association)

Janesville, Wis., Sept. 21.—John E. Enrigut, of this city has been appointed private secretary of Governor Smith, of the Philippine Islands.

GIGANTIC SWINDLING DISCOVERED

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago Ill., September, 21.—The preliminary investigation into the affairs of the Tabasco-Chipas Trading and Transportation Company of Mexico began in the United States Court today. Postoffice Inspector M. W. Ketcham who had been collecting evidence against the company represented the Government.

A stockholder of the company who invested only \$40 has turned over to the postal authorities a complete set of the company's literature together with original envelopes and postmarks. John Bodenstab formerly manager of the company informed inspector Ketcham that he had left because he believed himself to be "in a nest of sharps."

Postoffice inspectors estimate that in the reign of prosperity extending over a period of seven years 100,000 inventors have put in \$20,000,000 into Mexican enterprises of all sorts. The refusal of the company to give the Government officials detailed statements of earnings and profits it is said resulted in the arrest of Henry D. Bushnell and I. B. Miller who are said to be the principal men in the concern.

RECOMMENDS AMERICAN INTERVENTION

(Scripps News Association)

Havana, Sept. 21.—Indications are that Taft will not be able to settle the difficulty without definite and real intervention by landing troops. It is known that Taft is in constant communication with Roosevelt.

The Cuban government is confident that it could whip the insurgents but could not possibly protect foreign property and has therefore asked Taft to bring American troops to suppress the insurrection.

GUERRA WELL EQUIPPED

Havana, Sept. 21.—Guerra's threat was made to Major Ladd of the United States army, and Dr. Laine, a naturalized Cuban, Ladd and Laine visited Guerra at his camp and found him commanding five thousand men, all well equipped and mounted. They attended a review at which Guerra delivered an ultimatum adding that a nullification of the last election is the only move that can cause the men to lay down their arms. It is believed that Taft has conveyed to Oyster Bay the recommendation for intervention.

UNCLE SAM MUST HELP

Havana, Sept. 21.—Following the publication this afternoon of a threat from Guerra which says that he will march on Havana at once unless the government ceases the mobilization of troops, comes the authentic rumor from the President's palace that Secretary of War Taft and Acting Secretary of State Bacon have virtually concluded that intervention by the United States at once is the only solution of the Cuban crisis.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION KILLS MANY

(Scripps News Association)

Jellico, Tenn., Sept. 21.—Two car loads of dynamite exploded here this morning. The Standard Oil company's tank was destroyed several buildings wrecked and many reported dead. The wreck occurred on the Louisville and Nashville track just a few feet from the depot.

Rumors estimate that from seventy to a hundred people are dead. Five identified bodies have been removed. Besides those the following known bodies were today removed.

Walter Rogers, John Cook, Geo. Atkins. The property loss will reach over a million dollars.

There are fifteen known to be dead and fifty injured. How many more, remains to be seen as the debris is removed.

It is expected that the list of injured will reach two hundred and fifty. The explosion was caused by Walter Reynolds agent for a Cincinnati brewery, who was shooting sparrows with a small rifle, which a bullet entered the car. Reynolds' body was torn to pieces. Others declared that human bodies are being picked up every few minutes. The railroad agent says the explosion was caused by one of the three men who were shooting at a target on the car.

OPPONENTS OF CHURCH UNION

(Scripps News Association)

Dalles, Tex., September 21.—A meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Synod of Texas opened here today with a large attendance of opponents to the union with the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. The convention was called for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization of the opponents to the union. A considerable part of the Cumberland Presbyterians of this state has accepted the union and will not make common cause with the dissenters.

J. K. Romig of Baker City transacted business here yesterday.

REIGN OF TERROR

(Scripps News Association)

Vladivostok, Sept. 21.—There is a reign of terror here. It is charged that officers are using their official positions to enrich themselves. There is untold immorality among the navy and army officers.

HIGGINS TO WITHDRAW

(Scripps News Association)

New York, Sept. 21.—It is rumored Governor Higgins will withdraw as candidate for re-election and the scramble for the superior office may fall to lieutenant Governor Bruce.

KILLED BY STREET CAR

(Scripps News Association)

Seattle, Sept. 21.—Francis Graves, a rancher, aged 78 years, while crawling on his hands and knees over a high trestle last night was struck by a street car and instantly killed.

HONG KONG BURYING DEAD BODIES

(Scripps News Association)

Hong Kong, China, Sept. 21.—There are scores of funerals today. As fast as the bodies are identified they are turned over to relatives. The authorities are making good use of the American sailors from the gunboat Callao, and the Yankee ars are working with a fine exhibition of willingness and skill. Many buildings are damaged and must be razed. Estimates still claim five thousand are dead or lost.

The scenes on the streets are most pathetic. As the incoming tide washes wreckage and human bodies ashore, there is a scramble from everywhere, by surviving residents to ascertain if the dead bodies are friends or relatives. For the most part the dead are Chinese, but there are also hundreds of foreigners whose bodies will never be identified. As the Chinese come ashore, their relatives, if they have any, take charge of them for decent burial.

Along the bay shore, there is a sad scene indeed. It is continually lined with people waiting and watching if perchance a lost friend's body may be washed ashore.

DEATH LIST INCREASED

Hong Kong, Sept. 21.—A fleet of six hundred fishing junks is reported lost in the recent typhoon. This will increase the mortality to ten thousand.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Sept. 21.—Wheat opened at 72½, closed at 72½; corn opened at 49½, closed at 48½; oats opened at 35½, closed 35½.

H. W. Hewitt, the jeweler, left this morning for a three week's visit with friends and relatives in Portland and vicinity.

TACOMA IS VISITED BY BIG BLAZE

(Scripps News Association)

Tacoma Sept. 21.—Mrs. J. Peterson was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Tacoma Eastern depot, two livery barns, a boarding house, a restaurant, a saloon and a hundred and fifty head of horses. The woman was found a corpse in the ruins of her restaurant this morning. Two teamsters are missing, and it is feared that their bodies are now in the heap of ruins. The total loss is over two hundred thousand dollars.

VAN AUKER ARRESTED

(Scripps News Association)

Portland Sept. 21.—A warrant was issued today for the arrest of C. S. Van Auker, cashier of the Rainier bank who is accused of embezzling \$1627. He escaped from the detectives last night and is now a fugitive from justice.

Van Auker was found in the bank on labor day and told a sensational story about being held up and robbed. He lost large sums in gambling and it is alleged that he devised this fake robbery to cover his speculations.

SIR. LIPTON IS COMING ONCE MORE

(Scripps News Association)

London, Sept. 21.—Sir Thomas Lipton sailed today for the United States. His visit, it is said, is to a large extent of a business nature and not directly connected with boat racing, but those who know him well are inclined to believe that he will not allow the opportunity to pass without talking over the plans for the challenge race for the America's Cup, with a view of challenging the holder for next year. It is generally understood that Sir Thomas Lipton is as eager as ever to capture the America's Cup and will surely send a challenge if he can obtain a reasonable assurance that a boat could be designed on this side of the ocean equal to anything the Americans could put into the water. He has discussed the matter thoroughly with designers on this side, but has not yet reached a definite conclusion.

Lipton says that he will thoroughly go into the matter of a challenge with America this fall.

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