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## SCANDAL RINGS OVER TAMMANY

### SELLING OF JUDICIAL POSITIONS, NEWSPAPERS CHARGE

#### WORST SCANDAL IN HISTORY ABOUT TO BE COMMENCED

They Bring Action Against Brooklyn Editor but Withdraw Suits When They Learn He Can Prove His Claims of Judicial Selling—Murphy Lent Endorsement to Willet.

New York, Oct. 31.—Tammany Hall today faces what its enemies declare is one of the biggest scandals in its history through the investigation which was launched today by District Attorney De Witt of Queen county, into the charge of selling judicial positions, made by William Berri, editor of the Brooklyn Standard Union. Former Congressman Willet, Patrick Callahan, Herbert Ketcham, three Tammany candidates for judges of the supreme court, had Berri arrested on criminal libel, but he offered to prove his charges and they finally withdrew their suits. Ketcham and Callahan declared they learned that Willet had borrowed large sums before securing his nomination, which Willet admitted.

He said he withheld \$10,000 for campaign expenses and spent most of \$31,000 on his own business enterprises. Berri's attorneys say Willet visited Murphy, the Tammany boss, and secured his endorsement for the office.

#### Start Fair Buildings Soon.

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—Actual work on the Panama Exposition site will be begun within three weeks according to an announcement just made. The engineering and architectural department of the exposition company are diligently preparing the plans for the buildings and grounds which they will give to the public soon. Suggestions have been made that a canal two miles long be excavated on the Harbor View site and that two miniature locks, in duplicate of those of the Panama canal be built with amusements filling both sides of the canal, the section to be called the "Towpath."

## 8 SUBJECT TO PEREMPTORIES

### McNAMARA JURY BOX FILLING UP WITH RAPIDITY.

State Objects to Man Who Leans Toward the Unions.

Los Angeles, Oct. 31.—Nine men occupied the jury box when the McNamara trial was resumed today. All were subject to peremptory challenge, only. The state tried to get rid of Frank Frakes, a farmer, who said he had no opinion. He was finally passed for cause by Horton. Frakes leans favorably toward the unions.

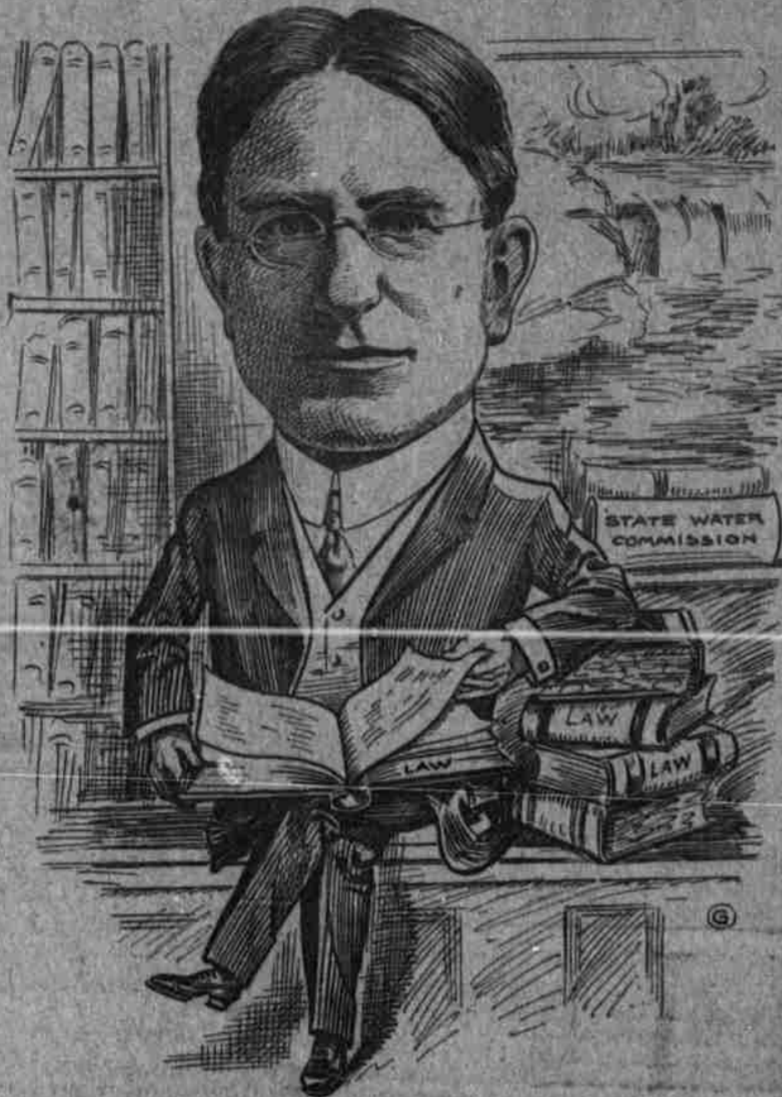
In an effort to impeach Johnson, the defense recalled Ray Fitzgerald, a lawyer, to the stand. Fitzgerald said he had talked to Johnson in August and Johnson said, "The unions are obnoxious." His showing was poor and the chances of the defense's challenge being allowed seemed poor. The motion was later overruled.

#### BIGGEST ARMADA SEEN.

New York, Oct. 31.—Hundreds of thousands today lined the shores of the Hudson to witness the assemblage of the greatest fighting fleet ever gathered in the United States waters and to see Secretary of the Navy Meyer and his aides make the official inspection.

There were 20 miles of vessels—102 anchored 400 yards apart in three rows—compose the armada.

## Men of Affairs in Union County



The cartoonist Girard caught Superintendent of Water Division No. 2, Attorney George T. Cochran, in a smiling mood. The genial official is reproduced by the pen and ink method here to good advantage, with credit to the cartoonist and the looks of the attorney. There will be another "man of affairs" in Union county tomorrow.

## BUTCHERY IN HANKOW BATTLE

### REBELS SCORE DECISIVE VICTORY OVER FLEET FORCE

#### IMPERIAL FLEET COMES TO AID TROOPS—IS REPULSED

Destruction of Royal Troops Severe When Rebels Retake Hankow in the Third Change of Hands in Few Days—Situation Dangerous to Foreigners Within Hankow, Say Rebels.

Shanghai, Oct. 31.—Concentrating a battery fire below Wu Chang, the rebels today drove Admiral Sah's fleet down the river and then recaptured Hankow, driving the imperial troops to Kilometer Ten where fighting is still progressing.

Revolutionary commanders then warned the foreign residents to leave as the rebels will not guarantee their safety. More than 35,000 men are reported to have been engaged, and there is little doubt but that the casualties will run into the thousands.

#### Rebels Drive Attackers Back.

Dispatches say the battle was opened by the imperialists making a rush against the rebel position from which they were beaten back with great slaughter. When the fleet steamed up to aid the batteries of the revolutionists were unmasked and shelled the boats forcing them to re-

treat with one boat crippled. The rebels then attacked and beat the imperialists.

A wireless says the battle took place yesterday and that the imperialists are fleeing wildly to the northward. The rebels butchered hundreds of Manchus in the city, and threw the bodies into the river. The town was have burned.

**Peking Near Danger Zone.**  
Tokio, Oct. 31.—The Peking government is in a state of collapse, according to advices received here. The memorial text of senate to the throne has been accepted and a new cabinet is being organized.

**TAFT IN PITTSBURG.**  
Sees Demonstration on Forbes Field—Views Marching Miners.

Pittsburg, Oct. 31.—President Taft arrived today, the guest of the National Mine Safety association, and the committee representing the centennial celebration of the navigation of the Pittsburg rivers by steam. The president visited a parade of 30,000 men and afterward he addressed the crowd from the deck of the steamship Vir

At the celebration he christened the replica of the name, which and Mississippi Nicholas Rood. During the steadily, the drizz

**RICHESON TRIAL POSTPONED**  
Preliminary Hearing Put Off Until November Seventh—Prisoner Pale

Boston, Oct. 31.—Pale and showing the evidence of his confinement, Rev. Richeson appeared before Police Judge Murray today. The case was postponed until Nov. 7th as previously agreed. Today was the day he expected to wed Miss Edmunds. Richeson is accused of murdering Avis Linnell to further his love affair with Miss Edmunds.

**Fleet Lands at San Pedro.**

Los Angeles, Oct. 31.—Twenty-six of the United States fighting vessels will drop anchor at San Pedro harbor tonight for review. The vessels have been at San Diego. Owing to the Chinese revolt it is unknown how long all will remain here. It is expected some of them will be sent to the orient in a few days.

**Los Angeles Taking Vote.**

Los Angeles, Oct. 31.—With speech making finished and the last political trick turned, four candidates in the mayoralty nominating primaries today are awaiting the result of the balloting today which either will land one of them in the executive's chair or result in the selection of two of them to come before the voters December 5th for election. It is generally believed that the balloting today will end with Mayor Alexander and Job Harriman ending and Miles Gregory and W. C. Muesel eliminated from further consideration. Harriman is backed by the union labor and socialists. Alexander by the republicans.

**Race Suicide Fettered.**

Dresden, Oct. 31.—Roosevelt's theory on race suicide was given a severe jolt by a resolution adopted at the fourth international congress of the Malthusian league, which just closed its session here. The Malthusians believe in race suicide because, as the resolution recites: "over population tends to create causes of war and is in itself a direct cause of war, the checking of the birth rate resulting in a decrease in population would be one of the greatest factors to bring about universal peace."

**LAFFERTY SUPPORTS LA FOLLETTE.**

Portland, Oct. 31.—Congressman A. W. Lafferty, elected on the progressive republican platform, is out today with a flat-footed declaration that he will support La Follette for the presidency, and will vote for a democrat progressive if the republicans nominate Taft or a non progressive. Lafferty recently emerged from the notorious letter writing episode.

## OCTOBER SHOWS BIG INCREASES

### TWO THOUSAND TONS MORE FREIGHT THAN IN OCT., 1910

#### STRIKERS SEEM HOPELESSLY BEATEN THROUGHOUT STATE

Men Turned Away as Corps of Men Within Company Shops Said to Be Sufficiently Large Now to Do the Work—Railroad Seems to Have Its Business Well in Hand.

**OTHER ROADS INVOLVED.**  
Chicago, Oct. 31.—Disputes over wages may cause a strike of 15,000 or 20,000 shippers on the Rock Island, the Wabash, Texas Pacific and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroads, according to statements made today. It is learned that a referendum has been taken by the Rock Island employees not merely in regard to the question of the acceptance of a new scale but including the alternative of a strike if the scale is unaccepted.

#### Statements Issued by O-W. Company Officials Show the Business Situation to be Assuming a Point Near Normal, Regardless of the Strike.

While this is true over the state, as large it is pointed out the situation in La Grande is held to be in keeping with the status throughout the state. It has long been admitted that there was more strike talk and more interest manifested in La Grande than in any other division point on the system—probably because the percentage of inhabitants directly affected is greater; more men are employed in the shops, and more struck, proportionate to population, than elsewhere in the state. Conceding this to be true, the assertions made by the company representatives indicate that the federation strike is about over in Oregon and that the strikers stand as losers—losers unless the issues ramify and new phases not now seen appear on the strike horizon.

**Month's Business Good.**  
On this, the closing day of Octo-

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## HALL CANDIDATE FOR MAYORALTY

### FORMER EXECUTIVE SEEKS ELECTION IN DECEMBER.

Hall, Humphreys, Logan, McLachlin Out and Hodgins Reported Near-Out

M. K. Hall, mayoralty candidate; C. M. Humphreys, seeking re-election to the office of recorder, Ray W. Logan seeking re-election to the office of treasurer and J. H. McLachlin, candidate for chief of police, is the political situation today. Other candidates are trimming their lightning rods preparatory to entering the field at once.

With the circulation of a petition nominating Dr. M. K. Hall, formerly mayor of the city, the mayoralty campaign is inaugurated and if rumor is to be credited the doctor is not to play a solitary campaign for Attorney J. S. Hodgins is advanced as a candidate as well. The attorney is not here today to verify or deny the rumor which during the past 24 hours has spread with considerable swiftness. Dr. Hall held the mayor's chair the term preceding the Richardson administration. Mayor Richardson has not publicly expressed himself, but it is reported he is not seeking the re-nomination.

The petitions for the first four named are being circulated by C. W. P. Ellsworth today and already sufficient signatures have been secured to insure the appearance of these names on the ballot.



## HALLOWE'EN

Hallowe'en is at hand. Tonight the spirits of All Saints will run rampant and oceans of fun are in store for society folks, young lads and lassies, and the little folk, too. The little folks, and the big folks had best be careful though, and not carry their prank carnivals too far lest some of the special police vigilance takes a stern hand in matters.