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STOP THE GAMES?

Grand Jury May Act in Seattle.

JUDGE BELL CUTS IN Orders Lower-Floor Games to Quit; They Don't.

POLICE DO NOT OBEY HIM

'Big Four' Wants to Crash Small Gamblers in the New Tenderloin, and the Facts as to the Situation May Come to Light.

SEATTLE, Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Seattle undoubtedly faces the worst crisis in her political history. Developments in the gambling war started here three days ago are momentarily expected. They will bring to the front the facts regarding the organization and work of the gamblers' ring, with the probabilities that a grand jury will probe deep into the muddy pool and drag therefrom facts that will startle the people of the state.

Judge Bell's demands made on the Chief of Police that all ground-floor gambling cease in the new tenderloin district was a sensation in itself. It was made some weeks ago, but the facts were kept absolutely secret until Wednesday morning. Judge Bell is a young man, elected to the Superior Court in 1900, and so far as is known never represented any of the different factions among the gamblers. His conduct in going outside of his courtroom to dabble in the dirty stream of tenderloin politics is puzzling to his friends, who figure that the Judge has experienced the wisdom of the trite saying that you can't handle pitch without getting your hands soiled.

But following the sensational incident just mentioned, came a conference between Judge Bell and Mayor Humes, and then the latter's hasty exit from the city under the guise of a stay with friends in the country over Thanksgiving. In the Mayor's absence, the "little gamblers," who have swarmed into the new tenderloin district, like flies around a barrel of molasses, got together, hired a lawyer and immediately threatened the chief with a grand jury unless the order issued by the police closing the ground-floor games be immediately rescinded.

This move on the part of the faction of gamblers opposed to the "Big Four," or the old gamblers' ring, was an audacious and effective one, as it had the desired effect. The boss gamblers, satisfied that Judge Bell's threat of a grand jury would settle the matter in their favor for good and all, went home Wednesday night prepared to enjoy Thanksgiving in their own way. The very next day, however, the police handed back to the New Tenderloin houses the paraphernalia they had seized, and things are now going on as before.

The grand jury club is a thing that can be used two ways, as has now been illustrated in Seattle. The remarkable part of it all is that the attorneys representing rival rings in the gambling business with equal nerve and sangfroid make the authorities believe that they can summon the power of the courts at will to enforce their demands. Thus the courts are made an instrument for the rival factions in their attacks on each other.

This queer condition of things can only be accounted for in one way, and that is the universal public sentiment which exists here that a grand jury should be called and the political and municipal atmosphere clarified. The police department has been put, through Mayor Humes' consent, in the trying and unusual position of being used to permit one faction of gamblers to ply their nefarious trade and force another to walk the streets, minus meal tickets, diamonds and cash. The patronage of the police department, of which Chief Sullivan is the head, has been extended to the old gamblers' ring, including George L'Abbe, "Jay" Holmington, "Blanche Kennedy," Hawley Coleman and David Argyle, the combination owning four large establishments in the business district immediately south of Yowler way. This district was formerly filled with dives of all kinds, but the demand for room for legitimate business, and especially of wholesale houses, forced the city to pave the streets with brick, and now the administration is pledged to weed out the haunts of vice in the district. Many such places have already been moved south to the tide flats in the district dubbed the "New Tenderloin," where many cheap frame buildings have been erected in the past six months, inhabited by the worst kind of dens.

The old gamblers' ring refused to move their houses to the new district and were protected against the sentiment of the wholesale business men in their tenure of the up-town buildings by the police department. Of course the imputation came naturally that there was a consideration for this protection, and now that the gamblers' combine has apparently started war against the new joints, people generally are more than willing that in the clash of interest a grand jury shall be called and the whole facts brought forth in a searching inquiry. The police department apparently does not wish the whole truth to come out, the meantime protesting that there is nothing that the administration has to fear from such revelations as might be made.

One significant fact is to be noted in connection with this phase of the situation. Judge Bell and John F. Dore, who is the attorney for the gamblers' trust, are intimate personal friends, and are seen much together. This has led people to say that Judge Bell acted not only out of a sense of public policy, but also possibly out of friendship for Dore, whose clients' interests are injured by the action of the police in permitting the increase of the cheap gambling houses in the new Tenderloin. Surrounding these establishments are a number of "crib" houses of the lowest and most vicious kind. They would not be tolerated for an instant in any city on the Pacific Coast save Seattle. They naturally draw the loungers, miners, railroad laborers and other transient people to the lower end of town, away from the games operated by the boss gamblers' combine. This has resulted in a loss of business to the members of the gamblers' trust, and hence their action.

The "New Tenderloin" is a thing to be seen once and remembered a lifetime. It abounds in music-halls and crib-houses of the most vicious type, inhabited by women who have been run out of other cities. Music is permitted in every one of these resorts at all times of the day and night. Some of them have a stage with a vaudeville performance. Gambling is permitted in nearly all of them, the layout consisting of roulette, "chuck-a-luck," craps and other games designed to catch the dimes and quarters of the wage-workers. Some of these games are practically robbing devices, the players having absolutely no chance to win.

The combination of small-fry gamblers in the New Tenderloin is headed by Scotty Ferguson, formerly a saloonkeeper at Wellington, at the entrance to the Great Northern tunnel. Ferguson was once a dishwasher in a restaurant, but amassed a fortune at Wellington during the construction of the tunnel, conducting a saloon and gambling hell. He is very rich and is in a position to hire as many lawyers and fight as long as any of the "boss gamblers," as L'Abbe, Argyle and Holmington. Many of the boss gamblers are worth upwards of \$50,000, so the fight which everyone agrees has started, is likely to be a long and bitter one.

The calling of a grand jury will likely mean the suspension of gambling in Seattle for a long time.

LEADS TO A RIOT

Gag Rule Fought in Reichstag.

ALL OVER THE NEW TARIFF

Vice-President Has to Suspend the Sitting.

MEMBERS BANDY BAD NAMES

Overran the Tribune, Wildly Shouting, and Are Repressed With Great Difficulty—Papers Comment on the Situation.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—The stormy scenes which were enacted yesterday were renewed in the Reichstag today and at one point in the proceedings the uproar reached such a pitch that Vice-President Buesing, who was in the chair, had to resort to a suspension of the sitting, a measure without precedent in the Reichstag. The House was discussing the motion of Baron von Kardoff, representing the majority parties, to vote the second reading of the tariff bill as a whole without a paragraph discussion as contemplated by the rules. The minority thus would be unable to delay the final vote for any length of time and were furiously indignant at what they called a parliamentary coup d'etat, and the complete suppression of the rights of the minority.

After a quiet afternoon, Dr. Bachem, of the Center party, took the tribune, and describing the dilatory tactics of the opposition, said that the Freisinnige Vereinigung and the moderate Radicals were doing bodaciers' service for the Socialists, adding:

"If you only knew what has recently been said about this alliance."

Herr Bachem left the sentence unfinished, and the Socialists shouted, "Out with it. Name your man."

The Socialists Stutzinger, Ulrich, Baudert and other members of the party rushed up the steps of the Speaker's desk, shouting and gesticulating violently. Herr Gathelin, Radical, standing at the top of the steps of the tribune, tried to keep the Socialists back. He was hurled down the stairs, and his voice and the vigorous staging of the President's bell were drowned in the tumult. The Socialistic member Reihshaus renewed the demand that Herr Bachem should complete his sentence. The speaker was twice called to order, but after some minutes of disorder, Vice-President Buesing succeeded in quieting the uproar, saying:

"No member can be compelled to say what he does not want to say."

Thereupon the tumult was renewed and

WILL ADD A WING

Extension of Portland Postoffice.

DOUBLES PRESENT SPACE

Addition Will All Be on Sixth-Street Front.

OTHER SIDES ARE UNTOUCHED

Supervising Architect Outlines Plans by Which Federal Officials Will Be Given Ample Space for Business.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 28.—It is the purpose of the supervising architect to enlarge the Portland Postoffice by adding a wing on the rear of the building on the Sixth-street side, facing the Portland Hotel. The extension will be the full height of the present building, and cover most, if not all, of the Sixth-street side of the present structure, although the definite plans are not yet worked out, and no dimensions can be obtained.

It is proposed that the Postoffice shall occupy the entire first floor of the remodelled building, with additional room in the basement. This office will then have nearly twice the amount of floor space now available. In the second story will be two new courtrooms for the Circuit and District Courts. The balance of this floor will be remodelled to provide Judges' quarters, jury-rooms, lavatories and other conveniences. The District Attorney will move from the second to the third floor, which he will share with the Surveyor-General.

It is proposed that the same offices now in the Postoffice building shall occupy the enlarged quarters in the remodelled building; no new offices will be injected.

Under the plan now being developed, no exterior work will be done on any save the Sixth-street side of the building. The lawns and trees on the other three sides of the building will be preserved in their present condition. Arrangements will be made for the delivery and collection of mails from the basement of the building, so as to avoid the noise of wagons and the blocking of the street directly in front of the Portland Hotel.

The new arrangement, it is said, will be far more convenient for the postoffice, courts and other offices than is possible in the present cramped quarters.

Another American Invasion. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—It is reported that an American syndicate has made a proposal for the acquisition of St. James Hall, with the intention of converting the existing premises into a hotel and restaurant, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune. St. James is the most famous concert hall in London. All the greatest musicians who have visited the British metropolis for generations past have been heard there.

Attend to School Question. ROME, Nov. 28.—The Vatican's instructions to Monsignor Sharrett, apostolic delegate to Canada, recommended that he devote great attention to the school question, on the ground that the pope speaks earnestly on the matter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, when his holiness received him on September 3. Sir Wilfrid on that occasion promised the pope that he would give the question his greatest personal thought.

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