

AT CITY'S MERCY

Bomb Fired at Chicago Street Railway.

ALL ITS RIGHTS GONE

Thrown Into Court and Its Franchises Repealed.

STEP TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Great Coup in Fight for the Control of the City Railway Spoils Morgan's Scheme and the Democratic Campaign.

CHICAGO, March 20.—(Special.)—By a cleverly executed coup swiftly carried into effect the City of Chicago tonight balked the plans of the City Railway Company, threw the \$36,000,000 property into the State Court, repealed every privilege the traction company enjoyed, leaving it completely at the mercy of the city, and exercised a tremendous influence upon the pending mayoralty campaign. Inasmuch as there have been hints for several days of a bombshell in the hands of the Republicans, and as the action tonight was taken by the Republican Council with the knowledge and consent of John Maynard Harlan, the Republican candidate for Mayor, it is predicted the coup will result in his election by overwhelming odds.

By some means the city officials late this afternoon learned that the City Railway Company was planning to throw the \$36,000,000 franchise controversy into the Federal Courts tomorrow. This would have been an extraordinary and staggering blow for the city and would have taken the traction question out of the hands of the people of Chicago. Quick action was necessary. Secret notices were sent to all the Aldermen, summoning them to an emergency session of the Council. Judge Mack was requested to continue his court into a night session and await developments. Sheriff's deputies were instructed to be on hand to serve "John Doe" warrants and subpoenas, and the mine was laid.

When the Council met, the room was cleared and Mayor Harrison, in a speech that evoked great applause, told of the plans of the City Railway attorneys and of the plan the city had evolved to outwit the traction company. An order was immediately issued to the Corporation Counsel to begin action against the City Railway in Judge Mack's court, which he did. The notices and subpoenas were immediately placed in the hands of waiting deputies, and the Federal Court was shut out of the great game.

Meanwhile, the City Council, having whetted its appetite for action, took up the ordinance and franchises under which the railway is operating and cut off every possible privilege it enjoyed. This action is so radical that the City Railway cannot operate a car tomorrow without violating an ordinance, nor can it refuse to operate a car or as many cars as the city may demand, without violating an ordinance. In any event, it is subject to enormous fines and penalties—in short, completely at the mercy of the city.

For some time the company has been operating under an extension of its former franchise, but this extended privilege was taken away tonight and the City Council passed an ordinance declaring that the company had no right whatever in the streets in which its cars are operated. The injunction issued by Judge Mack restrains the company from maintaining and operating its railroad upon the streets where the city contends the franchise has expired and asks that the rights and title of the city in the streets be established, and the claim of the corporation to the streets be annulled.

Morgan's Consolidation Scheme.

The Chicago City Railway was formed to purchase the holdings of Charles T. Yerkes. It operates 28.7 miles of track. Its gross earnings last year were \$3,281,240, and carried a total of 135,187,791 passengers. Late in February a syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan and Thomas Ryan, of New York; Marshall Field, P. A. Valentine and John Mitchell, of Chicago, bought the City Railway Company for \$36,000,000. It was supposed at the time of the sale there would be no trouble in securing a straight-ahead 20-year franchise. The people of Chicago speedily exchanged their old holdings for the new, the ruling price being \$30 a share. The plan was to unify all the traction interests. The Union Traction Company is now in the hands of the Federal Courts, and, fearing the result of the pending municipal election, the City Railway believed its chance would be better there than out in the open with both Mayor candidates pledged to do violent things to it. In the event the great merger deal had gone through, it was planned to merge the railways and build a \$50,000,000 subway. This was one of the glittering altitudes held up as a bid for a friendly franchise.

Harlan's Change of Front.

The traction question has been the overshadowing feature of municipal elections for years. This year it has been especially acute. Judge Edward Dunne, Democratic candidate for Mayor, was pledged in convention and by his speeches to immediate municipal ownership. John M. Harlan, Republican candidate, was supposed to be pledged to what is known as the "tentative" ordinance. This provides for a 13-year franchise and after that municipal ownership. This ordinance has not yet been adopted by the Council, but was to be submitted to the voters at the city election. A few days ago Harlan created a great furor by rejecting the tentative ordinance. He said he would not stand for it, but would frame a much better one as elected. This sudden change upset plans in both political camps. Republicans were amazed and fearful of the results, while the Democrats, at first grieved, found all their arguments and tons of literature aimed at the tentative ordinance useless. Meanwhile, there were hints that the Repub-

BIG GUNS MAY TALK

French Warships Ready to Go to Venezuela.

ARE NOW IN CARIBBEAN SEA

Government Still Awaits Decision of Venezuelan Court in Cable Case—Consul Denies Cable Has Been Seized.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The French Cable Company complications have reached a crisis, and Minister Bowen has informed the State Department that the French Minister at Caracas, by instructions of his government, has notified the Venezuelan government that there must be no further proceeding on its part toward the cancellation of the company's franchise or interference with its property.

Further, Mr. Bowen reports that two French warships, the cruisers Duplex and Jorjen de la Graviere, have been ordered post haste to Venezuela to act in accord with the instructions of the French Minister. The warships are now in the Caribbean Sea.

It is the expectation here that the appearance of these ships at La Guayra will cause President Castro to accede promptly to the demands of the French Minister, falling which the Minister probably will place the legion in care of some other Minister at Caracas and aboard one of the warships, thus severing diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela.

The present situation cannot continue more than a few days, according to official opinion here. There may be some further exchanges relative to the affairs of the cable company, but the parties, and the possibility of pressure being brought to bear on President Castro by other diplomats at Caracas is suggested. If the French government were to take the cable office near La Guayra, it is fully expected that the French warships will make a demonstration, attempt to take a force to occupy the port, and if resisted open fire on the defensive works recently constructed to command the harbor at La Guayra.

ITALY GUARDING HER RIGHTS

Sends Warship to Santo Domingo to Secure Payment of Claims.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The Italian cruiser Calabria has been in the port of Santo Domingo, according to the Herald correspondent there, since Tuesday, on a special mission to ascertain if the American protocol sufficiently guarantees the claims and claims aggregating a large sum secured by previous lien on the port receipts. If a satisfactory assurance were lacking, the Calabria was prepared, the correspondent continues, to take the Custom-House of some port, collect the revenue and liquidate the claims.

The commander of the Calabria, Marco d'Amico, is on the staff of Prince Thomas di Savoia, uncle of the King and Grand Admiral of the Italian navy, informed the Italian Charge d'Affaires, Luigi di Cambiaso, of the character of the mission, but dealt directly with the American Minister, Mr. Dawson and Senator Sanchez, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who referred to article one of the protocol as evidence of the just purpose of the American convention.

Minister Dawson regretted he was unable to give more explicit assurances and expressed the belief that the Italian claims would be safeguarded if the convention were ratified. Vicini, Bancalari and other Italian claimants are satisfied with the American plan. Commander d'Amico has called a report to Rome expressing his belief that the assurances are satisfactory.

NEW IS MADE VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cortelyou Names Head of Republican National Committee.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Secretary Cortelyou late tonight announced that he had appointed Charles F. New vice-chairman of the Republican National Committee, and, by reason of this appointment, Mr. New would become acting chairman on the (Cortelyou) retirement, which will take place in a few days.

PARKER THE SOLITARY STAR

Finding Bryan and Cleveland Left Out, He Agrees to Speak.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Alton B. Parker, Democratic candidate for President of the United States last year, is to be one of the principal speakers at the Jefferson day dinner in this city, which will be held on April 13. Mr. Parker had previously declined an invitation to attend the dinner and deliver a speech.

Out Democratic Mayor.

DENVER, March 20.—Senator Louis G. Campbell, of Cripple Creek, today introduced a concurrent resolution instructing Attorney-General Nathan C. Miller to institute quo warranto proceedings against Mayor Robert W. Speer and all the Democratic officials elected in this city, on May 11 last, requiring them to show cause why they should not be ousted from office. A preamble contains allegations of gross fraud at the election.

Sells More of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Than of All Others Put Together.

The following letter from a locality where Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is well known shows by the unpremeditated demand for it that the medicine sells on its own merit. Mr. Theo. George, a merchant at Mt. Eglin, Ontario, says: "I have had the local agency for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy ever since it was introduced into Canada, and I sell as much of it as of all other lines I have on my shelves put together. Of the many doses sold under guarantee, I have not had one returned. I can personally recommend this medicine, as I have used it myself and given it to my children, and always with the best results. For sale by all druggists."

TEN DAYS

TERMINATES IT

The Most Successful Wholesale Campaign Ever Attempted Soon to Close. Join at Once or You'll Be Everlastingly Too Late.

The great majority of the thousand pianos included in these clubs are already in homes. The final closing of this, the largest piano sale ever held, will be at the end of the present month. We cannot overstep our limit. Following the close, no more pianos will be admitted to any club. Yesterday despite the rain—was one of the busiest days in our history. For every member who joined a club was enthusiastic over their bargains.

Club members are getting pianos for \$17, \$18, \$19, \$20 and up to \$22, and these prices are for pianos that sell regularly for from \$30 to \$50. The first cash payment is only \$5 and remainder of purchase may be made for \$1.25 weekly.

All the pianos in the remaining five clubs are correspondingly reduced. By joining Club "E" pianos of the supreme excellence, the Chickering of Boston, the Weber of New York, and the great Chicago piano, the Steinway, are yours at present club prices and on payments of \$5 to \$6 down and \$3 to \$5 weekly.

Best of all, the same fine pianos are very close at hand. Make your selection now. Every piano is fully guaranteed and will be returned for any reason. No money paid will be cheerfully refunded. The largest and finest exhibition, corner Park. The biggest and best and most reliable piano concern on the Coast. Large stores in San Francisco, Seattle, and Oakland, Cal.; Spokane and Seattle, Wash.; Boise and Lewiston, Idaho.

WILL TRY DIPLOMACY FIRST

No Coercion Will Be Attempted by France Against Venezuela.

PARIS, March 20.—(3:30 P. M.)—The representations made by the French Minister at Caracas to the Venezuelan government have not yet taken the form of a political protest, but are in the nature of a declaration of the legal rights of the French Cable Company, which France desires to have respected.

MAY REINSTATE OFFENDERS

Locomotive Brotherhood Willing to Forgive Strikers on Subway.

NEW YORK, March 20.—A secret conference has been held between J. Hurley, industrial assistant and grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and the members of the division of that order, which was involved in the interborough strike, and whose charter was suspended by Grand Chief Stone. Considerable encouragement was held out to the strikers, and it was stated that the members of the division were able to work. Hurley said those who were not concerned in the strike will be protected.

CHURCH ALLIES WITH UNION

Presbyterian Preacher Joins Central Labor Union in New York.

NEW YORK, March 20.—A minister has been admitted to membership in the Central Labor Union of Brooklyn, an organization representing various hands of skilled workmen on Long Island. He joined as a fraternal delegate, and at the request of the Brooklyn Presbytery, to which he broached his conclusion that hitherto the church has not entered into fellowship with organized labor as it should have done. So far as the union members were able to learn, it is the first time that such a departure has been taken by any similar body in this country. Only one vote was cast in opposition.

DECISION IN ASPHALT CASE.

Venezuelan Supreme Court Upholds Attachment of Property.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Full copies of the decision of the Supreme Court of Venezuela, technically known as the Federal and Casacion Court, that in court of the original and last instance in the action against the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company have just reached Washington and a copy has been filed at the State Department.

NO BOMBS FOR MR. PEPPER

Leader of Subway Strikers Denounces Sulphurous Talk of Socialists.

NEW YORK, March 20.—A meeting including many Socialists, announced as the second joint meeting of the strikers of the Amalgamated Association of Street-Railway and Electric Employees and the engineers, ended in riotous scenes tonight. George E. Pepper, the strike leader and head of the chartered local branch of the Amalgamated, is credited with having broken up the meeting.

CABLE CASE STILL IN COURT

Venezuelan Consul Denies That Concession Has Been Forfeited.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Carlos R. Figueroa, Consul-General of Venezuela at New York, arrived here tonight in the company of Dr. Paul, special diplomatic envoy of Venezuela to the United States. Dr. Paul will remain here several days to watch developments in the trouble over the French Cable Company's concession from Venezuela.

Will Organize Working Women.

NEW YORK, March 20.—To organize the working women of New York into a union and inaugurate an aggressive campaign in their behalf, Miss Gertrude Barnum, daughter of William Barnum, formerly a Judge in Chicago, and who spent some years in the settlement work of Hull House, in that city, has opened headquarters on the lower East Side. As secretary of the Women's Trade Union League, Miss

THE DAY'S DEATH ROLL.

Colonel James S. Tam, of Iowa.

Ill-Health Breaks Down Hanrahan.

BARNUM has called a conference to be held next Sunday. Miss Barnum declares that 20,000 working girls and women in New York suffer from every possible industrial evil. They are, she says, treated unkindly, work in unsanitary places, and endure long hours and low wages, and there is a vast amount of irregular employment.

Jerome's Idea of the Practical.

NEW YORK, March 20.—District Attorney Jerome, in expressing his opinion as to the proper manner of controlling the liquor traffic in New York City before the Methodist Preachers' Association today, advocated the opening of saloons during certain hours on Sunday, but he said he was not prepared to maintain that the sale of liquor on Sunday was the proper way to carry out the divine commandment. He believed it the practical way of getting the best results under prevailing conditions.

THE DAY'S DEATH ROLL.

Colonel James S. Tam, of Iowa. DES MOINES, March 20.—Colonel James S. Tam, ex-nominee for Governor on the Democratic ticket, distinguished for his services in the Civil War, died here today, aged 83 years.

Frank Bacon, Prohibitionist.

MUSCATINE, Ia., March 20.—Frank Bacon, at one time nominee for President on the Prohibition ticket, is dead at Los Angeles. He was a former resident of Muscatine.

Baron von Hammerstein, of Prussia.

BERLIN, March 20.—Baron von Hammerstein, Prussian Minister of the Interior, is dead. He had been ill with asthma, complicated by heart weakness.

Sydney P. Johnston, Chess Expert.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Sydney P. Johnston, an authority on chess and for 12 years editor of the American Artist, a hardware trade paper, is dead at his home here of diabetes. Mr. Johnston was the champion chessplayer of Illinois.

Ellison Clayton, Horseman.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Ellison Clayton, one of the best-known trainers and breeders of harness horses in the country, whose sale of American horses in Russia netted him a fortune, is dead at his boarding-house here from accidental aspiration.

H. Downs, Pioneer of Montana.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 20.—H. Downs, a prominent citizen, died here today. He was a leader in the early development of Montana, helping to organize that state.

Parker Will Stay Off the Bench.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Ex-Chief Justice Alton B. Parker, Democratic candidate for President in the last election, said today that he would not consider any proposition to return to the bench of this state.

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

25c Cloth-Bound Books, 12c

In the Book Store today 5000 cloth-bound books—over 150 titles by famous authors—regular price of which is 25c—on special sale today at the very low price of 12c. Below are some of the titles.

"Arabian Nights," "Ardath," "Beulah," "Bracebridge Hall," "Bride of Llewellyn," "Bride's Fate," "Count of Monte Cristo," "Cousin Maude," "David Copperfield," "Discarded Daughter," "English Orphans," "First Violin," "Gypsy's Prophecy," "Last Days of Pompeii," "Tale of Two Cities," "Lorna Doone," "Romola," "Tempest and Sunshine," etc., etc.

Hand-Emb'd Waist Patterns

Waist Patterns of Butchers' Linen and Linen Batiste—front collar and cuffs handsomely hand-embroidered—Prices, each \$3.75 to \$14.75

35c Handkerchiefs at 17c

Women's sheer linen lawn hemstitched Handkerchiefs with hand embroidered initials; 35c quality, at the low price of 17c

\$5 Silk Waists \$3.55

Made of finest quality White China Silk, English button-hole embroidered fronts with three plaits on each side and double box plait down the front; full leg-of-mutton sleeves, with tucked cuffs; back made with four small tucks and two wide plaits; fancy stock collar; regularly \$5, spec. \$3.55

In the Linen Store

In the Linen Store today a special sale of Batterberg Doilies, Centerpieces, Scarfs, etc., at prices that are much less than regular.

The Best \$1.00 Foulard Silks at 75c

We offer for today five thousand yards of the season's newest and positively best DOLLAR FOULARD SILKS at 75c per yard. They are all pure silk and full 24 inches wide. Ground colors are navy blue, Parsial blue, reseda, black, gray, brown, tan and beige. The designs are the ones most in favor—small, neat figures and dots.

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42-inch Bleached Pequot Sheeting... 11c
45-inch Bleached Pequot Sheeting... 12c
50-inch Bleached Pequot Sheeting... 14c
54-inch Bleached Pequot Sheeting... 15c
7-4 Bleached Pequot Sheeting... 17c
8-4 Bleached Pequot Sheeting... 19c
9-4 Bleached Pequot Sheeting... 21c
10-4 Bleached Pequot Sheeting... 23c
8-4 Unbleached Pequot Sheeting... 17c
9-4 Unbleached Pequot Sheeting... 19c
10-4 Unbleached Pequot Sheeting... 21c

Curtain Materials

500 yards of fancy green Hindoo Scrim. Regular 25c; special, yard 17c
Fancy Nets in leaded glass and lattice designs in cream and Arabian, 48 inches wide. Regular 50c; special, yard 30c
2000 yards of 28-inch Curtain Swiss in all of the newest patterns. Regular 14c and 15c yard; special, yard 11c
2000 yards of 45-inch Curtain Swiss. Regular 30c yard; special, yard 18c

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