



BLACKMAIL CASE MAY HAVE SEQUEL

Postal Authorities to Be Called Upon.

IMPROPER USE MAIL, CHARGE

Blakesley's Record Shows Up in Bad Light on Probing.

TANGLED IN LAND FRAUD

Little City of St. Helens Takes Sides in Queer Case and Many Stories of the Past Are Recalled by Citizens.

ST. HELENS, May 27.—(Special.)—Submission of the threatening letters received by County Treasurer E. E. Quick to the United States District Attorney...

The letters are of a character sufficient to cause the indictment of the sender on a charge of unlawful use of the mails if the sender can be identified, and identification of that individual is the one important point on which District Attorney E. B. Tongue is now working.

A strong similarity has been discovered between the handwriting in the letters and that of J. Kendall Blakesley, who is now under indictment by the Columbia County grand jury for attempted extortion.

McCarthy or Blakesley?

The letters carry the purport of having been written by one Jack McCarthy, all around crook and bad man, who has been confined in nearly every penitentiary in the West at one time or another.

The District Attorney is proceeding on the theory that Jack McCarthy, so far as any connection with this transaction is concerned, is a myth—that Blakesley conceived and executed the whole plan.

A remarkable case is that which unfolded in St. Helens. E. E. Quick, Oregon pioneer of 1862, resident of Columbia County for 27 years and at present County Treasurer, member of the City Council and chairman of the Board of School Directors, asserts that he paid over to Blakesley approximately \$900 when the film-strip was made.

Blakesley Never Known.

Blakesley, known by every one in St. Helens by his baby name, "Toots," was born two blocks from the site of the Courthouse which Quick says Blakesley proposed that he, Quick and McCarthy rob, blow up and burn.

So well known are both the principals in the case that naturally the townspeople are taking sides. Concerning Mr. Quick only the kindest words are spoken, except by those most intimately associated with Blakesley.

The older horses will be shot, while the younger ones will be broken for saddle purposes. Mr. Quick is described by his own friends as easily imposed upon in money matters, which is the only explanation for his strange submission to the blackmailing scheme.

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It Is Larceny Now in New York to Borrow Automobiles.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 27.—Governor Hughes today signed the so-called "joy riding" automobile bill, making it larceny for anyone to use an automobile without its owner's consent.

STRANGE MALADY—CAUSE OF ALARM

TWO DEATHS IN ONE FAMILY PUZZLE PHYSICIANS.

Symptoms Are Similar to Cerebro Spinal Meningitis—Doctors Fear Epidemic.

A mysterious, inexplicable disease that is baffling the skill of the health officer, Dr. Esther Pohl, and every physician in the city has already caused three deaths and others are looked for.

Last Sunday the 16-year-old daughter of James Killduff, a tinner living at 362 Sacramento street, was suddenly taken ill and died a few hours later.

Monday afternoon a younger daughter, aged 4, was also taken ill with the same mysterious malady, and succumbed Tuesday. On the body of the child an autopsy was held by Dr. R. C. Yancy, Dr. M. B. Marcellus and Dr. Baird.

"This is not a sure sign of disease in progress," said Dr. Pohl last night, "but had the culture been positive, it would have been a certain sign some disease was present."

A leading physician's theory in diagnosis of the cases last night was given as cerebro-spinal meningitis or a malignant form of scarlet fever, which becomes fatal before any rash is produced.

In the Killduff family at present are two other daughters affected. One of these, said Dr. Sandford Whiting last night, has symptoms of tonsillitis, while the other is suffering from severe fright.

MR. TAFT'S ACTS ATTACKED

Negro Society Declares His Policy Is One of Retrospection.

COLUMBUS, O., May 27.—The National Negro American League adopted resolutions tonight condemning what the negroes call the policy of retrospection advocated by President Taft.

The "executive color line policy" of the President is denounced and it is demanded that he square his policy with the Chicago platform so far as the 14th and 15th amendments are concerned.

The league adopted an address to the Nation that was read at a John Brown memorial meeting here tonight.

GREAT WILD HORSE HUNT

Fifty Square Miles of Territory to Be "Driven" for New Steeds.

RENO, Nev., May 27.—Under the leadership of Superintendent Creel, of Pyramid Lake Indian reservation, and E. M. Cowley, a ranchman of Washoe County, the biggest wild horse hunt ever attempted in Nevada will be started tomorrow in the Limbo country, north of Wadsworth.

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SENATOR BAILEY GETS PUGILISTIC

Texan "Mixes It" With Newspaper Man.

FIGHT IN SENATE CORRIDOR

New York Times Man Raps Solon With Umbrella.

FRIENDS PUT STOP TO ROW

Trouble Follows Fiercely Denunciation of Article in Senate, in Which Bailey Calls Writer an "Infamous Liar."

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Senator Bailey of Texas and W. S. Manning, representative of the New York Times in the Senate press gallery, exchanged blows just as the Senate adjourned today.

Neither was injured, as they were separated by Senator Clapp, Porto Rican Commissioner Larrinaga, a number of Senate employes and several newspaper correspondents.

Mr. Bailey made a bitter attack in the Senate upon the author of an article in the New York Times charging that Senator Aldrich by his course in demanding an immediate vote on the income tax amendment, and thus had caused a split of the forces supporting such an amendment.

Manning Accosts Senator.

Mr. Manning accosted Mr. Bailey after adjournment to inform him that he was inaccurate in suggesting Republican Senators as a possible source of inspiration for the article.

Mr. Bailey asked who wrote the article and at the same time declared it is said, that the man who had written it was a "liar."

The Senator's language was very emphatic and Mr. Manning responded that he "had not had the honor to write the story."

Mr. Bailey said that the word "honor" was emphasized in a manner intended to be offensive. The two men were directly in front of the door leading to the finance committee, and also in front of one of the private elevators.

Several persons heard the word "liar" proclaimed in a loud voice, and then saw Mr. Bailey and Mr. Manning clinch.

Both Men "Mix It."

The latter alleged that Mr. Bailey hit him first. In the midst Mr. Manning struck the Senator with his umbrella, knocking off his hat, and the Senator grabbed Mr. Manning by the throat.

Just at that moment the elevator

NIGHT COURT HELD TO GRANT DIVORCE

WOMAN SEEKS RELEASE SO AS TO MARRY DYING MAN.

Had Interlocutory Decree and Finance Was in Hospital for Operation, Hence Haste.

REDDING, Cal., May 27.—Because Al Frazer, of Stockton, Cal., to whom she is engaged to be married, is seriously ill and will submit to an operation from which he may not recover, Mrs. Bernice Winchell, of Stockton, formerly Miss Bernice Bemis of this place, was granted an absolute decree of divorce from Winchell tonight, the court holding a night session in order that the engaged couple might wed before death intervened to prevent it.

Mrs. Winchell had been given an interlocutory decree of divorce some time ago, and the court hastened to comply with her wishes and go through the formality of entering the absolute decree.

STOCKTON, Cal., May 27.—Al Frazer, cashier of the California Navigation & Improvement Company, was operated upon tonight in St. Joseph's Home, but was not married. He is in a critical condition, but the surgeons entertain hope of his recovery.

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CHILD CHOKED BY BEAN

Tries to Swallow It and Dies on Way to Doctor.

BILLINGS, Mont., May 27.—(Special.)—The 1-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lukinbeal, residing near this city, died this morning from the effects of choking caused by a bean which lodged in its throat.

TAFT'S SON FOLLOWS DAD

Is Elected to Same Senior Society at Yale as His Father.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 27.—Not in years has the interest in "pap day" at Yale been so keen as it was today in the selections for the three senior societies.

Robert Taft, son of President Taft, went to Skull and Bones, as did his father and his grandfather.

LIQUOR CAUSES DROWNING

Widow Gets \$5000 Verdict Against Saloonkeeper.

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PASADENA CUTS SUNSET CABLES

Acts Promptly on Decision of Contest.

PHONE COMPANY MUST PAY

Court Declares State Franchise Not Binding.

CITY MAY CHARGE LICENSE

Sweeping Decision in Favor of City Ends Bitter Struggle and Now Company Must Pay and Get Franchise.

PASADENA, Cal., May 27.—(Special.)—Under the direction of City Electrician Reeves, expert wiremen tonight cut the cables of the Sunset (Pacific Bell) Telephone Company and effectively cut off this city from telephone communication by this company.

This action marks the climax of a long and bitter war between the city and the telephone company over the question of franchise.

The Sunset Company contended that it was not obliged to ask a franchise of the city for the operation of its business because of a blanket franchise granted by the state years ago.

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YANKEE INVENTORS COST KRUPPS DEAR

ARMOR-HARDENING PROCESSES PERFECTED HERE.

German Concern Loses \$1,000,000 Annually in Royalties and Sends Man to Find Why.

PITTSBURGH, May 27.—Mystery surrounded the visit of Baron von Bodehausen, of Krupp interests, to America until today. For some time no royalty has been paid Krupp by American makers of armor-plate, at Midvale, Carnegie and Bethlehem interests now have each an armor-plate hardening system of their own.

Baron von Bodehausen came to America for the purpose of clearing up the armor-plate case. The Germans have not believed that the American makers could have invented three different forms of hardening plate.

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WOMEN FOLLOW PATTEN ON WHEAT

Hundreds in Chicago Make Easy Money.

THEIR LUCK IS PROVERBIAL

Now Racetracks Are Closed, No Other Way to Gamble.

QUIT WITH SMALL PROFIT

Faith in Patten Enables Women to Buy Many Luxuries and Pay Many Bills—Market Falls on Good Crop News.

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