

HOUSE'S REGULATORY DROP COURT PROBE

Legislative Committee Goes Into Executive Session at Olympia.

JORDAN IS PUT ON STAND

Seattle Doctor Appears Very Nervous When Asked About His Connection With Alleged Attempts to "Fix" the Court.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Facing a movement, incipient as yet, to bring about its dismissal, the House committee engaged in probing rumors concerning the Supreme Court just into executive session tonight to consider the situation, after interrogating very briefly Dr. J. Eugene Jordan, the Seattle physician who has furnished a large number of affidavits and whose name has become involved in an alleged attempt to influence court decisions.

The movement to dismiss the committee has not yet taken the form of a resolution, but is being discussed by House members. The members of the committee are not yet ready to report and are unanimously in favor of continuing the investigation. There are some matters, however, that are interfering with the committee's deliberations. These are the lack of sufficient authority to subpoena and compel witnesses to testify, lack of funds to employ counsel, the presence on the committee of Representative E. B. Palmer, whose name has become involved in the rumors, and the action of the State Bar Association in what the committee looks upon as the casting of discredit upon its work.

Palmer May Drop Out.

All these matters were discussed in executive session tonight. Mr. Palmer was not present, but it is understood that by reason of the implication of him in the rumors now being probed he does not desire to participate in the report of the committee, and that if the committee is continued he will ask to be removed. The members of the committee concur in the opinion that this is the proper course for Mr. Palmer to pursue. C. Will Shafter, secretary of the State Bar Association, was present during a portion of the executive session and was told by the committee what it thought of the action of the association in ordering disbarment proceedings instituted against De Wolfe, it has deferred action until after the committee completes its work.

Jordan Is Very Nervous.

The Halsey committee is required to report to this special session of the Legislature through members of the House who are friendly to the committee. It is likely a resolution will be introduced broadening the scope of the committee's powers and providing for the filing of a report after the adjournment of the present special session. The work of the committee cannot be completed prior thereto.

Loss Confidence in Jordan.

Dr. Jordan declared that he had never recalled Mrs. Brown to go to B. Palmer and had never talked to Morrow about going to Palmer's office. Dr. Jordan was asked to identify a signature to a letter and admitted that he had helped finance the quiet title suit of Ramsey vs. Wilson in conjunction with Mrs. Sarah L. Brown. Mrs. Brown, he said, had paid out about \$1000 and that the balance between \$3000 and \$5000. He kept no record and could not remember the exact amount. The money, he said, was paid over to F. F. Morrow, the attorney, and by Mrs. Brown, day by day, and by Mrs. Brown.

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Before the rolls were called on the qualification of the 15 Senators challenged by Schviley. Attorney-General Bell replied to Attorney Israel's argument of yesterday, and Mr. Israel closed. The vote was 10 to 5 in favor of the challenge as to Chairman Allen, of the investigating committee: Booth, Eastham, Huxtable, Hutchinson, Kline, Meadows, Minkler, Potts, Ruth, Smith and Williams. There were absent Graves, Nichols and Whitney. Eight were opposed to Paulhamus and Fishback. Opposition to the setting of others was confined to one or two members. Attorney Israel's charge entered his argument of the demurrer to the Spokane perjury count.

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Money-Saving Prices in Boys' Department

\$1.50 and \$2 Wash Suits at 95c

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50c Shirts and Blouses .25c

20c Tan Hose at 12c

\$1 Sandals at 59c

75c Straw Hats at 35c

166-170 THIRD ST.

and May Higgins, 206 Yamhill street, were slightly injured. Young struck a beam and was rendered unconscious for a short time. He sustained a severe contusion of the head. Higgins suffered an ugly cut on the side of his face and neck. The injuries were not considered so serious that the services of a physician were needed, and all of the victims of the accident were able to walk away from the scene.

CHINA HITS AT JAPAN

CIRCULAR NOTE TO POWERS IS MADE PUBLIC.

Mikado's Policy Regarding Railroad Rights Called Unjustified Aggression.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 12.—The Chinese board of foreign affairs has telegraphed to the Chinese legation here the text of China's circular note to the powers dated August 11, in which the government upholds its attitude in the question of the Antung-Mukden Railroad.

After pointing out that China made many concessions to Japan, which still tried to throw upon China the responsibility for the delay in beginning the work, the note declares Japan's interests in the line to be entirely strategic and in no sense economic.

POLICE ENFORCE POLICY

Take Steps to Drive Male Parasites From City.

Following the announcement made by Chief of Police Cox a few days ago that the Police Department would endeavor to rid Portland of the male parasites who were living off the earnings of fallen women, Detectives Tichnor and Howell made four arrests last night. Irwin Hutchings, 23 years old, and W. J. Stewart, 24 years old, were taken into custody charged with being male consorts of disreputable women. They were booked as vagrants at the Police Station, in connection with their charges made by the liquor license committee of the Council against the proprietor of the Tonopah saloon, at Seventh and Davis streets, who the officers say attempted to shield the men.

MONTAVILLA HOME BURNS

Firemen Also Called to Blaze on Eleventh Street.

Two fires occurred in Portland last night, one of them was outside the fire limits in Montavilla, destroyed a house and its contents valued at \$500. This was at the home of Seth Lind, at 1527 East Madison street. The origin of the blaze is unknown. The family had been using fire in the kitchen stove while ironing clothes up to about 9 o'clock. As the first started in the kitchen it is believed that sparks from the stove may have fallen on the floor. The blaze started at 10:15 P. M. and the house was virtually destroyed within a few moments. Only a few of the household goods were saved. None of the occupants was injured.

Amusements

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GREAT SPECIAL SALE

MEI'S PANTS Summer Weight

\$3.00 Pants \$2.25
\$4.00 Pants \$3.00
\$5.00 Pants \$3.75
\$6.00 Pants \$4.50

One-Half Price Young Men's Summer Weight College Clothes

\$15.00 Suits \$7.50
\$20.00 Suits \$10.00
\$25.00 Suits \$12.50
\$30.00 Suits \$15.00
\$35.00 Suits \$17.50

One-Half Price Balance Men's Summer Suits Men's Outing Pants

One-Half Price Panamas and Straw Hats

\$10.00 Panamas \$5.00
\$9.50 Panamas \$4.75
\$6.00 Panamas \$3.00
\$5.00 Panamas \$2.50
\$5.00 Straws \$2.50
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One-Half Price Boys' Wash Suits Boys' Straw Hats

MEN'S SHIRTS

\$1.50 Shirts \$1.15
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All 50c Neckwear 35c

BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

WU MUST GO HOME

Retiring Minister Was Very Popular Here and Did This Country Good Service During Boxer Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—For the second time in his diplomatic career Dr. Wu Tingfang, the Chinese Minister to the United States, has been recalled from his Washington mission, and has been directed to proceed home, where it is expected he will be assigned to other work.

Dr. Wu's successor will be Chang Yin Tung, known as a "progressive" in Chinese political affairs. He has seen diplomatic service in India, England, Tibet and the United States.

Popular in United States. Dr. Wu's retirement from Washington removes a picturesque figure from the capital. Probably no diplomat is better known in the United States than he, for he is a popular talker and his pungent wit and bright sallies have been heard and read with interest at many places.

During the Boxer troubles, in 1900, Minister Wu, in connection with Yuan Shai Kai, then Tao Tai of Shanghai, was successful in getting through a message to the American Minister, Mr. Conger, who, with his colleagues, was in the legation compound in Peking, and whose fate was a matter of great concern to the State Department.

At an answer from Mr. Conger demonstrated that he had received the message sent by the State Department and that all was well with the legation. It is pointed out as a peculiar coincidence that Wu should be recalled at this time, soon after the downfall of Yuan Shai Kai, his friend.

America Saved Life. Wu's sympathies manifestly were with the United States during the Boxer troubles, and this led to his recall. Only an intimation from this government that his beholding would be offensive to the United States, it is believed, prevented his summary death at the hands of the Chinese authorities.

The new minister, Chang Yin Tung, from April, 1888, to February, 1893, was Consul-General at San Francisco and some years ago was attached to the Chinese legation in Washington for a short time.

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