



LA FOLLETTE MAKES BAY STATE TARGET

Railway Merger Called Morgan Deal.

BLAME PUT ON WICKERSHAM

Action Ill-Advised in Discontinuing Roosevelt Suit.

TAFT'S BILL CRITICISED

Under Its Provisions, Wisconsin Senator Declares, Attorney-General Would Have Become Parity to Deal With Morgan.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Senator La Follette delivered a sensational arraignment of Attorney General Wickersham and made an attack upon Massachusetts in the Senate today in the course of the discussion of the Administration railroad bill.

Senator Lodge took up the cudgel for Massachusetts and for its Governor and Legislature and declared that Senator La Follette's outline of the case was not accurate. He deprecated the "agitation" of the subject by one not familiar with the situation.

La Follette's speech, which was aimed directly at the merger provision of the administration bill, took up almost the entire day's session.

Merger Is Attacked. La Follette presented the transaction by which the merger of the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the Boston & Maine Railroads was accomplished in great detail to illustrate the possible effect of the enactment into law of the merger provision of the pending railroad bill.

Reason Declared Inadequate. He undertook to show that the Federal merger suit, instituted in the Roosevelt administration, had been dismissed at the dictation of Attorney-General Wickersham under the Taft administration for the inadequate reason that the Massachusetts Legislature had passed the holding bill under which the consolidation was effected.

La Follette's criticism of Attorney-General Wickersham was especially pointed. The responses by Lodge and Gallinger were just as positive in his defense. Both the New England Senators defended the Attorney-General as a lawyer and as a man.

It was towards the close of his speech that Mr. La Follette made his sharpest reference to Wickersham. He had practically concluded his expostulation of the New England merger and was devoting himself to condemnation of the pending bill, when, rising to his tip-toe, he exclaimed:

"Is this the 'wise legislation, embodying no sudden impulse, but matured views expressed in party council,' which the Attorney-General in his recent speech at Chicago said, 'is pressed for enactment'?"

La Follette took up the Massachusetts State legislation authorizing the acquisition of the Boston & Maine stock by a holding company, but failed to find in this legislation anything like the importance attached to it by Wickersham. He asserted that Wickersham had permitted state legislation to supersede Federal legislation, where interstate commerce was largely concerned.

People Caught Napping.

He declared that the people of Massachusetts had been taken off their guard by the authorization to the holding company and approvingly quoted the statement of the chairman of the Massachusetts House committee on railroads in which he said Governor Draper had been compelled to accept Mr. Mellen's ultimatum.

Quickly following this announcement came the passage of the holding bill by the Massachusetts Legislature. La Follette declared it had been "steam-rollered" through that body. It was passed June 13, and on the 25th the Federal merger suit was discontinued.

HOUSEWIFERY IS NOT OCCUPATION

Order to Enumerators Issued Slur, Scores to Support Prof. Zimmerman Active.

CHICAGO, April 12.—(Special.)—If old Uncle Samuel's ears did not burn today it was because the unchivalrous, selfish old bachelor-for Chicago women agreed his must be all of this—has a soul so dead that he has no sense of shame.

It was the general order to census-takers that they include housewives in the classification of those "having no occupation" which aroused the women of Chicago, and hundreds of them of some prominence signified their willingness to support any protest that might be made against the "uncalled-for slur at the place of home-keeping in the general social scheme."

Mrs. C. H. Zimmerman, who yesterday made Professor Frederick S. Dabner back down in confusion from his position that women no longer engaged in productive occupations, had some emphatic opinions to express on this latest slur from the men on woman's usefulness.

"It is true that men have taken away the old-time occupations of women, such as weaving and spinning, and other necessities of life," she said, "but it is the women who are rearing the Nation of the future and providing the home, which is the greatest of all necessities for a wholesome and happy National life."

CLAIMANT IS IMPOSTOR

Alleged Heir of Russell Estate Branded as Criminal by Court. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 12.—Judge George F. Lawton, in the Probate Court here today, branded as an impostor the Dickinson (N. D.) claimant to half the estate of Daniel Russell, of Melrose, and dismissed three petitions alleged to have been brought by Daniel Blake Russell after a record-breaking trial of 194 days.

The decision was greeted with murmurs of dissent, which caused the officers to clear the courtroom. "After all these months of taking evidence," said the judge, "I conclude this vast conspiracy which was alleged to have been arranged and which embraced the stealing of postoffice stamps, forging of letters, subornation of perjury and other similar crimes, to be without foundation and it vanishes in thin air."

ACTRESS WOULD BE FREE Judge Reserves Decision in Mary Mannering's Case. NEW YORK, April 12.—(Special.)—William R. Wilder, counsel for Miss Mary Mannering, in private life wife of James K. Hackett, actor, today made a motion before Judge Fitzgerald in the Supreme Court for a final decree in the actress' suit for absolute divorce from her husband.

DAUGHTER SUES FOR WAGE Case Goes by Default, Despite Justice Court Judgment. BUTTE, Mont., April 12.—(Special.)—An unusual suit of a daughter for payment for services as housekeeper from her father went by default and was dismissed by District Judge Lynch today, despite the girl having previously been given judgment for \$125 in the Justice Court.

VOTER IS 104 YEARS OLD Native of Scotland and Veteran of Three Wars Registers. DENVER, April 12.—"On May 29 I will be 104 years old," said William Taylor today to the registration clerk for the approaching city election.

MAN THROWS ACID IN BEAUTY'S FACE

Schoolgirl Blinded by Brute's Act.

ASSAILANT MAKES ESCAPE

Unknown "Student" Attacks Maid in Broad Daylight.

FLUID BURNS; DISFIGURES

San Francisco Business Man's Daughter, Noted for Pretty Face, Believed Assaulted by Adorner. Attention Objectionable.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Suddenly attacked in broad daylight by an unknown man who dashed a quantity of sulphuric acid into her face, Miss Ruth Frances Wilson, 18 years old, daughter of Joseph A. Wilson, general deputy of the National Union for the district of California, lies in a local hospital suffering terrible agony from the burns on her face and neck.

The sight of her left eye is destroyed and the doctors say it is hardly probable that the right eye will be saved. She probably will be blind as a result of her experience.

Assailant Makes Escape. Her assailant escaped and the detectives have been unable to find any trace of him. The girl is not able to give a coherent account of the assault. The police are making an effort to locate a student whose attentions were objectionable to the girl.

Miss Wilson was walking alone on Sutter street opposite the Cosmos Club and only a short distance from her home when someone called her. The summons came from behind a signboard fence bordering one side of a vacant lot.

Girl Known for Beauty. Miss Wilson was a student at the Lowell High School until recently and was known for her beauty.

About one year ago she was annoyed by the attentions of a young man who confessed in the letters written by him and signed "Vancamp Redfern" that he had become enamored of the girl upon seeing her pass his residence on her way to and from school.

He carried his suit into the schoolroom, and by becoming a student at the same school, so that he might be near the girl, he had written her many poems expressing his adoration of the girl.

Two months ago, at the funeral of Miss Wilson's brother, Redfern was a caller at the home. He expressed his regrets and left. Since then he had not been seen.

FLIGHT IN AIR IS MADE BY ACCIDENT

Those Holding Aeroplane Let Go, L. B. Ely Flies.

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PORTO MAURIZIO, Italy, April 12.—After spending a second day with Mr. Roosevelt, the afternoon being occupied in another long tramp into the mountains, Gifford Pinchot left for Zurich tonight, seemingly in a happy frame of mind. He still declined to make a statement with reference to his conference with the ex-President, but his beaming countenance was as eloquent as words.

"Will you say whether you are satisfied with the result of your visit?" was asked, but Mr. Pinchot only smiled broadly.

Mr. Roosevelt evidently is not greatly exercised over the conclusions that may be drawn in the United States from the announcement made today that he had accepted an invitation from the ex-Chief Forester to address the National Conservation Congress this summer.

"My actions are frequently misunderstood," he said, speaking of the matter this evening.

Mr. Roosevelt then explained that very naturally his interest in the conservation movement had in no wise been damaged by the trouble that has occurred in the department. He said he would have attended the Congress regardless of what had happened and that he would not necessarily speak of the past, but of the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt dined alone with Miss Carew at the Carew villa and spent a quiet evening. Kermit, with several friends, took a motor trip along the coast, extending the journey beyond the French frontier to Monte Carlo, where he dined and passed the evening.

This afternoon they inaugurated a scheme to transform the little harbor into a great port to be rechristened "Porto Umberto." They have also planned extensive improvements in the town.

DIVORCE DECREE LATE, HALTS BRIDE

Mrs. Grace Goodyear Depew, Peew's Fiancee Tied Yet.

WOMAN'S DEATH PUZZLES

Wealthy Widow Dies in Trunk, Relatives Think it Murder.

IGNORANCE OF LAW EXCUSE

Rural Offender Let Off; Did Not Know He Should Not Steal.

SAN FRANCISCO COURT'S DELAY IN SIGNING DECREE PREVENTS WEDDING IN COLORADO. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 12.—After "waiting at the church" figuratively for 36 hours for the bridegroom's divorce decree to be signed in San Francisco, it was announced tonight that Mrs. Grace Goodyear Depew and Captain Ashton Potter will be married tomorrow, when it is expected the California courts will have formally declared Captain Potter free to wed.

Both Mrs. Depew and Captain Potter are divorcees. Mrs. Depew having secured a divorce from Gannon Depew, of Buffalo, N. Y., in January, 1909.

Mrs. Depew is the daughter of the late Robert Goodyear, a millionaire manufacturer and railroad magnate of Buffalo. Her former husband is a nephew of Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New York.

Captain Potter is the nephew of the late Bishop Henry C. Potter, of New York. His former wife was Miss Mary Louisa McNutt, daughter of Dr. W. F. McNutt, prominent in San Francisco society.

Mrs. Potter secured a preliminary decree of divorce from her husband in San Francisco, April 11, 1909. Although Judge Graham signed the decree on that date, the clerks it seems did not put it on record until April 12. San Francisco advises say the granting of the decree probably will be the first work of the divorce court tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Potter was a famous San Francisco beauty at the time of her marriage, November 24, 1900. In her divorce suit a year ago, she testified that her husband had deserted her in Europe.

HANNIBAL, Mo., April 12.—Although a coroner's jury this afternoon returned a verdict of suicide or accidental death in the case of Mrs. Gertrude Maxwell, a wealthy widow who was found dead in a trunk at her home near Paimyra today, relatives are not convinced she ended her own life. They declare they will conduct a thorough investigation.

County Treasurer Wade Maxwell, a son, declares his mother was murdered, and is working on this theory. He says he believes his mother's death was accidental. She was of a timid disposition, they say, and in their belief became frightened and hid herself in the trunk, dying of suffocation.

RUPTURE IN AERO CLUB

Enemies of President Now Want Vice-President to Quit.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Those members of the Aero Club of America who were opposed to Cortland F. Bishop, the president, broadened the scope of their attack tonight to include the man for the retirement of Charles H. Heitman, secretary of the organization. Bishop's resignation already has been demanded.

OFFICERS KEEP MOB BACK

Five Hundred People After Ohio Man Charged With Murder.

ZANESVILLE, O., April 12.—A mob of 500 people is tonight held at bay by officers protecting Harry Wallace, charged with the murder of Sam Rosenberg at Bremen tonight.

STEAMER GEORGIA RUNS ON REEF.

SKAGWAY, Alaska, April 12.—The steamer Georgia, of the Juneau Steamship company, en route from Juneau to Sitka, struck a reef in icy straits last night and stove several big holes in her hull. The Georgia was beached on a rock where the Yucatan was run ashore.

The wrecking steamer Santa Cruz, which is raising the Yucatan, went to the rescue of the Georgia, and got her off the rocks with her bottom badly torn. The passengers and mail of the Georgia were transferred to the steamship City of Seattle and taken to Juneau. It is not thought the damage to the Georgia is serious. She has a net tonnage of 173 tons.

SECRETARY KNOX AND SON NOT FRIENDS

NEWPORT, R. I., April 12.—"I regret to say the report my parents are reconciled to my marriage is not true. Would to gracious it was," said Pihlander C. Knox, Jr., yesterday. "I love my father and mother, but I love my wife and I am happy with her. My going to New York to meet my brother Reed started the false report. I am selling automobiles and earning big wages. Ask my boss if I am not a star employee."

WEZLER'S TRACKS LIKE LABYRINTH

Tacoma Sheriff Says Suicide Improbable.

SALESMEN SEE HIM ON BOAT

Three Positive Alleged Murderer Boarded Steamer.

EX-WIFE'S HOME GUARDED

Farmer Reports Hearing Shot Monday—He and Three Women Saw Stranger Leave Scene—Trace Is Lost at Wharf.

TACOMA, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—Sheriff Morris, who is conducting the search for Charles J. Wezler, wanted on a warrant charging him with the murder of Mrs. Henry Schulz, does not believe Wezler has committed suicide, despite Wezler's threats in Portland that he would "never be taken alive."

"Our evidence," said Sheriff Morris, "shows Wezler laid his plans very carefully, especially the get-away part of them, and his methods were not those of a man who contemplated suicide after slaying his victim."

"We have had the Schulz home under careful guard to forestall any attempt on Wezler's part to wreak his threatened vengeance upon Emma Schulz or upon her sister, Mrs. Wezler, his divorced wife. I am satisfied, however, that after he had slain Mrs. Schulz, Wezler sought only to get away from the scene at once, and as far away as possible. If we ever do get him, I think he will fight over inch of the way to save his neck."

FARMER HEARS SHOT.

In tracing Wezler's movements the day Mrs. Schulz was killed, the authorities today learned that Fred Wagner, a rancher living about 250 yards from the spot where Mrs. Schulz's body was found, saw Mrs. Schulz as she walked by his place about 10:59 A. M. April 4, on her way to the Haberecht's home.

Wagner says that a few moments after he heard a shot but paid no attention to it as such things are not uncommon in the woods. Not long after Mrs. Schulz was found, saw Mrs. Schulz as she walked by his place about 10:59 A. M. April 4, on her way to the Haberecht's home.

Three traveling salesmen were found today who are positive Wezler was in the smoking room on the steamer Crows when they on her first trip the morning of April 4, when Mrs. Schulz was also a passenger.

No one can be found who saw Wezler going from the steamer landing towards the Haberecht home following Mrs. Schulz and the authorities believe he took another road which he could have done.

Besides Wagner, Mrs. R. Sorenson, Mrs. John Atkinson and Mrs. W. C. Ballard all saw the stranger as he went from the scene of the killing, the little satchel he carried and his evident haste attracting their attention to him.

The coroner impaneled a jury which viewed the remains and inquest will be held Thursday. Mrs. Schulz's funeral will be held at 3 P. M. tomorrow under the auspices of the Daughters of Herman.

W. H. Benton, a civil engineer with office in the Chamber of Commerce, had his attention drawn to Wezler and his troubles in the lobby of the Postoffice about six weeks ago by Nightwatchman Seaton. Wezler, a former engineer, and his wife had sued him for a divorce and had taken his children away from him. Mr. Benton attempted to draw the man away from his home, but Wezler, and the conversation whenever Wezler decided his wife or mother-in-law. Wezler was persistent, however, and his actions finally became distasteful to the engineer, who told him that he wanted nothing more to do with him. This occurred either the Friday or Saturday previous to the murder.

ATTEMPTS TO RECONCILE FAIL

Seattle Couple, Neighbors, Tried to Bring Wezlers Together.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 12.—Attempts to reconcile Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wezler both before and after their separation were made by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mason, of 127 Terry street, friends and neighbors of the couple. According to their statement, Wezler was very much in love with his wife, who treated him very coldly. He believed that his wife secured a divorce in order to secure their home, which was in her name. They never heard him speak to her in a threatening way. He never threatened his mother-in-law in their presence, but had acted as though he felt her responsible for the trouble between him and his wife. Mason and his wife called on the pair several times when Mrs. Wezler was contemplating separation, and while Wezler was willing to do anything to avoid divorce, his wife declared that she would never live with him again under any condition.

At Wezler's request Mason induced Mrs. Wezler to meet Wezler in the Hotel Butler during the week before Christmas, with a view to a reconciliation. There was no reference to Mrs. Wezler's divorce.

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