FASTING PRIEST FAINTS IN COURT

As He Tells of Divine Support, Alleged Camorrist Collapses.

SESSION IS SUSPENDED

Clergyman Declares Lock of Hair He Kept in Cell Was Mother's and Not That of Former Woman Companion.

VITERBO, Italy, April 7.—Sobbing out a recital of the alleged wrongs against him in the trial today, Ciro Vitozzi, the priest known as "the guardian angel of the Camorra," cried: "I have fasted for 48 hours, supported during my entire interrogation by divine power," and as the last word fell from his lips he collapsed.

As the priest fell against the steel bars of the prisoners' cage, lawyers and Carabineers rushed to his assistance and President Bianchi ordered the court suspended. He furthermore ordered the priest to break his fast by eating the yolks of a dozen eggs.

On the resumption of the trial in the afternoon Vitozzi continued the recital of his history and glorified his life without stint.

Banquet Asked About.

President Bianchi asked if it were true that he was at a banquet given by Camorrists at Castellamare where, it was said, he removed his gown, danced and sang vicious songs.

Vitozzi answered that he was at a banquet but saw no Camorrists. He added that he had a good tenor voice, but used it only in singing Gregorian chants.

"With me in my cell," said the priest during his testimony in the morning, "I had a lock of hair from the head of that holy soul, my mother. This was taken from me on the order of a magistrate who insisted that the hair was that of some woman companion of mine. What nonsense! Why, it was even gray! Can anyone imagine a greater profanation?"

Informer's Name Mentioned.

Urging the priest to calm himself, President Bianchi inquired whether he knew Gennaro Abbatemaggio, the informer.

"No," replied Vitozzi, who added:

"All the statements of Abbatemaggio are false. I will ask him to swear on the ashes of his father and on the ashes of his dead son, hoping that he will be touched."

At this thrust Abbatemaggio, who had listened calmly from his solitary cage, broke his usual impassivity of manner and replied:

"I will swear on anything you please."

Enraged, Vitozzi turned on his accuser and cried:

"I will curse you down to the seventh generation!"

"I am sorry for you," rejoined the informer.

At this time the priest suddenly changed his tactics, and in a voice filled with pathos, said:

"No, I will not curse you. I will remember that I am a priest and must pardon even those who injure me. I wish to take you to my bosom."

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ABOVE, POLICE TAKING VITOZZI, CAMORRA PRIEST, TO COURT—BELOW, ABATTEMAGGIO IN COURT IN PRISONER'S CAGE.

FAIR TRIAL IMPOSSIBLE

Judge Postpones Bathtub Case and Scores Newspapers.

DETROIT, Mich., April 7.—The trial of the Government's criminal case against the so-called "bath-tub trust" has been postponed from the May to the June term of the Federal Court because of newspaper articles.

In announcing the postponement in court, Judge Dennison said:

"The newspapers this morning had a report purporting to be given out by the Attorney-General's office in Washington, which was grossly improper and very clearly an extreme contempt. I think any such publication on the eve of a trial makes a fair trial impossible and I shall order the case continued over the term.

"I have requested the Attorney-General to ascertain whether any employe or assistant in his office is responsible for giving out such a report, and if so, that he direct that employe to report immediately to this court.

"The publication charges in effect that the present regular panel of this court needed extraordinary watching, that watchers would be furnished, that the court was not competent to take care of its own affairs, and that some of the defendants had offered to plead guilty; of course, a scandalously improper thing to be said, even if it is true."

RUBBER FRAUDS ALLEGED

Agents of North American Arrested for Obtaining $620,000.

BOSTON, April 7.—On charges of using the United States mails to defraud the public of large sums of money, Warren B. Wheeler and Stillman Shaw, of the firm of Wheeler & Shaw, Inc., formerly fiscal agents of the North American Rubber Company, of this city and Hyde Park, were arrested at the Federal building today after they had voluntarily surrendered to Deputy United States Marshal Ruhl.

A formal plea of not guilty was entered when Wheeler and Shaw were given a hearing before Commissioner Haynes, and each was held in $2000 bail.

The North American Rubber Company, a Maine corporation, is capitalized at 500,000 shares of $20 par each, and 400,000 shares are outstanding in the hands of at least 3000 purchasers throughout New England. The company's factory at Hyde Park has been shut down since the first of last December.

It is charged that $320,000 has been obtained from the investing public, the stock being sold on alleged false representations which indicate a clear profit of 60 cents a pound, whereas it is alleged that every pound of the product was sold at heavy loss.

Pardon for Stripling Sought.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 7.—The Georgia prison commission today recommended to Governor Brown that he grant an unconditional pardon to Thomas Edgar Stripling, the ex-police chief of Danville, Va., who killed a man in this state 14 years ago and escaped while being taken to the penitentiary. His fate now rests with the Governor. Stripling is in jail in Harris County, Ga., where he killed W. J. Cornett for an alleged insult to Stripling's sister.

CLERKS MAY UNITE

La Follette Asserts Right of Railway Mail Men.

LETTER SENT EMPLOYES

Senator Asks if They Have Been Intimidated by Postal Officials. He Proposes Law Securing Right to Organize.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Senator La Follette intends to establish by legislation, if he can, the right of Government employes to organize unions in the same manner that trades are organized and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

His purpose has been made plain in a letter sent to all employes of the railway mail service, bearing on the issue that has been raised between such employes of the Government and Postmaster-General Hitchcock. Second Assistant Postmaster-General Stewart and other officials of the Postoffice Department.

A copy of the circular letter was made public here today. Accompanying it is a list of questions seeking to disclose whether any employes have been intimidated in any way by the efforts of the Postmaster-General to prevent the employes of branches of the postoffice service from organizing.

One paragraph of La Follette's letter follows:

"The railway mail clerks have the right to organize. If the officers of the department are endeavoring to prevent them from so doing by threats of dismissal, such action is without legal authority or moral right. If I find conditions in the railway postal service to be generally such as has been reported, I shall introduce and do everything in my power to pass a bill to prevent the continuation of such un-American practices and to preserve to all Government employes the right of petition which belongs to every citizen and the right to form or join organizations for the improvement of their labor conditions."

WAREHOUSES ARE BURNED

Henrietta Flour Mills at Echo Narrowly Escape Destruction.

PENDLETON, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—The Henrietta Flouring Mills of Echo and that portion of the town in which they are located had a narrow escape this morning from destruction by a fire which consumed two large warehouses, belonging to the milling company. The loss is estimated at $4000, partially covered by insurance.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a spark from a passing locomotive. The flames were confined to the two buildings only by the hardest kind of work on the part of the Echo fire department.

SEATTLE WOMAN IS HURT

Mrs. J. W. Guye Injured When Her Auto Skids, in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. W. Guye, of Seattle, who lives at the Park Apartments, Seventh and Golden streets, was severely injured at 4 o'clock this morning, when her automobile, driven by O. N. Berg, her chauffeur, skidded at Seventh and Flower streets and crashed into the curbing. Mrs. Guye, who is the wife of a Seattle business man, was thrown forward in the car and received several severe bruises and possibly internal injuries.

The chauffeur was not hurt and aided the woman until an ambulance arrived and took her to the receiving hospital. At the time of the accident Mrs. Guye was returning from Monrovia. The front car wheels were broken and the tonneau was smashed.

OLD WARSHIP IN HOSPITAL

Portsmouth, Relic of Mexican War, Put in Quarantine Service.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The famous old sailing vessel Portsmouth, a naval hero of the war between the United States and Mexico, will be delivered to the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service for use as a station ship at Norfolk, according to the present intention of the Navy Department.

The State of California desired the Portsmouth for preservation as a relic. It was this old ship that hoisted the stars and stripes at Yerba Buena, now San Francisco, during the Mexican War. A board appointed to examine the Portsmouth, however, has reported that it will cost approximately $25,000 to place her in condition to make the trip from New York to San Francisco and only $1120 to make her serviceable for a quarantine station ship.

NEW SHIPS EQUAL BEST

Plans Make Them Strong as Texas and New York.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The two first-class battleships authorized by the last session of Congress will be about equal in strength to the battleships Texas and New York, now in progress of construction and which will be the most powerful ships in the Navy.

According to tentative plans, the two additional vessels, yet unnamed, will have ten 14-inch guns arranged in four turrets. Two of the turrets will contain two guns each, while the other two turrets will be armed with three guns each. The displacement of the new ships will be 27,500 tons each.

These vessels will be the first in the Navy to have three guns in a turret.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HIT

Bishop Neeley, of Methodist Church, Criticises Mrs. Eddy's Faith.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 7.—Christian Science and women's millinery were criticised today by Bishop Thomas Neeley, of New Orleans, who is presiding at the annual session of the New England Methodist Episcopal conference here.

"Christian Science is 2 per cent philosophy, 3 per cent religion and 95 per cent humbug," he said.

Woman Who Kills Rival Acquitted.

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 7.—Mrs. T. M. Brooks, who has been on trial here for a week, charged with the murder of Mrs. Mary Binford on January 16, was declared not guilty by the jury today.

Mrs. Brooks is the wife of a well-known local attorney, and during the rush hours of shopping went to a large department store where Mrs. Binford was employed, and shot her to death. Mrs. Brooks claimed that Mrs. Binford had tried to alienate her husband's affections.

The verdict was rendered in her favor on the ground of insanity. During the trial Mrs. Brooks testified that for two years she set aside two hours each day for praying that Mrs. Binford would let her husband alone.

MADERO INSISTS DIAZ MUST QUIT

President's Resignation First Essential to Peace in Troubled Mexico.

NO OVERTURES RECEIVED

Rebel President Says Diaz' Promises Are Worthless, for He Never Kept Promises—He Names Concessions He Will Make.

MADERO'S CAMP, Bustillo's Estate, near Chihuahua, Mex., April 7.—What he declared to be his ultimatum on the question of peace was announced by Francisco I. Madero today.

While still insisting that President Diaz retire and the country be given a new election, Senor Madero said he was willing to resign as "provisional president" and, if necessary, would allow a provisional President to be selected from the Diaz Cabinet.

The tenor of Senor Madero's interview was rather to discredit the possibility of immediate peace. He said no peace overtures whatever had been received by him. He did not intend to move camp toward the border or anywhere else with a view of receiving any peace commissioners.

The report that his father was in El Paso and preparing to enter the insurrecto country to see him interested him, but would have no influence on his actions, he said.

It was the first formal interview Senor Madero had given since the text of President Diaz' message was received in camp.

He Smiles at Diaz' Message.

As for the reforms promised in the message, Senor Madero dismissed them with a smile, saying the promises were no more than President Diaz had previously made.

By permission of the Federal authorities and of the insurrectos, a special train flying a white flag was run out toward Bustillo's hacienda, 60 miles west of Chihuahua. Half way out the correspondent was met by General Pascual Orozco and an escort of 100 insurrectos.

Senor Madero dictated a statement which he said might be accepted as a definite expression of his views. The statement follows:

"I know the great damage which the war is doing to the country and, if it were possible by negotiations to settle the war, I would be pleased, though it should be necessary to make some concessions from each side. I am disposed to make all personal concessions and I will ask only the necessary guarantees to have a new election perfectly free and open to every voter.

All Diaz' Promises Broken.

"I will not consider as a guarantee the promises of General Diaz because he has never fulfilled his previous promises.

"To have peace in Mexico, it is absolutely essential that General Diaz shall retire. In such case a provisional president will have to be selected by both sides.

"It is not necessary that I or any of my friends shall be chosen. I would accept as provisional president a member of the Diaz administration, if chosen by both sides, and if we are granted the right to select a few provisional governors.

"This to us means great concessions, which we will make to settle the war. If the ambitions of General Diaz oblige us to continue the war, I am sure we soon shall be victorious, and it will be better for the country in the end to have all my programme developed, because that will mean a most radical change.

"When I left the United States there was no talk of peace negotiations, for which reason I did not name any peace commissioners.

Father to Be Peace Envoy.

"Notwithstanding that it is not natural, my father and friends have taken advantage of the first opportunity to consider the matter. I approve their efforts because I consider them patriots. If any peace negotiations were actually opened I undoubtedly would appoint my father as one of the commissioners.

"If we are described in the United States as being unfriendly to law and order, I wish to tell you that in war we attempt to be kind and considerate. We pay no salaries to any one, but to the families of those fighting in our ranks we distribute food and supplies. All the land we have taken has become immediately subject to civil government."

This ended his statement.

Diaz' Statement Angers Him.

"President Diaz' statement rouses one's ire," he said in conversation. "It will have no influence on us. It probably will be thought that now, when we have all our demands promised, we will show only selfish ambition if we continue, but these promises are just what we have heard before. Especially do I wish it understood that I am not fighting for personal aggrandizement. I would sacrifice myself and everything I possess for the good of the country.

"We intend it as no affront to the United States when we say we care for no foreign interference. This is a family matter. We desire peace as much as any one, but we have not, and will not, retreat from our just demands."

AUTO WINS RACE WITH REBELS

Williams' Marauding Cavalry Is Balked of Prey.

CALEXICO, Cal., April 7.—With bullets flying about them, managers of the Cudahy ranch, in an automobile, won a race with rebel cavalry to the international boundary today.

The incident was the climax of a marauding expedition in charge of Stanley Williams, the rebel chief, who has been operating independently of the insurrecto forces at Mexicali. It was probably one of the most thrilling races in which an automobile has ever participated.

The chase followed the looting of the Cudahy ranch by Williams' men, who were not satisfied with the $10,000 worth of horses, mules and provisions taken last night. Williams also wanted the costly touring car. The Americans on the ranch learned of Williams' design and started for the American line. The rebel cavalry, in hot pursuit, made several short cuts and twice the mounted rebels were close to the fugitives. Once, when the automobile had to be stopped, having become entangled in barbed wire, the bullets flew thick about the Americans, but none reached a mark.

In the automobile, which was driven by W. E. Taylor, were Thomas P. Daly, manager of the Cudahy ranch, and three others.

In the 15-mile race from their ranch to the line Taylor sent the car flying over rocks and ditches at full speed. He cut through the mesquite thickets of the desert, leaped the railroad and at the finish plunged through the boundary fence to the American side. When the line was crossed Williams and his men were less than a quarter of a mile behind.

The marauding band numbered 87 men by actual count and after the episode they straggled into Mexicali, despite the declaration of Salinas, commanding the insurrecto forces there, that they would not be permitted to enter. It is possible that Salinas has changed his mind regarding Williams and is willing to accept reinforcements to his meager garrison of 30 men, as a battle with the federals appears imminent. The federals, a few miles away, are making preparations to attack Mexicali.

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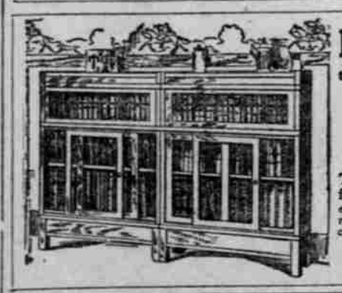

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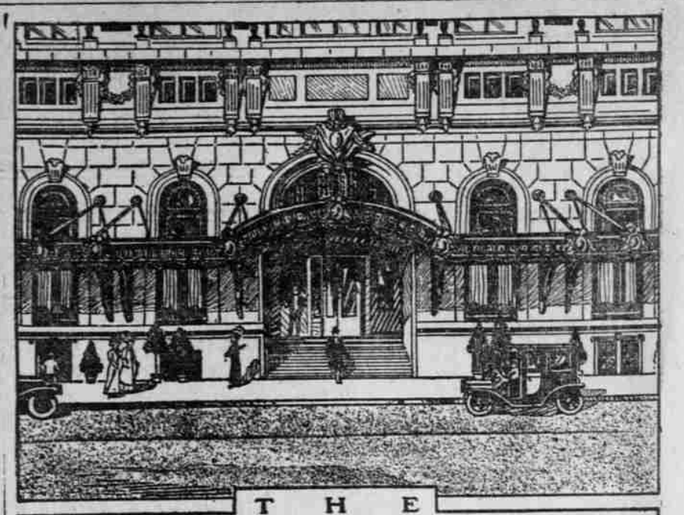

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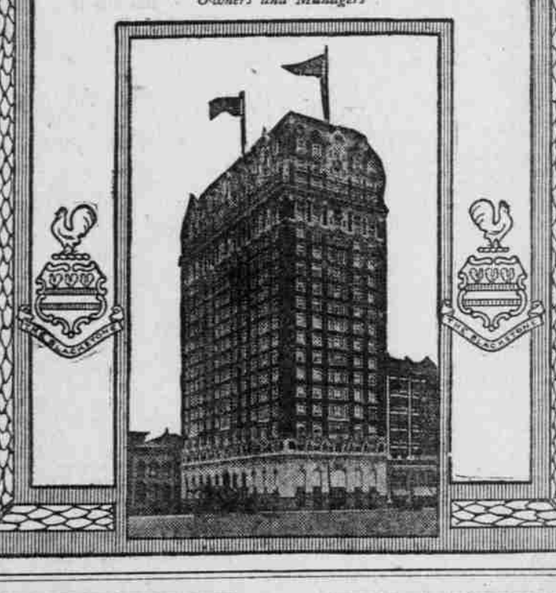

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