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COLONEL BLETHEN ACCUSED OF GRAFT

Seattle Times' Owner Indicted Thrice.

POLITICAL SCHEME IS BLAMED

Dancehall Corruption, Libel, Conspiracy Charged.

TWO EDITORS HELD, TOO

Publisher Says Rev. M. A. Matthews Is Responsible for Grand Jury's Act and That Plot Is at Bottom of Sensation.

SEATTLE, May 23.—The most sensational incident of the so-called anti-vice crusade that began last Fall and that resulted in the recall of Mayor Gill, and the retirement of all the city councilmen friendly to him, occurred today in the indictment of the following men:

Colonel Alden J. Blethen, editor and owner of the Seattle Times.

Clarence C. Blethen, managing editor of the Seattle Times.

Chauncey B. Rathbun, city editor of the Seattle Times.

Colonel Blethen is indicted thrice on charges of criminal libel, conspiracy and participation in dancehall graft. Clarence C. Blethen is indicted for alleged criminal libel and conspiracy, and Chauncey B. Rathbun is also accused of criminal libel.

The complaining witness in the libel cases is J. Y. C. Kellogg, inquisitor of the Council investigating committee last winter.

"Politics," Says Blethen.

Colonel Blethen declares that the indictments against him are the result of politics and his refusal to become the "tool" of Dr. Mark A. Matthews, who brought Detective Burns to Seattle to investigate affairs of the city.

All the indicted persons were arrested and released on their own recognizance. The indictments grew out of the municipal campaign last Spring and the so-called anti-vice crusade that began last year and resulted in the recall of Mayor Gill and the removal and indictment of Chief of Police Wapenstaen.

Attorney John F. Murphy, prosecutor, at first refused to sign indictments. The grand jury came into court and requested that Murphy sign them. Judge Main ruled that he must sign the bills and the attorney did so.

The grand jury returned seven more indictments, which were sealed by Judge Main. Instructions to the grand jury as to the identity of the persons accused should not be divulged until the arrests were made.

One not a true bill was returned against a person whose identity was not revealed under order of the court.

Truth Nil, Says Editor.

Colonel Blethen made the following statement:

"These indictments are the outcome of politics pure and simple and neither one of them is founded upon a grain of truth and no candid, honest man would ever have found an indictment as the result."

"The city has been seared for two months and scores of witnesses have been put before the grand jury for the sole purpose of connecting the editor of the Times with some notorious fraud under the Gill administration, but up to date there isn't a scintilla of evidence to establish any such charge."

"Even the indictments which have been rendered against one or two persons charging graft are based on the alleged confession of two notorious lawbreakers—both of whom swore before the investigating committee that they had never paid a cent to any one for the right to conduct gambling in the restricted district."

Minister Is Blamed.

"So far as the editor of the Times was concerned the indictment brought against him for conspiracy is simply the result of his refusal to become a tool of Dr. Mark A. Matthews, who acknowledges over his own signature that he brought Detective Williams to this city on his own motion, paid the expense himself and then demanded a grand jury."

KARL JORN FAMOUS TENOR, WEDS AGAIN

SINGER WHO GAVE FIRST WIFE TO RIVAL AGAIN BENEDICT.

Bride Is Pennsylvania Girl and Wedding Took Place Month Ago, but Is Kept Secret.

NEW YORK, May 23.—(Special.)—Karl Jorn, the famous German tenor, who has been under contract with the Metropolitan Opera Company for two last seasons and who a year ago relinquished his wife to a Berlin dentist, ending her with \$25,000 and bidding her to be happy in her new choice, sailed today on the Holland-American liner Rotherdam, with a new bride, to whom he was secretly married in Pennsylvania more than a month ago.

The singer is as secretive about his last adventure as he was frank concerning the friendly arrangement with his first wife by which he released her in favor of Dr. William Miederer. Not even his intimate friend and manager, Frederick J. Turner, did he disclose the identity of his second wife or under what circumstances the romance developed.

Jorn was smiling when found by the reporters this morning, but he refused to discuss his affairs. He made only one remark and that was: "All women are devils except one's wife and one's mother."

WOMEN MENACE OFFICIAL

Street Commissioner Charged With Bad Faith by Crowd.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 23.—(Special.)—Commissioner Z. E. Hayden was surrounded and threatened by a crowd of 15 angry women this afternoon after the commissioners had voted to put through the Ash-street paving plan. The women, who opposed the paving, paid no attention to the other commissioners, who had also voted for the improvement, but charged Commissioner Hayden with bad faith, and said he could no longer have the support of the women's vote.

In voting for the paving of Ash street from Broadway to Northwest boulevard, the commissioners overrode a petition representing 90 per cent of the property affected, protesting against the work. The reason the protest was ignored, the commissioners said, was that the majority of those represented on it had previously signed a petition to have the work done.

HOLLANDER FACES CHARGE

House Committee Would Find Out If He Got \$100,000.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Charges that Dr. Jacob H. Hollander, fiscal agent for the United States in straightening out the tangled financial affairs of Santo Domingo, had accepted money from both governments, although in the pay of the United States, were aired today before the House committee of the State Department. Dr. Hollander received \$100,000 from this government for his services, and is said to have accepted \$100,000 from the Dominican government without the knowledge of the United States.

Thomas C. Dawson, ex-American minister to Santo Domingo, told the committee that he did not have personal knowledge that Dr. Hollander had received \$100,000, although it was generally understood such was the case.

Dr. Hollander has been summoned by the committee to appear tomorrow.

WOMAN COUNTY LAWYER

Miss Mabel Albright Now Douglas Deputy District Attorney.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—George M. Brown, District Attorney, today announced the appointment of Miss Mabel Albright as Deputy District Attorney of Douglas County.

Miss Albright has been employed as stenographer by Mr. Brown for several months, and her promotion came unexpectedly. For the present she will have complete charge of prosecutions of juvenile offenders.

Miss Albright is the only woman holding the position of Deputy District Attorney in Oregon.

SWEETS RULE IS AMENDED

Prohibition of Saccharine in Food Lifted to Give Manufacturers Time.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—As a result of representations from manufacturers who asserted the Government was doing them a gross injustice, Secretaries Wilson, MacVeagh and Nagel today amended a recent ruling of the Department of Agriculture prohibiting the use of saccharine in food products after July 1, so as to give manufacturers one year longer to adjust their business.

John F. Queen, of St. Louis, insisted that saccharine is not harmful unless used in excessive quantities for a long time.

LIFEBOAT TELLS OF WRECK

Derelict Found by British Warship Gives Clue to Steamer's Fate.

DEMOCRATS MAY WIN NEXT SENATE

Gain of Five Seats Will Give Them Control.

REPUBLICAN HOLD IS SHAKY

Oregon Among States Which May Send Democrats.

FACTION FIGHTS MANY

New Jersey, Nebraska, Colorado Are Likely to Elect Democrats—Republican Splits Endanger Several Other States.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 23.—If the Democrats hold all the seats they now have in the United States Senate, they will need to capture only five seats now occupied by Republicans in order to secure control after March 4, 1913. The prospects seem, at this time, to be somewhat favorable to such a result.

As the Senate is now constituted, there are 59 Republicans, 41 Democrats and a vacancy from Colorado, which has a Democratic Legislature. This vacancy probably will be filled two years hence, for the next Colorado Legislature will have the selection of two United States Senators.

The terms of 31 Senators expire on March 4, 1913. Thirteen are Democrats; the rest Republicans. Of the 12 Democrats, it seems quite probable that 11 will be re-elected or be succeeded by other Democrats; Watson, of West Virginia, alone seems in danger of being defeated by a Republican. The 12 Democratic Senators whose terms expire at the close of the 53d Congress are: Bacon (Ga.), Bailey (Tex.), Barkhead (Ala.), Davis (Ark.), Foster (La.), Martin (Va.), Owen (Okla.), Pagurter (Ky.), Percy (Miss.), Simmons (N. C.), Tillman (S. C.) and Watson (W. Va.). Some of these Senators will not be returned, notably Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, who has proved a "false alarm," and Tillman, of South Carolina, who is in failing health and not able to spend much of his time at Washington.

Bourne Seals Own Fate.

On the other hand, of the 18 Republicans whose terms expire with the close of the present Administration, quite a few are facing serious trouble, and some are staring in the face almost certain defeat. Senator Bourne, of Oregon, will not be returned, for although he represents a rock-ribbed Republican state, he himself has built up a political system which may bring about his own defeat by a Democrat, and that Democrat, like his present colleague, may be elected by a Legislature that is Republican on joint ballot.

Briggs, of New Jersey, has not proved so strong as to make his return certain, and the popularity of Governor Woodrow Wilson is counted on by the Democrats to carry New Jersey two years hence and elect a Democratic Legislature, which will replace Briggs with a Democrat.

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HILLMAN BARELY ESCAPES

He Almost Sells for \$150,000 Property Worth \$500,000.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 23.—C. D. Hillman, the Seattle millionaire, whose appeal from a sentence for real estate frauds is pending, had a narrow escape from having to sell for \$150,000 a ranch near Encinitas, which is proved by the discovery of oil to be worth \$500,000.

After having accepted an offer of \$150,000 from Oakland men, Hillman this morning visited the ranch and found three oil outfits at work and ascertained that oil in paying quantities had been struck and that prospects were good for a better flow.

When Hillman learned this he attempted to call off the deal with the Oakland people, and finally compromised by giving his personal check for \$5000 to sever negotiations. Hillman has only recently returned from an automobile trip through Mexico.

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NEITHER NATION DREAMS OF UNION

Laurier Kills Fear of Annexation.

CANADA AND AMERICA FRIENDS

Premier Tells Statesmen of Colonies Alarm Baseless.

MONROE DOCTRINE STANDS

Grey Says British Policy in Full Accord With It—Great Enthusiasm Aroused at Banquet to Imperial Conference.

LONDON, May 23.—The dinner of the Pilgrims' Society tonight in honor of the colonial Premiers was historic because of the unexpected and noteworthy plain speaking by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier of Canada.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, addressing an audience composed of many of the great men of England, handed the annexation question without gloves.

He began by expressing amazement that during his three days' stay in England he had heard so many people of standing voicing doubts concerning the designs of the United States regarding Canada. He scoffed at the idea of annexation being seriously considered on either side of the border. He expressed his admiration for the people of the United States, but said that, much as he loved the American people, he loved Great Britain better.

Canada in sharing the continent with the United States, he said, had a double interest in the treaty of arbitration between the United States and the United Kingdom and exclaimed dramatically:

"I thank God that the relations between the two peoples never were so good as they are today."

Peace Reigns on Long Boundary.

The Premier aroused enthusiasm when he said that Canada and the United States proposed to continue to show the world two nations with the longest boundary, extending from ocean to ocean, living in peace and mutual respect, without a fortress, a soldier or a gun on either side of that boundary.

The dinner was in contrast to the one held at a former Imperial Conference, because that was of purely British imperialistic tone, while Anglo-American relations were almost the sole topic tonight.

Lord Roberts presided and welcomed the Premiers. Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, proposed "Anglo-American Arbitration." He said the negotiations would enter the domain of practical politics and he sincerely hoped the treaty would be concluded.

Denying the Monroe Doctrine as meaning that no European nation should acquire more territory on the American Continent, he added:

"Our policy is in full accord with that doctrine."

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HATPIN SAVES DAY FOR AUTO TOURISTS

STALLED ON COUNTRY ROAD MAN RIFLES WIFE'S BONNET.

Without Explaining Inspiration, He Splices Machine Belt and Journey Continues.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 23.—(Special.)—But for the use of a hatpin, taken from the collar of his wife, J. J. Beaugard and family would have been compelled to remain on a country road 20 miles from home for hours, or until another automobile happened along to pull them in.

The belt operating the fan broke and when put together it was found to be an inch or more short. For several minutes Beaugard did not know what to do, but he looked through his tool box, but nothing with which to splice the belt was to be found.

Mrs. Beaugard, who got out of the machine, was talking to her husband about what had better be done, when he chanced to spy a long hairpin. Without explaining, he pulled out the pin and in a few minutes had spliced the belt. They went first to the mechanic and without further mishap, the pin holding the ends of the belt together securely.

TAFT IS BACK IN BOYLAND

President Happy as Youngster as He Visits "Monkey House."

NEW YORK, May 23.—President Taft was whisked into boyland today. He motored to the Bronx zoo, inspected more than half the animals, shook hands with the monkeys, fed the elephants and the two-horned rhinoceros and watched the keepers feed the biggest python in captivity.

He was happy as a youngster until the last game had been inspected. Senator Bacon, of Georgia, Major Butt, Henry W. Taft, Attorney-General Wickersham and John Hays Hammond made up the party.

They went first to the administration building, where President Taft was shown the head of a white rhinoceros that Colonel Roosevelt had shot in Africa. Then the President went to the monkey house, where he was especially interested in "Susie" and "Baldy," two particular pets, who were let out of their cages to meet the President.

The Presidential party left New York at midnight for Washington.

NEW LAW INJURES WOMEN

100 Matchmakers Discharged Because of 8-Hour Limit.

CHICO, Cal., May 23.—(Special.)—The Diamond Match Company, operating big factories at Barber, a suburb of this city, will replace practically all its women employees with men, on account of the new eight-hour law. In the matchmaking department alone more than 100 women and girls will be let out. Many are experts brought from Eastern States and receiving good salaries.

For some time it has been impossible for the company to get a sufficient number of competent women to do the work, and with the enforcement of the new eight-hour law, conditions are made worse, as the work of practically 100 men depends on the work of these women, and their hours would of necessity have been abridged with the shortening of the women's hours from nine to eight.

It had been rumored the company contemplated employment of Japanese to replace the women, but General Superintendent Fairburn denied this.

TRIBUTE PAID MR. SCOTT

Speaker at Luncheon Extols Fearless Type of Editor.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 23.—(Special.)—Ex-Governor Moore, of this city, today paid a tribute to Harvey Scott, late editor of The Oregonian, at the luncheon given the press of this city by the Commercial Club.

"I deprecate the tendency of the press to commercialism," said he. "I would see the return of the olden days of journalism, when fearless editors, such as Horace Greely, wrote without fear of their advertisers. Harvey Scott, late editor of The Oregonian, was the last of these, great men that they were, whose passing is gone the last great man of the true type of editor."

"The tendency, I fear, is more and more towards commercialism, and this may be necessary, but it is deplorable. Newspaper men, I have found, are generally good fellows, and to be trusted if treated courteously."

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Tacoma Girl, 7, Left With Two Younger Sibs, Found Ablaze.

TACOMA, May 23.—Alice Thomas, aged seven, was burned to death at her home today. She was left with two younger children while her mother was at a nearby store.

A neighbor hearing the children screaming ran to the house and found the clothing of the eldest girl ablaze. She smothered the flames with a blanket but the child died in a few hours.

AVIATOR DROPS 200 FEET

Fall to Instant Death Taken by Laemmlein at German Meet.

STRASSBURG, Germany, May 23.—During an aeroplane competition here this afternoon, aviator Laemmlein fell 200 feet and was instantly killed.

REBELS IGNORANT PEACE IS SIGNED

Mexican Capital Nearly Cut Off From World.

BATTLE WITH FEDERALS IS ON

Diaz to Resign Today and Go to France on Warship.

CORRAL IS ALREADY OUT

Many Other Officials Will Step Out Before Madero Comes In—American Planter Killed and Mutilated Near Tampico.

MEXICO CITY, May 23.—Notwithstanding the official signing of the peace agreement, the capital is more nearly isolated tonight than since the inauguration of hostilities. Ignorant, apparently, that the war is ended officially, one small band of rebels under Candido Navarro last night cut the National Railroad near San Felipe, south of San Luis Potosi, and another band stopped all traffic over the Mexican Railroad by ripping out the rails and burning a bridge near Huamantla.

Believing that the rebels in Morelos would interfere with traffic over the Cuernavaca branch of the National Railroad, the management sent a train south today with guards.

Rebel activity was not regarded as meaning that the insurgents will refuse to abide by the terms of the peace treaty. Yesterday the armistice agreed upon terminated and there probably are scattered bands of rebels unformed that their country is officially at peace. However, Navarro is reported to have said he would not consent to peace at present.

Battle Now in Progress.

The motive for the cutting of the Mexican Railway may be that a troop train was being brought towards the capital. Unconfirmed reports are that the delayed soldiers have detained at Huamantla and engaged a body of rebels in battle.

In the last seven days the federal garrison has been greatly strengthened and the capture of the capital will now be difficult.

It is reported that Figueroa and his chief lieutenant, Anzures, are at outa and that Anzures has angered Zapata, the captor of Snuata, by branding him a bandit.

General Diaz Will Resign Today.

General Diaz will resign his resignation to the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow afternoon. He is expected to go to the Chamber personally, according to present arrangements. Accompanying him will be the famous Presidential guards, and his visit will be attended by all ceremonies ordinarily observed. Vice-President Corral's resignation is said to have been received.

Just prior to the resignation of the President it is expected that all members of the present Cabinet except the Minister of Foreign Relations De la Barra, will resign. Their letters of resignation will be delivered to De la Barra for transmission to the President.

Dals will leave Mexico, it is almost certain, within a few days after his resignation. With him will go his entire family, including his son, Porfirio Diaz, Jr. It has been thought that the journey to France would be made on an ordinary steamer, but today the French legation, acting upon the request of the French colony, asked its government to place a cruiser at the general's disposal.

Named as the representative of Shung Ai Shune, Chinese Charge d'Affaires, Woo Ling Pu, president of the Chinese Society in Torreon, has been asked by Horiguchi, Japanese Charge d'Affaires, to investigate the report that seven of his countrymen were killed.

From Tampico it was reported that Samuel Healy, an American, was killed at the Hacienda Los Planos, near Carvalle de Arrio. His body was mutilated. Americans there have reported the case to Washington.

Official announcement was made tonight that, with the exception of the Department of Justice, the new Cabinet had been agreed upon as follows:

Finance—Ernesto Madero.
Interior—Emilio Vasquez Gomez.
Instruction—Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez.
Fomento—Manuel Calero.
War—General Eugenio Rascon.

Foreign Relations (non-secretary)—Bartolomeu Carbajal y Rosas.
Rafael Hernandez Madero probably will be agreed upon as the Minister of Justice. He was suggested by Madero.

RESIGNATION EXPECTED TODAY

Diaz Will Send It to Congress—Corral Has Already Resigned.

JUAREZ, May 23.—Confidential advice to revolutionists here are that the resignation of President Diaz will be presented to the Mexican Congress tomorrow. Its acceptance is not expected before Saturday of this week, and Francisco L. Madero, Jr., the rebel leader, is (Continued on Page 2.)

