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MESSAGES THOUGHT JOKE

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NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—While the latest developments today in the investigation of Wall street's explosion pointed to an accident rather than a plot, news dispatches from other cities indicated that a mild epidemic of "bomb threats" had broken out throughout the country.

Cleveland, Boston, New Bedford, Trenton and New York were among cities which reported anonymous warnings of fire misfortune.

Although authorities professed to regard the messages as the work of some practical joker or crank, nevertheless in every instance extra precautions to prevent outrages were taken.

The fact that New York's customs house still stands unshaken after the explosion of a bomb which exploded yesterday, did not cause either federal or local officials to relax their vigilance.

Four Talk With Driver. While various investigating bodies were tracking clues all over New York and New Jersey, four men employed by a bookmaking concern working in the financial district, reported at the municipal building that ten minutes after the Wall street blast they had been talking with the driver of the death wagon which is believed either to have carried a bomb into Wall street or to have been hit by an automobile there while conveying explosives.

The workers said that the driver had rushed up to them and declared his wagon had been blown up while he was telephoning his employer for an address to which he had been ordered to take some building materials. Then he was said to have disappeared.

Contractors Cart Explosives. Assistant District Attorney Talley indicated tonight that the September grand jury investigating the disaster would be particularly interested in the story of these four men, as the jurors had been charged to look for criminal negligence as well as conspiracy. A hint of the former was given by the bookmaker who declares to reporters that some contractors frequently carted explosives in any sort of vehicle without bothering to obtain a permit.

The grand jury today ordered that subpoenas be issued for drivers and superintendents of explosives companies here, returnable tomorrow.

Cleveland Warned of Explosives. CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 22.—Postmaster Murphy today received an anonymous letter at noon that two wagon loads of high explosives were being brought into the city and that the federal reserve bank, the United National bank and the Citizens Savings & Trust company were to be blown up before midnight.

Federal authorities communicated with the police and detectives of Cleveland and pushed to each of the three institutions.

Brooklyn Bombing Warned. NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Warning that the Brooklyn postoffice should be "cleared at 12:15 A. M. Saturday" was received there today on a postcard. It was characterized as a joke by B. M. Gardner, collector of internal revenue, but he took measures to guard the structure.

Trenton Buildings Guarded. TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 22.—The municipal building was under guard today after a warning of a bomb to be exploded there. Officials are inclined to regard the letter as a joke.

VETERAN IS BRANDED (Continued From First Page.)

ered consciousness party in the automobile. He remembered that his captors ordered him to be quiet, and told him he would not go to work again.

He also had a dim recollection that he said: "That there will be hell in Chehalis." He was sure of the mention of the Washington city, but the inference is drawn that the man may have made reference to the I. W. W. outrage in Centralia last Armistice day.

Mr. Goetz did not remember how far he was taken, or where, but from the fragments of his story and his hazy general description the police felt sure that he was left in the old cemetery or near it. He was not in the street, he said, and at the same time wandered about until he found his room again without covering himself with mud.

Ten dollars and eight job tickets, which he had in his pockets at the time of the assault were missing when he recovered his senses. He thought the heavy rain, which was falling when he came to himself, brought back his consciousness, although he has no knowledge of the time.

It marks that he bears in his flesh are unmistakably the letters designating the "wobbly" organization. They are upside down on his abdomen, slightly above the waist.

Mr. Goetz has received instructions from his employers in Portland not to proceed with the work of installing the furnaces here until further developments are reached in the case. He expected to return to Portland.

He served with the 3d company of coast artillery of the San Diego coast defenses during the war and has lived in Portland about a year.

INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE Company Will Sift Outrage, Which Is First Trouble Experienced.

Officials of the Associated Engineering corporation said last night that they are upside down on the affair only indirectly through the father of George H. Goetz, who had received a telephone message from the injured man yesterday morning.

"The first we knew of the affair was when Goetz telephoned his father this morning," said William H. Lacey, vice-president of the corporation, last night. "Goetz has been in Astoria since September 15 and had not been in communication with the office except in a business way since that time."

"Goetz was approached while he was superintending the unloading of some supplies shipped to Astoria from Portland, and was asked if he had a card. Goetz told him that a good man didn't need a card," or words

to that effect, and the man walked away. "We are sending W. E. Crow, one of our men from the office who is in charge of that territory, up to Astoria tomorrow morning with orders to stay there until the affair is cleared up, and to assist in every way to locate the men who perpetrated the outrage. This is the first trouble of any kind that we have had in our outside work."

J. E. McCall, superintendent of the outside department of the corporation under whose direct supervision Goetz has been working, said that he had made a trip to Astoria in person last week, prior to sending Goetz into that territory.

"Things looked pretty bad when I was in Astoria," said Mr. McCall, "but I had no idea there would be any trouble of this kind. I could see that there was a rough element there, but the idea never occurred to me that there would be any actual demonstration made. We are sending Crow and Hamstreet from this department tomorrow morning to look into the affair and stay on the job until it is sifted out."

"Goetz' father telephoned me this morning, which was the first inkling that we had of the affair. He seemed pretty worried. His son telephoned him this morning that he was able to be up and around, so I imagine his injuries are fairly serious."

The father of the injured man would make no statement about the matter, but he is in the hospital, and is telling the gist of the telephone messages from his son. He refused to discuss the matter further, but is declaring that "there was nothing to say."

OFFICIALS GET WARNING

METHODIST BODY SAYS TIJUANA PERMITS MUST CEASE.

Churchmen Object to One Day Passes Being Issued to Enter Mexican Town.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church in a statement today criticized state department officials for issuing one-day permits for Americans in California to cross to Tijuana, Mexico, and declared that unless there was a change of policy before December, the matter "should engage the attention of congress."

Despite the contention of the department of state that one-day permits are being issued for Americans to cross to Tijuana, Mexico, where there is "reasonable and legitimate business of a character of an industrial, educational or scientific nature," the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church in a statement today criticized state department officials for issuing one-day permits for Americans in California to cross to Tijuana, Mexico, and declared that unless there was a change of policy before December, the matter "should engage the attention of congress."

There is no legitimate business at Tijuana, it is town made up of gamblers, bad women, thieves, booze sellers, cock fight and dog fight promoters, bull fighters and criminals of every description. It could not exist if the state department were to quit issuing special permits and require passports of those wishing to cross the line.

COX FIGHTING ALL ALONE

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to the change in the personnel of the party organization that attended Cox's nomination. When the forces that nominated Cox came east from the San Francisco convention, they were a little too much in the flush of victory. They wanted to make a clean sweep of headquarters and put their own men in charge. They got it partly done before Cox became aware of it and put a stop to it. Cox tried to save ex-Chairman Homer S. Cummings just as he was being deposed, but it was too late. Cox did save some of the minor officials, but a rift was created by the aggressiveness of the men who named Cox.

It was too late for the new crowd to build up an effective mechanism for collecting small contributions. The time was too short. Then, when they turned to greeting large contributions from a few rich democrats they found that many of these democrats, while willing to give within reason, were not disposed to go to the limits that they went for Wilson in 1916 and 1912. Wilson was their man. Cox is the other crowd's man.

Wilson's Friends Estranged. Undoubtedly, prejudice against Murphy, Nugent and some of the other anti-Wilson bosses who had nominated Cox, has chilled those democrats who are friends of Wilson and McAdoo.

McAdoo personally played the game as a loyal party man. He has given a thousand dollars in money. He has written to every delegate who voted for him at San Francisco asking each of them to do his best for Cox. He has presided at Cox meetings in New York. And he has offered to do three weeks of campaigning.

But the friends of Wilson and of McAdoo are not behind the present campaign in the same way they were behind the campaign of 1916. They can't be expected to be Wilson's friends provided the energy and enthusiasm for his campaign. Cox's friends must be expected to provide the energy and enthusiasm for this one.

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FUTILITY OF COAST TOUR CLEARLY SEEN

Democrats Realize Need of Change in Tactics.

DRIVE IN EAST PLANNED

President Expected Hereafter to Play Larger Part in Campaign. Cox in Difficult Role.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 22.—Governor Cox has definitely failed to accomplish the purpose of his western campaign tour, according to western information received here, necessitating a complete change in the campaign methods to be pursued. Democratic leaders have been conferring for several days and the decision has been reached to concentrate in the eastern states, in the hope of turning what now looks like certain defeat into possible victory.

In this change of programme much depends upon the president, and he is expected to have a much larger part in the rest of the campaign than he has hitherto played. The decision to call on the president has not been definitely reached, although the Wilson forces are filled with belief that the appeal must definitely come and they regard the situation with considerable pleasure.

The Governor Cox, on the contrary, especially the forces which nominated him at San Francisco as a frankly anti-administration candidate, are not so well pleased and it is this feature of the situation that is giving the Cox managers their greatest worry.

Difficult Role Assumed. Those who have criticized the course of Governor Cox from the outset say the present situation is the logical result of his call on the president at the outset of the campaign, when he pledged himself to support the Wilson course in the league of nations issue. Since then, the president's candidate has been sidestepping vigorously, endeavoring to give appearance of fulfilling that pledge and at the same time leaving the president's candidate to indicate as to hold the support of that large group of democrats which has not been won over to the Wilson doctrine.

In his effort to get away from this embarrassing situation Governor Cox made his attack upon the alleged campaign funds of the republicans, an attack which, it is declared, has utterly failed to change the issue or focus attention on something besides the league of nations issue.

Then came the effort to appeal to the progressive west as a progressive Governor. Cox has made that appeal and, according to reports, has found the west cold. The Ohio governor has elicited applause in some of his addresses and his desire to win the momentary appeal has apparently aided in his undoing. He has traveled through west territory and through dry, and has conveyed himself accordingly, winning applause here and there, but seemingly forgetting that his speeches are read by the entire country, and that his audience is national and not local.

Decision Now Imperative. These sharp turns, made for the purpose of appealing to the few gathered before him, have accentuated the suspicion that the governor has not found himself and that his sincerity is to be measured carefully. The failure of this tour throughout the west is not registered alone by reports from that section. The Maine results, the primary elections in New Hampshire and other states, have all carried the suggestion of a republican groundswell—all of it forcing the democratic candidate into a position where he will have to make a decision.

The president has asked for a "solemn referendum" on the league. His followers frankly admit he can hardly be satisfied with the qualified position taken by Governor Cox up to this time and the sponsor of the league is credited with having bided his time until the exigencies of the campaign forced a recognition of his value in the situation. He has deftly

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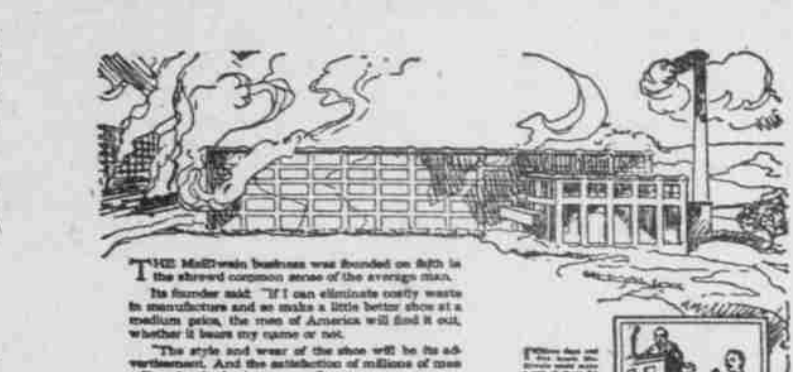
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