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## FLEE THE WRATH

### Beef Trust Officials Gone to Canada

### TO AVOID TESTIFYING

### Their Wives Summoned to Tell About Plans.

### SCHEME TO MOVE TO EUROPE

**Grand Jury Discovers Colony of Fifteen Heads of Different Packing-Houses Has Formed in Montreal.**

CHICAGO, April 15.—The Federal grand jury today made special efforts to secure evidence sufficient for more indictments. Two women heavily veiled were taken before the jury and examined at length. Every effort was made by the Government officials to keep their identity secret, but it is said that they are Mrs. Irving Vant, wife of the assistant secretary of Swift & Co., and Mrs. Richard W. Howes, wife of the head of the casing department of the same firm.

The husbands of both are in Montreal in company with several other employes of different houses in the combination. It is said the testimony of the ladies today had to do with a European trip that was being planned by them and an attorney of a packing firm for themselves and their husbands. One man was also examined at some length. His identity was not learned. The jury then adjourned until next Wednesday.

Fully 15 fresh subpenaes, presumably for witnesses, were made out this afternoon.

**Names of the Fugitives.**

Among the important Chicago department officials who have been located at the Windsor Hotel in Montreal are T. E. Jones, traffic manager for Armour & Co.; Richard H. Lane, manager of the provision department of Armour & Co.; A. B. Fay, traffic manager for Swift & Co.; F. A. Spink, traffic manager of the National Packing Company; T. Filbur, manager of the hog, tallow and casing department of Swift & Co., and C. Coffin, one of the general managers of the National Packing Company.

The motion to quash the indictment against Superintendent T. J. Connors, of Armour & Co., was continued today by Judge Landis until next Saturday.

Although indictments on the charge named have been returned against five persons, it is claimed that efforts are still being made to interfere with Government witnesses. It is reported that the first intimation of the alleged interference with another witness was gathered from the testimony of E. B. Fish, on whose testimony four employes of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger were indicted Thursday.

**Six Women Are Summoned.**

Subpenas have been issued for six women, wives of men employed by various packers. All of these men are now in Canada, and the subpenas for the women have been issued in connection with the disappearance of their husbands. They are: Mrs. Irving A. Vant, wife of the assistant secretary of Swift & Co.; Mrs. E. A. Allen, whose husband, now with the National Packing Company, was formerly secretary of the Hammond Packing Company; Mrs. James Brennan, whose husband is a department manager for Swift & Co.; Mrs. A. R. Fay, wife of the traffic manager for Swift & Co.; Mrs. Frank A. Spink, wife of the manager for the National Packing Company; Mrs. Fred Wilbur, wife of the manager of the hide, tallow and casing department of Swift & Co. It could not be learned tonight whether or not any of the subpenas had been served.

**Beef Price Goes Up Again.**

OMAHA, Neb., April 15.—On account of the sharp advance made by the packers to retailers on prices of beef, the retailers today made an advance of 25 per cent, raising the price to local consumers 2½ to 5 cents per pound. Retailers are now paying $15 to $30 more per carcass than they were paying two weeks ago. Porterhouse steak is now retailing at 25 cents per pound.

### DRIVEN OUT BY THE STANDARD

**Independent Dealer Called on to Give Evidence.**

OBERLIN, O., April 15.—S. G. Gibson, a retail oil dealer whose sales are made largely from wagons in the nearby country districts, and who alleges that the Standard Oil Company has waged a relentless war against him with a view of driving him out of business because he does not buy the product of the Standard Company, has received from the Department of Commerce a request for full information with regard to this transaction, stating the name of the representative of the Standard Oil Company, the substance of his statement, the prices charged by that company to retail dealers before and since, and the result of the reported competition.

### FORCED UP THE GAS BILLS

**Brooklyn Company Also Added $12,000,000 to Total Capitalization.**

NEW YORK, April 15.—(Special.)—Today's session of the legislative gas investigation committee, the most interesting and dramatic of any that has been held, brought forth the startling admission that the Brooklyn Gas Company, the controlling figure in the gas business in Brooklyn, increased the pressure on the mains at night, thereby causing more gas to be consumed.

This general practice, the excuse for it and the way to prevent big gas bills was reluctantly given to the committee by Assistant Treasurer Arthur P. Standiford, of the Brooklyn Company, who was before the committee for four hours. His showing that the book value of the Brooklyn Union plants, franchises and equipment was $38,000,000 caused Counsel Hughes to inquire into the separate items.

Repeated questioning disclosed figures that brought the total value, excluding special franchises, only up to $17,000,000. It was shown that when the Brooklyn Company opened up its books it added to the value of its constituent companies a total of $12,000,000.

### MILLIONS FOR FIFTY COLLEGES

**Carnegie Will Soon Distribute $12,500,000 in Seventeen States.**

BELOIT, Wis., April 15.—(Special.)—Andrew Carnegie has denied the request of Beloit College for $1,000,000, made along with four other Western institutions for like amounts, but it is announced that the college here is to share in a distribution of money that is to be made soon.

The first authentic statement of the plan of Mr. Carnegie for distributing $12,500,000 to all colleges through the West are being made on information from President Bradley, of Iowa College. President Bradley and President Knox, of Galesburg, were deputed to prepare for submission to Mr. Carnegie a plan by which he would distribute a number of millions among smaller colleges, and this announcement is the result.

The plan looks toward the distribution of $12,500,000 among 50 colleges in 17 states. They are all west of New York.

### CANNOT BUY CIGARETTES.

**Indiana Smokers See Big Stocks Destroyed on the Streets.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 15.—(Special.)—The acts of the General Assembly took effect late today, carrying with the Governor's proclamation the enforcement of the famous anti-cigarette law.

Local dealers anticipated the proclamation, and for several days have been shipping their stock to the trust, which agreed to take back all unsold. Cigarettes not made by the trusts have been sold by the wholesale price for several weeks, and tonight a cigarette could not be purchased.

At Princeton, Ind., one dealer burned $300 worth in the street, and at Vincennes the stocks were given away when it became known that the law would take effect today. At many places merchants dumped their stocks into the sewers, and there is every indication that the law will be observed.

### MINISTER STABS IN CHURCH

**Girl Slaps Him, and He Strikes Her Sweetheart Before Congregation.**

LEBANON, Ind., April 15.—(Special.)—Rev. John Dodge, pastor of the Holiness Church here, stabbed and wounded Oscar Johnston, a member of his congregation, while services were in progress.

The congregation was discussing whether a négro should be allowed to preach, and the argument waxed so warm that Miss Mamie Chambers became incensed at the minister and slapped him in the face.

The preacher's wife then attacked Miss Chambers, and Johnston, who is said to be Miss Chambers' sweetheart, came to her rescue. The preacher then drew his knife and made for Johnston, plunging the blade into his back. Johnston was carried to a physician's office, where his wounds were pronounced serious.

Dodge was arrested and gave bond.

### WHOLE FLEET COMING HOME

**Pacific Squadron to Be in Portland During June and July.**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—(Special.)—The flagship Chicago and the United States steamer Bennington have arrived at Santa Barbara, with Rear-Admiral Goodrich in command, and will remain in port until April 28. The Pacific squadron, consisting of eight ships, is expected to leave on April 28 for Monterey, where it will be anchored until May 5.

The squadron then leaves for San Francisco, where it will remain until June 5, when it sails for Portland, to be present during the early stages of the Fair.

### DEFAULTER COMES HOME.

**C. M. Chamberlain Wanders for Many Years in Cuba.**

LINCOLN, Neb., April 15.—C. M. Chamberlain, cashier of the Chamberlain Banking House at Tecumseh, Neb., who defaulted a few years ago, and after getting away with about $75,000 became a fugitive, surrendered here today. He has been a wanderer ever since the failure of the bank, and says he was weary trying to escape the law. Most of his time was spent in Cuba.

### THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

**Gen. John Palmer, Albany, N. Y.**

ALBANY, N. Y., April 15.—General John Palmer, formerly commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died here today, after a long illness. His death resulted from a wound of the spine which he received in the Civil War, and from which he had suffered ever since. He was commander-in-chief in 1892. He was elected Secretary of State of New York on the Republican ticket in 1895, and held that office for five years. He held many other posts of trust, and was one of Albany's most prominent citizens.

**General Halbert E. Payne.**

WASHINGTON, April 15.—General Halbert E. Payne, a Union veteran of the Civil War, and a lawyer of National reputation, died here today, aged 80 years. He was a law partner of Carl Schurz in New York for several years.

**Rev. Michael Burnham, D. D.**

DENVER, Colo., April 15.—Rev. Michael Burnham, D. D., formerly pastor of the Pilgrims' Church, of St. Louis, and for ten years a resident of that city, died today in this city of pneumonia, aged 63 years. He came to Denver a few months ago.

**John N. Wolliscroft.**

CINCINNATI, O., April 15.—(Special.)—John N. Wolliscroft, aged 58 years, a leading general dealer and distributer, died today in Covington, Ky. He was prominent in Kentucky poltics.

**King to Meet Emperor.**

ROME, April 15.—A telegram from Messina to Giornale di Stala says that King Edward and Queen Alexandra are expected to meet Emperor William at Messira about April 20.

## TOGO HOLDS OFF

### His Plan of Campaign Still a Mystery.

### MAY BOTTLE UP FLEET

### Let It Go to Vladivostok and Then Besiege It,

### OR WORRY WITH TORPEDOES

**Hopes of Naval Victory Give Russian War Party the Ascendency—Britain Is Accused of Aiding Japan.**

**ST. PETERSBURG, April 16.—(4 A. M.)—It is rumored the Baltic squadron met and engaged two British cruisers in the China Sea under the impression they were Japanese, and sank them.**

**PARIS, April 16.—The correspondent of the Petit Journal at Haifong, French Indo-China, cabling under date of April 15, says:**

**"I am informed that the Russian fleet, 40 vessels strong, running at 12 knots and without lights, was sighted in the 17th degree of latitude, steaming in a northerly direction."**

SPECIAL CABLE.

LONDON, April 16.—Up to an early hour this morning no news had been received from the opposing fleets in Far Eastern waters and the belief is growing that there will be no general engagement for some days, at least. This fact is urged by naval strategists who profess to have discussed the matter with Japanese naval experts and is said to be owing to the desire of Admiral Togo not to risk his fleet against the Russian battleships until absolutely compelled to do so.

It is stated that, if Rojestvensky shows a desire to sail direct to Vladivostok, he will be permitted to reach there without having to fight the main Japanese fleet. With the Russian Admiral in the harbor at Vladivostok, Togo would resume the tactics he so thoroughly carried out at Port Arthur and would try to pen him up in the harbor until the siege guns could be mounted on land and placed where they could be directed against the Russian fleet in the harbor.

By this method the Japanese could retain control of the sea and their lines of communication to Manchuria would be safe.

### MAY ATTACK WITH TORPEDOES

**Russians Expect Togo Will Resort to Night Attacks.**

ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.—(11:26 P. M.)—The week closes with the government's eyes and hopes centered on Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, and gradually something like genuine enthusiasm has been aroused by the Russian Admiral's hardihood in sailing straight for a combat with the Japanese.

There are many naval officers who do not believe that Vice-Admiral Togo will accept the challenge. In their opinion the Japanese will be too prudent in such a crisis to risk the destruction of their fleet. They believe that Togo's tactics will be to avoid an open-sea fight and that he will launch a series of desperate night torpedo attacks in the hope of throwing the Russian fleet into confusion, scattering the line of ships and giving his faster battleships and cruisers an opportunity to surround and destroy them individually, and, if some of Rojestvensky's ships escape to Vladivostok, to bottle them up there.

For the moment the conservative counsels of the peace party, which realizes that the military situation will be utterly hopeless if Rojestvensky's fleet is completely destroyed, and considers it best to open negotiations before the issue is put to a test, are rudely thrust aside. The Admiralty clamors for a chance to retrieve its reputation, and the war party generally seems to be convinced that the Emperor of Russia's position will not be worse if the battle is lost, while the destruction of Togo's fleet would spell ruin for Japan. The Emperor himself, it is understood, expresses great confidence in victory, and, should victory come, he will undoubtedly fix the imperial seal to the big naval programme prepared by the Admiralty.

### NEW DESTROYERS FOR JAPAN

**Ten Commissioned in Four Days to Worry Rojestvensky.**

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Information has reached Washington, through Europe, that the Japanese navy has within the last four days commissioned 10 new torpedo-boat destroyers built in Japanese shipyards. It is believed that within six weeks 25 additional destroyers, building under rush orders, will be put in commission.

Three hundred and eighty-one mines planted by the Japanese in front of Port Arthur have been taken up and placed elsewhere.

### NO NEWS TILL BATTLE COMES

**Sailing of Orel Cuts Communication With Fleet.**

ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.—(11:26 P. M.)—With the departure of the hospital-ship Orel from Saigon, the last cord connecting the Baltic squadron with St. Petersburg was severed, and the Admiralty expects no further direct news until a battle has been fought and determined.

"Henceforth," said a prominent naval officer, "the press probably will be our only source of information. Rojestvensky's next message may not be written until he meets the enemy.

"Under the circumstances, many rumors take shape in St. Petersburg, aside from those relating to encounters with the Japanese at various places and with varying results, but the most fanciful is that saying the Baltic squadron met and engaged two British cruisers under the impression that they were Japanese, and sank them.

### READY TO DIE FOR COUNTRY

**Officer of Russian Fleet Says It Will Fight to End.**

SPECIAL CABLE.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 16.—A letter has been received here from an officer of the Russian Baltic fleet, in which he reviews the chances of the fleet's defeating

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## ALL AGAINST ONE

### Yet They Reach No Common Ground.

### TALK FIGHTING WILLIAMS

### Failure to Combine for That Purpose.

### REPUBLICAN BRAVES DIFFER

**Each Club Delegate Has His Own Separate Plan of Salvation for Party, and Nothing Results From Meeting.**

Inspired by a common spirit of opposition to Williams for Mayor, and agreed that all his Republican rivals must withdraw save one, else go down to defeat, yet unable to stand together on common ground, envoys from four Republican clubs met last night in the New Deal quarters, at 109 Second street, stewed in a cauldron of debate an hour and a half and adjourned, after having accomplished nothing except to vent themselves of a vast amount of breath.

The conference was of nearly 30 braves from the clubs, assisted by several self-sent outsiders. They were to point out to all the Republican hosts of Portland a common road to party harmony. But the gentlemen could not point out such a common road, even to one another.

They debated and haggled, some proposing that the conference then and there indorse one of the anti-Williams candidates; others that it simply feel the common sentiment of the gathering; others that it call together the hosts into mass meeting, so that the rank and file of the party might select their own candidate for the nomination; others that they call together a mass meeting of the clubs or coalesce them for that purpose; and still others that they bring the rival anti-Williams candidates together and let them choose one of their own number for the running.

But the braves couldn't agree.

Amid the battle of notions not one valiant buckled on his armor for Williams.

**Rowe and Glafke Champions.**

Rowe and Glafke had champions; perhaps Albee, too, but scarce a voice was raised for him. Merrill, Fisher and Cooper were not of grace in the sight of the gentlemen.

The clubs represented were the New Deal, the Republican Club, the Young Men's Republican Club and the Glafke Republican Club.

When one stalwart proposed this, another proposed that. Just as often as somebody suggested that the conference decide by straw vote or otherwise whom to boost for the nomination, a Glafke man bucked unless his candidate should be the one boosted. When a Rowe man proposed that the candidates themselves pick out the one to be boosted, a Glafke man declared that the candidates could no more readily agree than the elements then at wrangle. When a New Dealer suggested that the other three clubs than his own go out of business and be absorbed into the New Deal, the others refused to be swallowed. And so the debate kept up.

**Synopsis of the Wrangle.**

Here's a synopsis:

W. B. Chase (New Dealer)—Let's decide by vote whether we're going to indorse anybody.

R. G. Morrow (Glafke boomer)—Where's our authority?

John M. Mann (New Dealer)—We're not here to indorse any candidate.

W. R. McGary (New Dealer)—The direct primary law gives the people the right to name their own candidates.

F. E. Beach (Republican Club)—This rivalry between the candidates will give us a weak nominee and a Democrat will be elected.

G. C. Moser (New Dealer)—Let's have a mass meeting of Republicans.

B. F. Jones (Young Men's Club)—Let's form one big club.

Dr. Norris R. Cox (New Dealer)—Yes; let's unite the clubs.

E. C. Robbins (New Dealer and Glafke boomer)—A mass meeting of 500 or 1000 persons has no right to tell others of the party how they shall vote.

Thomas Hislop (Rowe boomer)—Let's vote now and indorse somebody.

W. B. Chase (New Dealer)—I'm willing.

D. J. Quimby (Republican Club)—So am I.

W. R. McGary (New Dealer)—Come; join the New Deal. I move all the clubs join the new deal. (Motion killed with a whoop.)

C. E. Warrens (Glafke boomer)—We're in no position to join. We're for Glafke.

Thomas Hislop—Why let the Glafke Club tie up the other clubs?

C. E. Lockwood (Republican Club)—The plan to unite the clubs with the New Deal isn't germane to the present purpose.

F. E. Beach—Give us a new club.

D. J. Quimby—Keep out of the New Deal.

H. L. Nevelle (Republican Club)—Why so much talk? Let's get down to business.

George W. Stapleton (Rowe's manager)—Bring the candidates together. Let them pick the man to run. Otherwise, defeat.

D. J. Quimby—I move a committee confer with the candidates, so as to induce all but one to withdraw. (Motion forgotten.)

R. G. Morrow—Only way is to eliminate candidates at primaries.

C. M. Idleman (Young Men's Club)—Can't pull candidate away except by a big organization of entire city. Anybody has right to be candidate.

G. C. Moser—Call mass meeting of the whole city; can't influence the thousands of voters any other way.

W. B. Chase—Merge all the clubs in the New Deal.

Hugh McGuire (Glafke boomer)—Let's compromise on Glafke.

Thomas Hislop—Let's take a vote right here.

C. E. Lockwood—Minneapolis got a grafting Mayor out of a fight between candidates like this at Portland.

B. F. Jones—Call a mass meeting of all the clubs.

G. C. Moser—Call a mass meeting of all Republicans.

Lou Wagner (New Dealer)—Give the primaries a chance. What are they for?

R. G. Morrow—A mass meeting would only be packed with howlers of each candidate.

Thomas Hislop—There's no more representative body than this. Let's vote.

Edward Newbegin (Glafke worker)—We're against machines and for Glafke.

G. C. Moser—We're opposed to any indorsement.

Adjourned.

**Envoys of the Clubs.**

The envoys who lent their brains to the occaston were:

New Deal—Lou Wagner, W. R. McGary, F. C. Middleton, G. C. Moser, John M. Mann, C. H. Thompson, W. B. Chase, E. C. Robbins, J. T. Gregg.

Republican Club—Dr. Norris R. Cox, George W. Hoyt, D. J. Quimby, F. E. Beach, W. P. Keady, Thomas Hislop, H. L. Nevelle.

Young Men's Republican Club—Dr. R. B. Preston, A. W. Allen, C. E. Lockwood, C. M. Idleman, B. F. Jones, H. C. Smith.

Glafke Club—R. G. Morrow, Hugh McGuire, C. E. Warrens, George W. Hoyt, Edward Newbegin.

The conference had been planned for some time, and was intended to lead the clubs into a brotherhood wherein they could dwell in unity. The clubs have betrayed in time past a tendency to carp at one another, as if forgetful of the ties that should bind. And the spirit of discord broke out even last night when they were before the Republican shrine.

A New Deal brother, W. R. McGary by name, had proposed that the other clubs come over to the New Deal faith and coalesce under its banner and dwell in its house. To this such stalwarts as Thomas Hislop and C. E. Warrens and C. E. Lockwood made strenuous objection, when F. E. Beach raised a loud laugh by asking: "Is the New Deal an organization of old dealers?"

Whereupon the New Dealers took pains to explain that their organization was a coalescence of all factions, of whatever breed.

**Lost in the Fog.**

At this point the brethren seemed lost in fog without compass. Then George W. Stapleton threw the light of his intelligence on the scene and chased away the clouds by declaring:

"No matter how we differ as to candidates, we are united in this—we want the present condition of things in the city government changed. Isn't that so?"

Cries of "Sure!" "You're right!" followed.

"You have Glafke men and Rowe men and Albee men and Fisher men," went on Stapleton. "Your common object is to change the Williams administration. You are not going to do it with all those candidates. But you can do it with one. You've got to call them together and let them decide among themselves who shall be that one. You've got to unite the opposition to Williams or go down to defeat. Indorsement of any candidate wouldn't amount to that," snapping his finger.

**Eliminate by Primaries.**

At this a motion of McGary's that the other clubs coalesce with the New Deal at a big meeting next Tuesday night was lost, thus putting an end to a long debate. At once, D. J. Quimby moved for a committee to confer with the opposition candidates and to pull away all but one, but the motion was drowned in a babel of voices. A loud voice moved to adjourn, but it, too, was drowned out, and R. G. Morrow took the floor.

Mr. Morrow drove into the brethren that the only way to eliminate any candidate was by the primaries. That was what the law was for, he opined, and all the talk of uniting on any one candidate before that time was waste of breath.

C. M. Idleman advised that one big organization of the entire city be created. If that were done, he said, the candidates could be pulled away by its influence; otherwise, not.

Moser came back with his proposal for a mass meeting of citizens, but it fell on deaf ears, and Hislop moved that the conference proceed to vote for a candidate. This motion, at the instance of F. C. Middleton, was laid on the table.

Edward Newbegin suggested that one way to avoid a machine was for the several clubs to come over to the Glafke Club. But hardly had this sentiment been uttered than the conference suddenly adjourned.

### ESCORT DE ASPIROZ' BODY.

**Casket of Mexican Ambassador Is Given All Military Honors.**

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 15.—(Special.)—Theh remains of Don Manuel de Aspiroz, the late Ambassador to the United States from Mexico, were brought to Annapolis from Washington today on a special train, and placed aboard the United States cruiser Columbia, which sailed at 6 P. M. for Vera Cruz.

They were accompanied by Mr. Loomis, acting Secretary of State, with Mr. Gamboa and Commander Winslow, U. S. N., and members of the diplomatic corps. A marine escort also accompanied the body. Full military honors were accorded the dead Ambassador, the official escort consisting of a battalion of marines, one of seamen and the officers stationed at the Naval Academy. A salute of 19 guns was fired. The casket was draped in the Mexican and United States flags.

### WANTS OLD LOVE LETTERS

**Capitalist Says That Plaintiff Several Times Massaged Him.**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—(Special.)—W. F. Whittier, the capitalist who has been sued for $50,000 for breach of promise by Miss Nellie T. Henry, wants to see the old love letters which she says he wrote to her, and Judge Kerrigan ruled yesterday that she would have to produce them. When her deposition was being taken lately she declined to show the carefully preserved epistles by the advice of her attorney.

"Has Mr. Whittier written you any letters?" asked Attorney Van Ness.

"He has written to me from every place that he has been to, from Boston, Italy, Paris and other places. I got lots of letters from New York," she said.

Whittier met the woman when he was undergoing treatment, and she acted as his masseur.

### GIVE UP SMITH LETTERS.

**Court Orders Jerome to Surrender Evidence in Nan Patterson Case.**

NEW YORK, April 15.—(Special.)—Lawyer Timburger, late this afternoon secured a peremptory order from the Supreme Court, through Justice Gaynor obliging District Attorney Jerome to surrender the letters and other property taken from Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan Smith in Cincinnati after their arrest. Timburger declares the action is criminal, and he believes he can punish him for larceny.

**Ambassador Meyer Well Received.**

ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.—American Ambassador Meyer has been cordially received here and is making a splendid impression in diplomatic and government circles. A brilliant career, both diplomatically and socially, is predicted for him.

## KNAPP WAS KING

### Ostracized Wife of a Mechanic.

### NO PEACE ON THE SOLACE

### Officers Rebelled at Commander's Unheard-of Action,

### AND WERE EXILED IN ROOMS

**Now They Are Determined That He Shall Not Captain Next Voyage, and Mrs. Costello Has Reported Her Wrongs.**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Naval circles are daily expecting open hostilities aboard the transport Solace, now getting ready at Mare Island for a voyage to the Philippines. Trouble is brewing among the officers of the vessel as a result of Lieutenant-Commander John J. Knapp's action in ostracizing Mrs. Costello during the last voyage from Manila, because of social discrimination.

An effort is being made through influential persons at Washington to have the Lieutenant-Commander, who is the executive officer, detached from the transport before she departs for Manila. Lieutenant-Commander Knapp ostracized Mrs. Costello, a passenger, for no other reason than that she is the wife of a master mechanic in the employ of the Government at Cavite.

A number of the officers of the transport personally went to Knapp during the voyage and protested against the discriminating order issued in Mrs. Costello's case, and this is said to have been the cause of the ill-feeling which has since developed among the officers, a number of whom have taken sides with Knapp.

The feeling against the executive officer has spread into the forecastle, and reports say the men are becoming very sullen when orders are issued by the Lieutenant-Commander, who is now in command of the vessel during a leave of absence being enjoyed by Commander Bull.

**Her Room Was Unsafe.**

Several days ago Dr. Cordero, surgeon of the transport, who is said to have been one of the officers who protested against Knapp's treatment of Mrs. Costello, on the ground that isolation was not only humiliating to the woman, but dangerous, in view of the fact that the location assigned to her aboard the vessel might at any time be washed by seas, was, by the authority of Knapp, sent to his cabin for ten days.

This was followed by an order prohibiting junior officers from enjoying wine with their mess. Other annoying instructions were issued to officers that are seldom heard of aboard well-disciplined vessels like the Solace.

**Complaint to Navy Department.**

Mrs. Costello has already presented the facts in her case to Washington authorities, but, fearing they might not be acted upon before the Solace leaves for Manila, a number of the officers of the transport are endeavoring to impress on the officials of the Navy Department the fact that Knapp's personality has reached a degree where it may provoke a scandal should he remain in his present position on the coming voyage.

### CARUSO IS TO COME AGAIN

**Most Brilliant of Bay City's Opera Season Is Closed.**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—(Special.)—Tonight "La Gioconda" closes the most brilliant opera season San Francisco has ever seen. The season has been Caruso's. There will be an revoirs tonight, not farewells, for Conried will send Caruso West again. Last night Caruso sang Canio to the largest audience that has ever gathered in the Grand Opera House. There was a big audience tonight.

Henry James was there. With some friends the famous author sat in the center of the orchestra. The season has been a profitable one. The total receipts for the season of 12 performances was close to $90,000. The "Parsifal" matinee brought in $16,000.

### SENATOR PLATT RECOVERING

**Physician Says His Mind Is Clear, and He Rests Easily.**

WASHINGTON, April 15.—(Special.)—The condition of United States Senator Platt is more encouraging than it was since his illness became serious. He is resting comfortably, and his mind is clear. William J. Ford, his physician, said tonight:

"Senator Platt has passed a very satisfactory day, I think. The fluid in the chest is being all absorbed. His mind is clear and unless some unexpected complications occur, I see no reason why he will not eventually get well."

**Keep Out American Surplus.**

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Canadian government is proceeding actively to prevent the practice of "dumping" surplus American manufactures into Canada. Commercial Agent Johnson, at Stanbridge, has reported to the State Department that the Canadian Department of Customs has issued a new set of instructions which provide for the imposition of a special duty on such goods entering Canada.

**Fire Soon Burned Wire.**

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 15.—A fire which broke out about 1 o'clock this (Sunday) morning is said to threaten the business portion of Chesaw, S. C. The telephone connection was lost before any particulars could be learned.