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A trip through the town fails to show a locality that has not suffered from the storm.

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picked out of the streets and carried beyond the city limits.

The storm was terrifying—a grand spectacle. It seemed to be rent by lightning, the electrical flashes cutting through until the city seemed to be spun with lines of light.

Stores and Hotels Wrecked.

The business firms in the center of the city have suffered great losses.

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PROHIB NAME THEIR TICKET

B. Lee Paget Is Nominated for Mayor, but May Later Be Forced to Resign.

HOT DEBATE AS TO POLICY

Friends of H. R. Albee Urge That Head of the Ticket Be Left Off, but They Are Defeated.

THE PROHIBITION TICKET.

B. Lee Paget, Mayor. E. P. Northrup, Auditor. F. McKeercher, Treasurer. E. O. Miller, Municipal Judge.

To have a head or not to have a head, that was the question over which the Prohibition party, that assembled in convention yesterday afternoon, wrestled for three hours.

This sounded like blue label goods, and it carried. O. E. Miller was appointed a committee of one on credentials, and this consisted of passing cards among those present that there were no devils in the Prohibition party.

Among those who took part in the debate was an ancient German waiter Oregonward from somewhere in the Dakotas.

His German tongue tripped over his English, but he made himself clear on one point. He wanted a firm foundation, and he didn't care whether that foundation was made up of ministers, Prohibitionists, Democrats or Republicans—he wanted a firm foundation.

There was still another delegate present, age not given, who had voted for years for the Democratic and Republican parties, only to discover about nine years ago that he had been voting for the Devil.

This declaration was greeted with tremendous applause, for the speaker's statement was taken as a clean bill of lading that there were no devils in the Prohibition party.

When this was accomplished the convention adjourned for dinner and to give the committees a chance to frame their resolutions and to name their candidates.

It will be noticed that there are several vacancies, that of City Attorney, two in the Councilmen-at-Large and several among the Councilmen.

These vacancies will be filled by the city and county committee, upon whom was thrust this duty. They are E. P. Northrup, F. McKeercher, Dr. E. L. Lane, A. D. Davis and C. A. Lewis. Mr. Paget was also a member of this committee, but will resign.

Resolutions Were Adopted.

When the evening session reconvened the committee on resolutions offered the following set of resolutions and the declaration of the Prohibition party principles:

Resolved, It has been, and is, our earnest desire to unite with any other reform forces which stand for political righteousness and for the election as municipal officers of men who are not indebted to and will not be controlled by the vicious element of our city.

To this end we have sought and joined in conferences with the hope that they might lead up to the unification of such forces, but without result. Up to the present time there are in the field none but candidates who seek nomination at the hands of the license parties.

A man of high character, as the candidate of a saloon-controlled party, does not mark the moral level of that party, neither will he control its policy. Furthermore, so far as we are advised, these candidates would regard their interests in their respective primaries as adversely affected by our open endorsement.

Being, therefore, fully persuaded that no candidates will, or can be, nominated who can be so fully trusted to combat the evil which we have in mind, we hereby declare that we will not be controlled by the candidates of a party which stands unequivocally for the destruction of that consummation of the political villainy, the organized liquor traffic, and believing that to such candidates all voters earnestly seeking reform will rally unless restrained by partisan prejudice; therefore be it

Resolved, In order that there shall be before the people candidates whose attitude toward moral questions admits of no doubt, and in order to preserve our organization and our prerogatives as a party in the coming election, we put in

Albee Had Friends.

There were those present who stood for the naming of a complete ticket, but with the understanding that in case of a

contingency arising—that contingency being the defeat of Mr. Albee in the primaries and his subsequent appearance as an independent candidate—the candidate named by the convention should be willing to resign his place at the head of the ticket, in case the Prohibitionists deemed it to be the best interests of the party. This won for Mr. Paget in accepting the nomination made himself clear on this mooted point.

He asserted that he was honored by the convention and that he would be the candidate of the party to the end, unless a contingency arose that he could best serve the interests of the party by resigning. He asserted, however, that he would not do this, unless the candidate in whose favor he resigned, should be known as the Prohibition party candidate.

Rather than have the party lose its identity in the campaign, Mr. Paget declared that he would remain on the ticket and go down in defeat or win, as the result of the June election showed. This provision of side-stepping is made in the resolutions that were adopted at the evening session.

Stone for No Mayorality Nominee.

The entire afternoon was taken up in skirmishing by Mr. Stone and those who did not want a Mayor nominated, and the naming of a committee on resolutions and platform, a committee on nominations and a finance committee.

Professor R. H. Steele was elected permanent chairman, and E. P. Northrup secretary. Some one suggested that the convention go into the "committee of the whole convention."

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PLATT SCANDAL LOOMS UP AGAIN

Mae Wood Sues Wynne and Loeb.

HER LOVE LETTERS GONE

She Intended to Publish Aged Senator's Effusions.

PREVENTED BY THREATS

Woman Who Accused New York Boss of Jilting Her Tells Remarkable Story of Detective's Plot to Protect Him.

OMAHA, Neb., April 29.—Miss Mae Wood late today filed in the District Court a damage suit against William Loeb, secretary to President Roosevelt; ex-Postmaster-General Robert J. Wynne, and J. Martin Miller, whom she charges with having destroyed a number of letters received by her from Senator Platt, of New York.

Miss Wood recites at length the conditions that led to the securing of the letters by the defendants, and asks the court to award her damages.

Miss A. C. Wood, who is an attorney, formerly practiced in Omaha, later was connected with the Postoffice Department in Washington, and since has returned to this city. She asks \$25,000 damages.

Miss Wood charges that the defendants by force and threats secured from her love letters which, she alleges, were written to her by Senator Platt, of New York. These letters, she says in her charges, formed the basis for a book, the manuscript of which she had completed and for the publication of which she had contracted with a publisher.

Says Wynne Threatened Her.

Miss Wood alleges that Mr. Wynne had her in a house in Washington, where he detained her for two days, and by threats and force took from her the alleged love letters. She says Mr. Wynne was accompanied by two gentlemen, one of whom gave his name as Hummel.

The charges as filed name, first, Robert J. Wynne, Consul-General to London; William Loeb, secretary to President Roosevelt; and J. Martin Miller, Consul to Aix La Chapelle, Germany, alleging that the defendants had conspired to obtain possession, and did obtain possession, of a book which she was compiling under the title of "The Lovelosters of a Boss," which letters, Miss Wood avers, were written to her by United States Senator Thomas C. Platt. The petition in part follows:

Love Letters of a Boss.

Second, that beginning about May 1, 1903, plaintiff had prepared as a literary production and for publication a manuscript entitled "The Love Letters of a Boss," which manuscript was largely made of actual letters received by this plaintiff from a very prominent man in the United States Senate (Thomas C. Platt), 71 years of age, and who pretended to be desperately in love with the plaintiff.

Third, that plaintiff had been engaged to marry said prominent elderly man, and had received attentions from him which could only be excused on the ground of such engagement; that because of the conduct of said sutor the engagement was about to be canceled on April 15, 1903; that for the purpose of trying to make an independent being in a literary field, and as compensation for the peculiar humiliations and persecutions she had been subjected to, she determined to utilize such unfortunate and disagreeable experiences and publish the said book, containing verbatim paragraphs after paragraphs of the silly love epistles contained in said letters, which were mixed with political animosities and news. Said manuscript also being prepared with an actual account of the replies thereto as

near as it was possible for this plaintiff to remember.

Fourth, that said defendants, obtaining knowledge of the plaintiff's intention to get out such a book, conspired with each other and the author of said original letters to get possession of the manuscript and the said original letters by any means possible, and by illegal means, if necessary, for the purpose of holding the same over the author, and possibly to hold for ransom in addition and thus force said author to do or not to do certain things.

Fifth, that one Martin Miller, who was in reality a detective, was engaged by the defendants herein named to represent himself to plaintiff as an author and publisher and solicit the manuscript for said book, together with a contract to publish the same under his own name through publishers or friends in Philadelphia. That this plaintiff finally consented to enter into a publication contract with said Miller for the publication of the said book, "The Love Letters of a Boss," and surrendered the manuscript for said purpose of publication as

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STRIKE LEADERS ARE INDICTED

Chicago Grand Jury Charges Conspiracy.

BIG STRIKE STILL SPREADS

Number of Men Made Idle Doubled in One Day.

APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT

Citizens' Committee Asks Truce With View to Conciliation—Riot Reigns Throughout City. One Man Is Killed.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Twelve of the labor leaders prominently identified with the teamsters' strike now in progress in this city were indicted to-night by the grand jury.

Each indictment contains six counts and charges the men with conspiracy. Bills were returned against the following:

Cornelius P. Shea, president of the International Teamsters' Union; Hugh McGee, president of the Truckdrivers' Union; J. McCarthy, business agent of the Truckdrivers' Union; M. P. Kelly, president of the Market Drivers' Union; Charles Wilbandt, secretary of the Teamsters' Joint Council; George F. Golden, president of the Packinghouse Teamsters' Union; James B. Barry, president of the Railway Express Drivers' Union; John Smyth, president of the Coal Drivers' Union; Harry Lapp, business agent of the Coal Drivers' Union; Charles Doid, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor; Stephen C. Sumner, president of the Milkdrivers' Union; J. W. Young, business agent of the Baggage and Parcel Drivers' Union.

Much secrecy marked the return of the indictments, and even after they had been returned to the court an effort was made to keep the names from being learned.

The indictments were based solely on the evidence given during the last week by witnesses who testified specifically as to the troubles of the labor unions and Montgomery Ward & Co. The most important and detailed evidence came from Frederick Job, secretary of the Employers' Association, and from Robert J. Thorne, manager for Montgomery Ward & Co., and a stockholder in the coal firm of Daniels & Co.

Charged With Conspiracy.

One count in the indictment charges the defendants with conspiring to prevent all persons not members of the Teamsters' Union from securing employment as drivers. This is described in the count as being contrary to "public morals."

Another count charges conspiracy to prevent any union teamster from picking up or delivering any goods to or from Ward & Co. A third count charges conspiracy to do an illegal act in that the teamsters were warned not to do any work for Ward & Co. The fourth charges that the conspirators compelled the proprietor of the Windsor-Clifton Hotel to put out certain guests of the hotel because they were employees of Montgomery Ward & Co. The other indictments differ only in minor points.

Strike Spreads to More Trades.

The strike continued to spread today, and a large number of teamsters employed by lumbermen, grocers and various coal companies went out.

The most serious phase of the trouble today was the aggressiveness of the packers, ice-dealers and commission men, who have decided that they will stand with the members of the Employers' Association and demand that their teamsters make deliveries to boycotted firms, and that, if any teamster declines to make them, he is to be instantly discharged.

This means a lockout for the men have already declared that they will not make such deliveries. More than 2500 men will be involved when this action is taken. The wholesale grocers also decided this afternoon that they would demand of their men that goods be delivered to boycotted firms, and a prompt dismissal of every teamster refusing to comply will be ordered. This will add 800 more to the number of men now on strike.

The unions retaliated by ordering that no hay or grain be delivered to members of the above associations.

The men employed by the Hartwall Coal Company went out this afternoon. This concern delivers all of the coal to the Union Traction Company and to the People's Gas Light and Coke Company, which supplies the city with gas.

The express companies made some deliveries today, but their business, comparatively speaking, was at a standstill. Large quantities of perishable articles are now stacked in the houses of the express companies, and most of them are expected to spoil.

So far the strike has not in any appreciable manner interfered with the food supply of the city.

May Appeal to Roosevelt.

There is a strong sentiment among the labor men to have President Roosevelt interfere in the strike when he arrives in the city on his return from his present vacation. He is scheduled

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