



BOWEN IS OUT

Scathingly Arraigned for Attack on Loomis.

ROOSEVELT IS WROTH

Conduct "Especially Reprehensible" Says President in a Letter to Taft.

SCANDAL HIS MONOMANIA

Nation's Executive Considers Resignation Admission of Misconduct so, in Lieu, Orders Dismissal. Bowen's Conduct Unpardonable.

Washington, June 20.—The dismissal of Herbert W. Bowen, for some years United States minister to Venezuela and the exonerated of Assistant Secretary of State Francis B. Loomis, of allegations brought against him by Bowen, are the outcome of the Loomis-Bowen controversy, which has attracted wide attention for many months past. This disposition of the case is made by President Roosevelt in a letter addressed to Secretary of War Taft which was made public tonight approving Taft's report on his findings and the conclusions in the case.

President Roosevelt scathingly arraigns Minister Bowen, declaring his conduct "especially reprehensible," and that Bowen asked one of his witnesses to enter the employ of a certain company for the purpose of "in plain words, stealing" documents which he hoped might incriminate Loomis, and Bowen adds the president, "evidently, for many months; indeed, for the last two years, devoted himself to hunting up scandal and gossip until it became a mania and caused him 'to show complete disloyalty' to the country he represented. The president says he had hoped to promote Minister Bowen as during much of his service he has done good work, but his usefulness in the diplomatic service is now at an end.

The president adds that he would have directed Bowen's resignation to be requested, but for his statement, he considered the resignation an admission of misconduct, so the dismissal was therefore ordered.

President Roosevelt states, it appears that Bowen, while minister, secured the publication of attacks on Loomis and furnished the press with documents pending before the state department for approval, and that his explanation is inexcusable and shows his "entire unfitness" for the service.

Even if Loomis had been guilty, says President Roosevelt, Bowen's own conduct would be unpardonable. The report quoted certain correspondence and testimony. The report of Secretary Taft on the case, on which the president's action is based, is a voluminous document, reviewing the charges and evidence taken.

In his report Secretary of War Taft says that nothing is dishonorable in the transactions in which Loomis figured, but that he was indiscreet. The report says that Loomis was not justified in becoming personally interested in any schemes, either mere nominal interests or a substantial interest.

and to continue to make personal investments.

PROPOSES NEW SCHEME FOR THE COAST LEAGUE

President Williams Wires Suggestion of Circuit Court from Walla Walla

Spokane, June 20.—President Williams at midnight telegraphed from Walla Walla, that a proposition has been made for a baseball circuit composed of Boise, Spokane, Walla Walla, Pendleton and Baker City; La Grande, Walla Walla, and Pendleton to take one club between them, and Baker City and La Grande the other. Williams is hopeful of the outcome.

MILITANT FACTIONS ARE AGAINST PEACE

St. Petersburg, June 20.—Diplomatic measures for the peace conference are continuing in the face of a steady pressure brought to bear by the militant factions. Linevitch has again wired the emperor saying that victory is almost at hand and begging that he may not be deprived of an opportunity to restore prestige to the Russian arms. Linevitch's telegram seems to confirm the report that negotiations for an armistice are not proceeding between the Russian and Japanese commanders.

HYDE STEPS DOWN

With Pres. Alexander of the Equitable, He Resigns.

MORTON WILL SAY NOTHING

Announced He Has Accepted Resignations With Those of Other Vice-Presidents and Winthrop and That He Will Hold Them in Abyeance.

New York, June 20.—Following quickly upon the institution of a new and independent investigation of the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society by direction of Paul Morton, chairman of the board of directors, came the announcement tonight by Mr. Morton, that he has accepted the resignation of Jas. W. Alexander, as president, and that of James H. Hyde, as vice-president.

These resignations, with those of the other vice-presidents and assistant Secretary Winthrop, were placed in the hands of Morton at a meeting of the board of directors, at which he was elected chairman of the board with plenary powers over all of the society's affairs. In receiving these resignations the new chairman announced that he would hold them in abeyance until he has time to acquaint himself further with the affairs of the society.

When Morton was asked tonight as to whether he would give any reasons for the acceptance of the resignations he said: "I have nothing to say."

COLLEGE STUDENTS TO WORK IN WHEAT FIELDS

Two Parties Sent to Kansas By Free Employment Bureau.

New York, June 20.—Two parties of college students, one from the Troy-Polytechnic, and the other from Matons, N. Y., will start for the wheat fields of Kansas in a few days, the first division of laborers sent out by the free employment bureau of this state.

Appeals have come from the Kansas employment bureaus for 40,000 men. About 50 men compose the first party to go from this city. It includes besides the college men, teachers, clerks, and others of sedentary habits who believe their health will be benefited by the life in the wheat fields.

FIGHT THE LAW

Writ of Mandamus Served on Linville.

LICENSES ARE ISSUED

Again Arrests John Stephenson on Charge of Maintaining Public Nuisance.

CASE WILL BE TRIED TODAY

Sheriff Plans Campaign Against Tenderloin Dance Halls. District Attorney Will File Information Today and Prosecute Cases Vigorously.

A writ of mandamus was served last night on Sheriff Linville by Coroner W. C. A. Pohl, at the instigation of the dive keepers in the tenderloin, who are determined to defeat the sheriff in his attempt to rid the Astor street brothels of women. Linville was forced to issue licenses to John Stephenson and Charles Wise permitting them to maintain hurdy-gurdy houses. The proprietors of the other places did not apply, but are expected to today.

Immediately following Linville re-arrested the men on the charge of maintaining public nuisances. Wise and Stephenson were released on bail. Informations will be filed against them today by District Attorney Harrison Allen.

Stephenson's arrest Monday night is accepted as a declaration of war. The dive keepers are apparently determined to give battle and to succeed in their fight by means, fair or foul.

John H. and A. M. Smith, F. J. Taylor and George Noland, attorneys for the dance hall proprietors, went before Judge McBride yesterday and demanded that the clerk be directed to issue blank licenses to Sheriff Linville, averring that the latter, in compliance with the law, must dispose of these papers, permitting of the maintenance of hurdy-gurdy houses, at the rate of \$100 the month. Blank licenses were issued by the clerk but the sheriff refused to accept money or issue a license, basing his action on a recent decision of the supreme court which held that no license shall be issued for a public nuisance. The attorneys for the dive men contend, however, that the law provides a license for maintaining saloons and that saloons are nuisances per se. They also contend that while a dance hall may be a nuisance, yet the statute expressly provides for the licensing of nuisances and it is a valid statute until repealed. They admit that they are maintaining hurdy-gurdy houses, but argue that under the provisions of the law, they are entitled to a license.

As to whom is in the right, Sheriff Linville or the dive keepers, nothing other than mere conjecture has been arrived at. City Ordinance No. 2066, Sec. 1, which dictates that no woman shall be allowed to remain in, loiter about or solicit drinks in any bar-room, drinking shop, club, or gambling room of an saloon in the city, takes precedence over the statute law providing for the issuance of hurdy-gurdy house licenses.

This ordinance has been violated every day since its enactment, March 8, 1896, but as to whether the sheriff has any authority to enforce a city ordinance is a question that has not been settled.

The dive keepers persist in the contention that they are entitled to licenses under the provisions of Sections 3869-70-71 and 72 of the Statutes of Oregon and are determined to carry the fight to the end. The statutes mentioned are as follows:

Sec. 3869. From, and after the first Monday in December, 1884, no person or persons shall be allowed to keep any house for public dancing, commonly called

hurdy-gurdy houses, unless licensed to do so as provided by this chapter.

Sec. 3870. Every such person or persons so engaged in keeping such hurdy-gurdy houses shall pay for such privilege one hundred dollars per month and no license shall be granted for a less term than one month.

Sec. 3871. It shall be the duty of the county clerk of each county where there may be such dance houses, at any session of the county court, to issue to the sheriff of his county any number of blank licenses sufficient for the purpose contemplated by this title.

Sec. 3872. All taxes collected under this chapter shall be collectable by the sheriff of the county, wherein such dance houses may be, and paid into the county treasury of the same, as Chinese taxes are collected, every month forthwith after the issuing of the license as provided in the last section.

There seems to be little doubt as to the legality of the dive keepers' position. Judge McBride will probably settle the matter within the next few days and it is possible that should a decision upholding the state law be rendered, an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court, in which event, the dance halls will continue to run until a final determination of the case.

GRAND ARMY OPENS TWO ANNUAL ENCAMPMENTS

Convenes at Vancouver, Wash., and at Oregon City.

Vancouver, Wash., June 20.—The twenty-third annual encampment of the department of Washington and Alaska Grand Army of the Republic, opened veterans and their wives and members opened here today. One thousand of the Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R., were in attendance.

Oregon City, June 20.—The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R., convened here today. Veterans and women from all over Oregon were in attendance.

TEACHERS IN GRAFT

Scandal in the Wadleigh High School, New York.

PUPILS ARE THE VICTIMS

Forced to Pay \$2 The Hour For Unnecessary Private Tutoring. Teachers Marked Papers "Backward" to Convince that Coaching was Necessary

New York, June 20.—Remarkable charges that several teachers in the Wadleigh high school in West 114th street have used their positions to increase their incomes through unnecessary private tutoring are being formulated, according to the World. Parents of some of the girl students assert that several hundred dollars a week have been extracted in fees at the rate of \$2 an hour, it being intimated that the student's markings were purposely tampered with and that they were purposely marked "backward" when they were actually proficient.

The school is a public institution. Most of the pupils prepare there for the Teachers' Training School. The course was recently lengthened by the Board of Education from three to four years. The cherished hope of every Wadleigh student is to teach in Manhattan. Unless they get their certificates at the school they are compelled to take a course in the State Normal School and later pass a difficult examination.

An investigation made privately by the father of the girl whose "backwardness" in algebra required the private tutoring indicated, he alleges, that out of 3,200 pupils, ten per cent have been declared "backward" in some study and pay on an average \$1.75 an hour for the private tutoring. The authorities in charge of the high school indignantly deny the charges.

TRIAL BEGINS

Senator Mitchell Appears in DeHaven's Court.

JURY IS EMPANELLED

Greater Part of Day Consumed in Listening to Excuses of Those Not Wishing to Serve.

DEFENDANT IS DEPRESSED

Court Room Crowded—Ex-Senator John M. Thurston Offers Services to Mitchell. Judge A. S. Bennett to be Associated With Thurston in Defense.

(Special to the Astorian.)

Portland, June 20.—Broken in spirit, late lamented wife, both he and Senator recent loss of a beloved daughter; languid, yet determined, appeared United States Senator John Hipple Mitchell before Judge DeHaven in the United States Circuit Court today, to face the charges on the Kribs indictment in which the senator is accused of using his public office for private gain. He was accompanied by his son, who bears the same cognomen and by Judge Chapman of Tacoma, his son-in-law, and for whose late lamented wife, both he and Senator Mitchell mourn.

Good progress was secured in the case the greater part of the day, however, being consumed in listening to the excuses of talesmen who did not wish to decide, either the guilt, or innocence of the aged Senator. When the actual empanelling of the jury began, however, it proceeded with great celerity, a full jury of twelve men being secured before the court adjourned tonight. The jurymen were selected from among a large venire and consists of ten farmers and two merchants. None is from this city.

The distinguished defendant followed the proceedings carefully and frequently consulted with his attorneys, ex-Senator John M. Thurston, and Judge A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles. Immediately after the case of the United States vs. John Hipple Mitchell had been called, the jurors' names were read. Many of them, Hipple Mitchell had been called, Judge DeHaven on the grounds that their own interests would suffer if they were compelled to attend the sessions. An adjournment was had until 2 o'clock when Clerk J. A. Sladen was instructed to proceed to empanel a jury.

A sad feature of the case is the fact that Senator Mitchell has served the commonwealth of Oregon, in the United States Senate, for the past twenty-five years, that his best friends, with few exceptions, have deserted him and he now stands alone, almost physically decrepit, broken in spirit and facing a charge of the most serious nature. He presents a pitiable spectacle.

Withal, there remains the consoling fact that his son and son-in-law have traveled long distances to lend him moral support and one of his best friends, and former colleagues, stands by his side as legal counsel serving him gratuitously.

LINER DAKOTA REACHES SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, June 20.—The big liner Dakota, sister ship of the Minnesota, arrived here today. After a cargo of steel rails and general freight is unloaded she will go to the drydock for a general overhauling. She will then proceed to Puget Sound and begin her regular runs across the Pacific in connection with the Great Northern Railway.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Today's Weather.

Portland, June 20.—Oregon and Washington. Forecast for Wednesday, fair.

Uruguayan Strike Quiet.

New York, June 20.—The strike among the harbor hands is declining and it is generally hoped, cables the Herald's Montevideo, Uruguay, correspondent, that the trouble will come to an end soon.

Disturbances have occurred at Villa Cerro, but order is established.

General Wagner's Successor.

Washington, June 20.—President Roosevelt appointed Colonel Winfield S. Edgerly, of the Second U. S. cavalry, brigadier-general, in place of Colonel Arthur L. Wagner, who died Saturday last.

From Far East.

London, June 20.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, at Tokio, sends the following: "The Japanese are continuing a victorious advance in Manchuria. The Russians are completely out-flanked on both wings and the news of Japanese victories may be expected shortly."

Disorder at Gomez's Funeral.

Havana, June 20.—The body of General Maximo Gomez, was interred this evening after a funeral service, so replete with demonstrations in honor of the dead general as to lead, in several instances, to scenes of disorder.

Grover Honorary Member.

San Francisco, June 20.—The California anglers' association today elected Ex-President Grover Cleveland an honorary member. Cleveland accepted the distinction in a letter of thanks.

FORGERY STARTLES

Philadelphia Financier Raises Stock Certificates.

DISCOVERED AFTER DEATH

Fraud Involves Six Banks Which Loaned Nearly a Million On Worthless Securities. Transfer of Stock Divulges Certificate was Tampered With.

Philadelphia, June 20.—One of the most sensational cases of forgery ever brought to light in financial circles here was disclosed today when it was announced that certificates calling for small numbers of shares of stock had been fraudulently raised to hundreds of shares, causing a loss to certain bondholders and trust companies of this city of from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

The forgery involves the name of Benjamin H. Gaskill, who died four weeks ago. Gaskill was the sole member of a banking and brokerage concern, known as Benjamin H. Gaskill & Company. He had offices in the financial district and his credit was considered guilt-edged. At the time of his death he was believed to be worth about half a million of dollars.

In closing up Gaskill's estate it became necessary to have transferred one hundred shares of Philadelphia traction stock. When recorded, the certificate did not agree with the company's books and an investigation showed that the certificate had been raised from six shares to 100. Further investigation showed that Gaskill had been in the habit of buying gilt-edged securities of small denominations and raising them a hundred fold, securing large sums of money from various banks and trust companies, using the forged stock as security.

At least six banks and trust companies admit holding Gaskill's securities, but refuse to state the amount advanced. Gaskill was forty-one years of age when he died. He was a high liver and a member of several clubs.