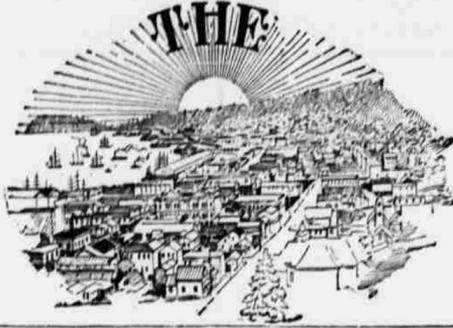


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CUMMINS DENOUNCES ELKINS

IOWA'S GOVERNOR CALLS ELKINS THE SENATE'S RAILROAD AGENT

Governor Cummins Writes Denunciatory Letter to Senator Elkins of Iowa, Characterizing Him As Representative of Railroad Interests.

ELKINS SERVES RAILROADS INSTEAD OF PEOPLE

CUMMINS ASSERTS IN EXAMINATION BEFORE COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE—ELKINS IN QUESTIONS OPENLY FAVORED RAILROADS, AND RAILROAD ATTORNEY SUBMITTED QUESTIONS ASKED.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 25.—Governor Cummins has mailed Senator Elkins his answer to the Senator's criticisms of Cummins' statements regarding his examination before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, when it was considering the railway rate bill.

The governor says the Senator accused him of falsehood in stating the Senator's position was hostile to Cummins as that of the railroad attorney who sat at Elkins' right during the examination, and that Elkins appeared to be in sympathy with this attorney, and that this attorney handed Elkins the questions asked of the governor.

The governor says that if Elkins understood his duties as chairman of the Legislative Committee to be those of an advocate, Cummins has no criticism to make other than that Elkins should be on the side of the people instead of on the side of the railroads.

Cummins asserts that it was apparent that Elkins decided the case in favor of the railroads, and that he was determined to shatter Cummins' evidence if he could.

"It was," the letter says, "just such a cross-examination as a railroad attorney would have given, and it was unseemly for you to have assumed that attitude."

Cummins says that there was no possibility of his being mistaken. Sitting squarely at Elkins' right and just a trifle behind him was the attorney whom Cummins afterward ascertained to be ex-Senator Faulkner, employed by the railroad companies to resist the proposed law. Cummins says he saw Elkins in conversation with the attorney and "saw him with his hand on your shoulder pass to you questions, which you read and then put to me. There can be no mistake about it because my senses were as alert just then as the human faculties can be."

Cummins stated that Elkins may believe that the investigation was carried on in such a manner as is in accordance with fairness and decency, but Cummins does not. "You may continue in your belief if you like, but I shall continue in my denunciation."

Cummins thinks that if Elkins intends to assail all persons, papers and

magazines, which questioned his fidelity to the people, Elkins had better devote some attention to the attacks from points nearer Washington than Iowa.

The letter declares that Elkins has firmly established his reputation as a railroad attorney in the United States Senate, and regrets that a United States Senator should gain such a reputation. Cummins says that he regretted having to condemn Elkins' course, but that this feeling has now disappeared, and another feeling has taken its place when "I observe that you are not only persisting in your indefensible attitude but are endeavoring to reach over a thousand miles of space and advise the Republican voters in Iowa how to select a governor."

CHARGED WITH BOXER CRUELTY.

Evidence Brought Out at Another Trial to be Used.

MILAN, March 25.—During a dramatic trial last year at Perugia, assizes, when Lieutenant Modugno was charged with wife murder, some of the witnesses, former soldiers, who were in China with the Italian expedition during the boxer uprising, brought accusations against the lieutenant of robbery and violence. The original charge of wife murder failed from lack of evidence, but the military authorities ordered an inquiry into other charges. Finally a decree has been published sending Lieutenant Modugno before a court-martial to be tried for abuse of power, robbery, violence, plundering, and other enormities in China. Amongst other things, the officer is accused of having buried some rich Chinese men up to their necks in coal and thus compelled them to give him the whole of their fortunes.

TWO MEN ASPHYXIATED.

LEADVILLE, Colo., March 25.—Two men died of asphyxiation this morning in the Bask Ivanhoe tunnel, fourteen miles west of Leadville. A gang of six carpenters was engaged in repairing the tunnel, when the entire party except one was overcome by gases and smoke from passing trains.

BOLT OF LIGHTNING KILLS PREACHER IN HIS PULPIT

CARSON, Iowa, March 25.—While preaching to his congregation Rev. J. B. Lentz, pastor of the Latter Day Saints church, was struck by lightning today and death ensued in half an hour. The bolt descended during a hard thunderstorm and was communicated to the preacher by the chandelier hanging directly above his head. The shock threw him to the floor, while many persons in the congregation were partially stunned. After nearly every one had fled from the building Lentz was carried out, but failed to regain consciousness. The church took fire, but was saved. Lentz leaves a widow and two children.

STRIKES A ROCK.

Steamer on Fire, Strikes Submerged Rock on Entering Harbor.

ST. JOHN'S N. F., March 25.—After being in peril from a fire at sea and managing by desperate efforts to reach this port in the midst of a heavy gale, and a blinding snowstorm, the British freighter steamer Titania struck a submerged rock on entering the harbor late last night, and had a hole torn in her hull and today lies on the beach where she put to prevent sinking. The fire in the midship's hold is burning fiercely, and it is probable that before it can be extinguished the midship hold will have to be flooded. Early yesterday the Titania was reported on fire off Sable Island. The report created alarm for the safety of the crew, as it was feared unless she would be unable to gain the harbor the crew would be lost. The steamer managed to make the outer harbor where she picked up a pilot. She had barely gotten under way when she struck.

BARRED FROM MAILS OUTLOOK HOPEFUL

Illegal Medical Concerns in New York Excluded.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES ORDERS

Advertisements of Fifty-two Illegal "Medical Companies" in New York and Brooklyn Excluded From Mails—Prosecute Officials.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The postmaster-general has issued orders instructing the postmasters of New York and Brooklyn to refuse to admit to the mails the advertisements of fifty-two illegal "medical companies" located in those cities and also to refuse to deliver mail addressed to fictitious and assumed names under which the persons conducting these concerns hide their identity. This action is in line with a previous similar action at Boston and Philadelphia. According to a statement given out at the post office department today it is found that in a large number of companies, the persons conducting these institutions are "dope fiends" with criminal records. At Boston one of the concerns excluded is supposed to be the office in which the fatal operation on Susan Geary, the "suit-case victim" was performed. The number of deaths caused by such offices can never be known. The statement declares the volume of business has been large. It was said as high as twenty criminal operations a day are performed in some of these offices and the income is sometimes as high as \$2000 week.

BODY IDENTIFIED.

Corpse of Man Found in Trunk Identified as Miner.

STOCKTON, March 25.—Developments today show that the man whose body was found yesterday jammed into a trunk by the baggagemen here, after having been murdered was Albert N. McVicar, a timberman in the Rawhide mine at Jameston, Tuolumne county. The police are endeavoring to locate Mrs. McVicar, who was in this city with her husband.

NOT AMERICAN IDEA.

London Correspondent Says White Did Not Submit Proposal.

LONDON, March 25.—The Times correspondent at Algieras considers it impossible that Ambassador White originated the alleged "American project" because he could not imagine such a project would have a satisfactory result and says it is altogether misleading to compare this trivial incident to Roosevelt's beneficent intervention at Portsmouth.

"President Roosevelt," he adds, "doubtless watched things closely but exercised no pressure and White's activity has been confined to the role of a disinterested 'amicus curiae.'"

The Washington cabinet, animated by a desire for peace, was ready to agree to any measure so long as it did not interfere with the American interests. In short the beneficial influence of American statesmen is in entire harmony with the general trend of American policy since Roosevelt's accession and with the personal view of the President who is recognized on both hemispheres as a peacemaker.

NO HOPE FOR RECOVERY.

COLUMBUS, March 25.—Governor Pattison passed a comfortable night according to a bulletin issued today and "favorable progress continues." Members of the family are much encouraged, but to the public, the physicians do not hold out any hope for recovery.

PROSPECTS FOR MOROCCAN SETTLEMENT ARE BRIGHT.

Prospects for Moroccan Settlement Are Bright.

AMERICAN PROPOSAL TODAY

Proposition of America Will be Submitted Today to the Conference in Form of an Amendment to Austrian Proposal.

ALGERIRAS, March 25.—Both the German and French delegates today assured the Associated Press that the outlook for an agreement was eminently hopeful, but neither would make a definite statement.

Each representative of the neutral powers however, said the principal work of the conference was virtually concluded and a settlement was imminent, but there might possibly be minor hitches, a protracting of the signing of the protocol for a fortnight. A neutral delegate in outlining the program for tomorrow's sitting said an agreement was practically attained and tomorrow the American proposition would form the basis for final arrangement. This will be introduced by Russians as an amendment to the Austrian plan.

The ports, to which it probably will be applied will be Tangiers and Casa Blanca.

Ambassador White, he said, did not intend from the first to present his proposition, his desire being merely to offer a feasible exit for the deadlock. The delegates said the extent of the power of the inspector-general is the only point likely to create friction, but he hoped this matter could be arranged.

GOING SOUTH.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—John Hays Hammond, a well known mining engineer is threatened with acute pneumonia. Arrangements were made to take him to Los Angeles tomorrow in the hope that the atmosphere will restore him. Hammond contracted a severe cold recently in Tonopah.

PULAJANES AMBUSHED THE AMERICAN GARRISON

Advices From Samar State Pulajanes Displayed Base Treachery Toward Americans and Provoked Fight Which Followed.

30 NATIVES KILLED, AND 16 OF CONSTABULARY

GOVERNOR IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE SURRENDER OF NATIVES, WHO ARE POSING FOR PICTURE—TREACHEROUS PULAJANES SUDDENLY ATTACK AMERICANS AND FIERCE FIGHT ENSUES WITH FATALITIES.

MANILA, March 25.—According to advices received here today, the recent fighting at Magtaon, in Samar, has been between the constabulary and the Pulajanes, because of base treachery on the part of the Pulajanes. As a result of the fight thirty Pulajanes were killed and sixteen of the constabulary killed or wounded. A dispatch received from Captain Johns at Magtaon states that on March 23rd Governor Curry, Judge Lobinger and Superintendent Hoover arrived there to receive the surrender. On the next day, Saturday, four chiefs of the Pulajanes with over 100 men and fourteen guns appeared at Magtaon and landed in front of the barracks. Between the barracks and the Pulajanes stood the American officials. One of the chiefs expressed a wish to have the

party photographed in the act of surrendering, and Hoover in compliance with the request was adjusting his camera when the Pulajanes' leader blew a whistle and gave the order to advance. The entire party of natives thereupon rushed upon the Americans, who escaped to the Maganon river and swam to the opposite bank. When the treachery was apparent the constabulary immediately opened fire and a fierce fight ensued the constabulary gaining a decisive victory. The Pulajanes were chased to the mountains. The American officers with the exception of Curray were later found. He was last seen being chased by the Pulajanes and is supposed to be now hiding in the bushes. Three hundred of the constabulary are in pursuit of the fugitive natives.

WANT DANCE HALLS.

Chicagoans Pass Resolutions Advocating Bar Permits For Halls.

CHICAGO, MARCH, 25.—Resolutions demanding that the city council authorize the mayor to issue special bar permits for dance halls and that the state legislature grant home rule in regard to these amusements were passed this afternoon by 1000 representative German and Bohemian societies. Outside the first regiment armory where the meeting occurred was an overflow meeting estimated at 20,000. In marching order more than 300 societies—Germans, Swedes, Norwegians, and Poles paraded Michigan avenue with flags and numerous uniformed bands. The speakers scored the reformers, the mayor and state's attorney, who is held responsible for the revocation of permits. The demonstration began early in the day and every section of the city contributed its quota of men, women and children. Street cars were impeded in their movements and traffic on Michigan avenue was interrupted several hours. Drivers of automobiles, who tried to force their way through the crowd in several instances were roughly handled and compelled to turn back. Men prominent in affairs of the city occupied seats upon the platform and Samuel Alechuler former Democratic candidate for governor and ex-Congressman E. E. Noon were among the speakers.

CRISIS COMING.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—The Associated Press is able to give the result of an important conversation with a high personage regarding the situation in Russia. This conversation, which covered a wide range left the impression that the assembling of the national parliament will bring a crisis, but not the one anticipated abroad. The government evidently is absolutely convinced that an armed revolution or a general uprising which will menace life is no longer possible and the danger is not that the government will be overthrown, but that it will be driven to abandon its path of reform.

RATE BILL IN SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The railroad rate bill will continue this week to absorb the attention of the Senate. Several Senators expect to speak on the bill, but none have indicated a readiness to proceed Monday. Tillman says, however, he believes that no doubt some one will be ready when the bill comes up.

KILLS HIS MOTHER.

SAND POINT, Idaho, March 25.—Keith Nelson, four years old, accidentally killed his mother today. He picked up a 22 calibre hammerless rifle and pointed it at Mrs. Nelson, and fired, and the bullet penetrated her brain.

TWO MEN ARE KILLED IN FIERCE SALOON FIGHT

AGUILLAR, March 25.—Two men were killed in a fight which started in a saloon here late last night and two others were severely wounded. The dead are Samuel Virgil and Andrew Martinez. The wounded are James Davis, the town marshal, and F. M. Vigil, justice of the peace.

Virgil and Martinez were shot by Davis who says he shot them in self-defense. A score of Mexicans attacked Davis after the shooting and he was badly cut above the head before rescued. F. M. Virgil, father of Samuel, started out with a shotgun vowing to kill Davis. He was clubbed to insensibility by Deputy Sheriff Shelby.