



MRS. MCKINLEY CANNOT LIVE

End Expected in a Day or Two.

STROKE OF APOPLEXY

Had Been Ill All Winter and Was an Easy Victim for the Disease.

IS IN SEMI-COMATOSE STATE

Physicians Entertain No Hope of Her Recovery—Attendants Report Her Condition as Somewhat Improved This Morning—Rixey Hurrying to Bedside.

CANTON, Ohio, May 23.—After a consultation this afternoon between Dr. Fortman, family physician of Mrs. McKinley and Dr. Eymann, superintendent of the Massillon State Hospital and a physician of wide repute, a statement was issued tonight saying there is no indication that Mrs. McKinley can long survive the stroke of apoplexy from which she is suffering. The doctors say, however, that they think that dissolution will not come for a day or two.

Mrs. McKinley has been ill nearly all winter, having suffered from the grippe some months ago and later from an attack of bronchitis. Physicians say that in her weakened condition she is an easy victim for the disease with which she was stricken today. Dr. Fortman after his visit to the McKinley home at 11 o'clock tonight announced that he found a change for better in Mrs. McKinley's condition. She was then in a semi-comatose state. When spoken to, she opened her eyes slightly. Dr. Fortman said however that her condition was not such as to lead him to expect any great improvement, neither did he think the fatal turn could be expected immediately. So confident was he on this point that he did not expect to remain at the McKinley house during the night or to make any more calls unless sent for. He regarded her condition as satisfactory as could be expected, at the same time he could only predict a survival for a few days at the most.

CANTON, May 24.—Attendants at the bedside of Mrs. McKinley at 1:30 this morning thought her condition somewhat improved.

By special arrangement Surgeon-General Rixey will reach here early this morning.

PENNSYLVANIA EXTENSION.

Will Construct Longest and Heaviest Steel Bridge in World.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Another step in the progress of the Pennsylvania taken this week when plans for the East River bridge of the New York Connecting Railroads were submitted to the municipal Art Commission for its approval.

This bridge will form part of a steel viaduct more than three miles long, connecting the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway system in the Bronx with the Long Island and the Pennsylvania.

It will be the longest and heaviest steel bridge in the world. Eighty thousand tons of steel will be used in its construction.

It will carry four railroad tracks, embedded in stone ballast, so as to render the structure noiseless.

When it is completed New York will enjoy for the first time a through route between New England and the south and west.

The plans for the bridge over the waters of Hell gate show a steel span

of 1000 feet between buttens. These abutments are used to devide the bridge proper from the steel viaducts that form the approach to it. Two towers will rise to a height of 200 feet and will contain rooms needed for railroad operation. The tracks themselves will be 140 feet above the water.

BROWNSVILLE INVESTIGATION.

Foraker's Examination of Witness Caused Laughable Incident.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Mayor Frederick J. Combe, of Brownsville, was the only witness today before the Senate Military Committee which is investigating the Brownsville affair. When the direct examination had been concluded he was handed over to Senator Foraker. The Senator was particularly interested in the report that the citizens of Brownsville had raised \$10,000 as a reward for information leading to the perpetrators of the shooting. "There is no truth in the report," said the Mayor.

"It was started by an Ohio man," Foraker joined in the laugh which greeted that remark, and asked the name of the man.

"I think it was Longworth, Senator," replied the witness.

"His first name does not happen to be Nicholas, does it," inquired Foraker.

"I don't remember," replied the Mayor.

"Well, of course, you don't mean the President's son-in-law?" asked the Senator.

The Mayor hastened to assure the committee that it was not the Ohio congressman, and after much laughter, the conversation was expunged from the record.

A FOUL MURDER

Young Girl Assaulted and Killed With Knife.

POLICE FIND TWO CLUES

Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Shockingly Assaulted and Murdered at Elmhurst—Persons Said to Have Seen Man of Foreign Appearance Near Scene.

NEW YORK, May 23.—After a whole night's work the police today are as far from a definite clue as they were able to get, of the murder of Amelia Charlotte Staffield, the 15 year old girl who was shockingly assaulted and killed with a knife, at Elmhurst, in Queensborough. Inspector Flood has personal charge of the case and he admits his detective staff has nothing to show for their efforts. Every detail of the crime has been carefully gone over, he explained, and no love affairs of the girl, which might possibly have led to the crime, have come to light.

Information gained from an employe something tangible. This carpenter told the police that he paid off twenty men yesterday, who had worked near Elmhurst for two months past. Several of the men had been drinking and at noon they started for Manhattan. One is said to have taken a short cut across the old farm through the field in which Miss Staffield's corpse was found.

Several of Inspector Flood's detectives think the crime was committed by an insane man, owing to the many revolting phases.

Joseph Engle, the farm hand who saw a man running across the farm shortly before he found the girl's mutilated corpse, says that the man's eyes were a crazed look which startled him. He thinks that the man was a foreigner. Adam Hummel, who was working with Engle also believes that from his cursory sight of the stranger that he was a foreigner. Engle and Hummel were able to give a fairly good description of the man they saw.

GENERAL WRIGHT'S RESIGNATION. TOKIO, May 23 (Afternoon).—The resignation of General Luke Wright, the American ambassador to Japan, is widely discussed and the Asahi will tomorrow refer editorially to public feeling in the matter, expressing deep regret at his short tenure in office.

CALHOUN IN FIST FIGHT

Struck Man Who Said He Lied.

TROY HIS ANTAGONIST

Calhoun Verbally Attacked at Meeting of Committee of Board of Supervisors.

POLICE RESTORED ORDER

Calhoun Referred To As That Hoodlum President During The Mele—Troy Accused Supervisor Boxton of Accepting Bribe Money From Calhoun.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—At a meeting this afternoon of the public utilities committee of the board of supervisors, called to consider the resolution declaring forfeited the franchises of the United Railroads, President Calhoun of that corporation was virtually called a liar by E. P. E. Troy, the municipal ownership advocate. Calhoun's reply was a blow that caught his antagonist in the face and nearly knocked him from his feet. Supervisor Boxton sprang from the chairman's seat and ordered Troy from the room. Troy's reply was to sling into Boxton's teeth that he had taken bribe money from Calhoun. Boxton ran toward Troy but others intervened and held that Supervisor and Troy were forced to take a seat outside the hall.

A resolution was drawn at the instance of the San Francisco Labor Council, and today's meeting of the utilities committee was to give both sides an opportunity to present their side of the case. Troy asked for and was granted the floor and launched into savage attack on the United Railroads. In the course of his remarks Troy said that Calhoun in a Philadelphia speech three days after the fire, had declared that the disaster would benefit instead of injure his corporation financially and that Calhoun had further declared that the earthquake had destroyed the asphalt pavements containing the company's cable slots.

"That statement," said Troy, "is absolutely false."

Calhoun who had been sitting at one of the desks, regarding Troy intently, arose and passed up to his accuser in the center of the floor.

"I will not, sir, allow any man to speak of my statements as false," he said.

"I stand by what I said," Troy retorted.

Calhoun deliberately raised his right arm and dealt Troy a stinging blow in the face.

Troy reeled back several steps but made no attempt to return the blow. Immediately the room was in a turmoil. As Calhoun quietly resumed his seat, Boxton jumped to his feet and cried out to Troy.

"You come in here to get the privileges of the floor to present arguments, then you use the privilege to indulge in a personal attack. Let me tell you, we don't allow men to be called liars in our presence."

"I did not call that hoodlum president of that corporation a liar," retorted Troy.

"You did," shouted Boxton, "Now you shut up — you get out —"

"I'll not shut up; I'll not get out," cried Troy.

"Then by — I'll put you out," said Boxton and started on a run for Troy.

Supervisors Gallagher and Treitmoer intervened. They blocked the chairman's progress while the other mem-

bers of the committee tried to push Troy into his seat.

Struggling to get free, Troy thrust up his arm and shouted sneeringly to Boxton:

"Yes, I've no doubt you will stand by the man whose money you took."

"You say that to me!" demanded Boxton, "Oh, you —; now I will put you out."

He started again across the floor, his face set and eyes flashing. A cordon was quickly formed about Troy and he was forced into a seat. Boxton was then induced to desist. Word of trouble spread downstairs to police headquarters and Captain Conboy and a patrolman hurried up to guard the peace.

Troy was required to take a seat outside the hall. He made no further effort to address the meeting. No action was taken on the resolution which will probably be brought up tomorrow.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Presbyterian Assembly Adopted Resolutions Hoping For Reforms.

COLUMBUS, May 23.—The Presbyterian General Assembly today adopted the report of the special committee on marriage and divorce and adopted resolutions rejoicing in the favorable results already obtained and expressed hope of a more radical reform, reaffirming the deliverances of former assemblies regarding marriage and divorces and enjoining the presbyteries to "Enforce the standards of the church, to account for all ministers under their care and to urge that all ministers refrain from giving the sanction of our church to members of another church whose marriage is violation of the laws of the church whose communion they have chosen."

EDDY HEARING ON

Suit in Equity Opened in Merrimack County Court.

TO OUST "NEXT FRIENDS"

Judge Chamberlain Refused To Consider Mrs. Eddy's Competency and Confined Proceedings Strictly To Question of Intervention By Trustees.

CONCORD, May 23.—The first legal battle to be fought over the person of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, leader of the Christian Science denomination in connection with the suit in equity seeking an accounting of her property was opened in Merrimack county superior court here today. Today's hearing was upon a motion of the trustees recently nominated in Mrs. Baker's recent trust deed that they be substituted for "Next Friends" in the suit against Calvin A. Frye, Mrs. Eddy's secretary and others. Nearly all the defendants were in court when the hearing opened, although Frye did not appear. Among the prominent spectators was Judge Ewing of Chicago, one of the most prominent members of the Christian Science organization.

General Frank S. Streeter of counsel for the defendants occupied the floor throughout today's proceedings. His argument was devoted principally to a contention that in order to prevent the trustees being substituted for "Next Friends" as plaintiffs in the original suit, "Next Friends" must prove Mrs. Eddy's incompetency to execute the trust deeds giving her trustees power to act for her. Streeter claimed it was the legal right of the trustees to prosecute the suit against the defendants. He asserted that if the deed was valid not only had all Mrs. Eddy's property been transferred but the right to prosecute suits had also passed to the trustees, and they asked to be allowed to carry it on. If Mrs. Eddy's incompetency to acknowledge the deed was regarded as material then the question of competency must be decided first.

Judge Chamberlain announced at the outset of the hearing that the proceedings should be confined strictly to the question of intervention by the trustees. He said he would not consider Mrs. Eddy's competency at this time. The hearing will be resumed tomorrow.

SIDESTEP JURY DUTY

Citizens Pick Up the Art Quickly.

BOISE TRIAL RESUMED

Rediscussion of Facts Established and Disputed is Disqualifying Many Citizens.

THIRD OF NEW VENIRE USED

Predictions Made That the New Venire of Sixty Will Not Complete Jury—Defense Accused State of Improper Questioning Which Started Row.

BOISE, May 23.—The net result of this, the tenth day of the Haywood trial, was a partial weeding out of the talesmen of the second special venire entitled to statutory exemption and the partial qualification of one juror. The examination of the new venire has not proceeded very far, but it shows a re-creation of interest in the Steunenberg murder and the re-discussion of the facts established and disputed is, by natural process, disqualifying many citizens for jury service in the case and indicates that the publicity given to the examination of talesmen has widely increased the popular knowledge as to the means of artistically avoiding jury duty in the case.

Sixty men of the second special venire presented themselves when Judge Wood ascended the bench this afternoon and when it was announced the court would hear the excuses, 23 of the 60 marched forward. Judge Wood said he would accept only those excuses which clearly came within the statute and when he made good his announcement the band of petitioners melted away very quickly. Five petitions were flatly denied, nine temporarily denied, six were granted and the other three petitioners did not bother to present their petitions.

Then began the attempt to fill seat nine, made vacant by the release of Juror Cole on account of illness. The first five talesmen had opinions that would require evidence to change, one said his opinion would last regardless of evidence, and they all went down on the challenges of the state. Early in the examination, Clarence Darrow for the defense asserted that James H. Hawley for the state, was seeking to lead talesmen up to qualification by improper questioning. Judge Wood overruled his objection but he continued to address the court. Hawley bristled and for a few minutes there was promise of a scuffle. The court checked the incipient row and the examination went on. Next, the clerk successively drew the names of the four talesmen whose petitions for excuse had been temporarily denied, in order to give time for them to get a physician's certificate as to the illness of themselves or their wives, and it was agreed that they should all be passed until the court finally decides on their application. The tenth and last talesman called was Hony Custis, a farmer, and he gave every indication of qualifying. Senator Borah led him over the long examination, that showed him free from opinion or bias and to be quite open minded. Just as the state passed him for cause and he went into the hands of the defense for examination, the trial adjourned until tomorrow.

What amounts to roughly one-third of the new venire was exhausted this afternoon and some of the men who watch the trial believe this venire will not fill the one certain and ten prospective vacancies in the jury.

NATURALIST SCORES PRESIDENT.

Answers Criticism of President's Magazine Article On Animals.

NEW YORK, May 23.—In response to criticisms by President Roosevelt that he had only superficial knowledge of the animals which he wrote, the Rev. Dr. William J. Long, a well known author of Stamford, Conn., is quoted today as having declared that the president is a "killer" of animals and not a naturalist. Mr. Long defends himself against the specific charge of falsity to nature made by the President and does not spare biting terms in criticizing Mr. Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt in an article in a June magazine was quoted in a general attack upon writers of animal stories who put forth as facts what are no more than interesting fictions, with animals as principals.

W. J. Long is perhaps the worst of these nature writing offenders, the President says. "They are his stories I am told that have been put in part, into many of the public schools of the country in order that from them the children may get truths of wild animal life."

Rev. Dr. Long is a retired congregational clergyman, a graduate of Harvard, Heidelberg and Andover, and the author of "Wood Folk," "Beasts of the Field," and other similar works.

McKAY NOT GUILTY.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 23.—Donald McKay, accused of murdering William Tyrrell, an aged negro in this city a month ago, was found not guilty in the assize court after the jury had been locked up until after midnight.

FIVE MEN KILLED

Ammonia Pipe Exploded in Armour's Packing Plant.

TWENTY OVERCOME BY FUMES

High Pressure Pipe Exploded in Beef-Killing Department—Fumes Penetrated Entire Building—Rescue Party Were Forced To Seek Fresh Air.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Five workmen were killed and several others seriously injured when an ammonia pipe exploded in the beef-killing department of Armour & Company's plant at the stock yards. The building was full of workmen at the time and the deadly fumes escaping under high pressure penetrated through every department of the building in such a short time that 20 of the men were overcome before they could make their escape to fresh air. It was necessary to take all but five to the hospital. An ineffectual attempt at a search for the dead in the building was made by employes wearing safety masks, but they were driven back by the fumes and it was not until six hours after the explosion that the first body was recovered, burned beyond recognition. A few minutes later four other bodies were found burned in a horrible manner. The search is still going on as the men are not all accounted for. All the dead and injured were foreigners.

ANARCHISTS' PLOT.

Planned to Blow Up Entire Palace in One Explosion.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23.—The Novoe Vremya says in reference to Prime Minister Stolypin's account of the plot against the Czar that conspirators succeeded during the winter in entering the imperial service at the palace. Letters found on them showed that they were connected with American anarchists, and that the Russian deserters are now in America. It was their object to make one tremendous explosion involving all the parts of the palace.

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