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Accused Officer Exonerated

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morning and that they were friendly now. At this state of the proceedings both of the officers turned to each other and began to tell all about it, and just how the whole thing had happened. They became so engrossed in their talk that they seemed to forget the presence of the commissioners, who sat back for a few moments and smiled at the digression.

Acting Chief Oberg told what he knew of the matter, which was merely hearsay, and it was decided that while he perhaps had done right in making the charges that nevertheless hearsay testimony should not be received.

The evidence at no point showed any gross or willfully bad action on the part of Patrolman Linville.

"I admit we both did wrong," Patrolman Houghton had said. "We both talked loud and in a manner unbecoming officers of the law," and the commissioners seemed to think that the altercation was perhaps the worst feature of the whole matter.

The investigation was held in the Mayor's office, and out in the city auditor's office were held a dozen witnesses that Patrolman Linville had called in his behalf, but the commissioners declared they did not care for any more testimony. Attorney Eakin and John Fastabend were two men who had met the accused police officer that night, as also had Officer Thompson, but all were dismissed without being called upon.

The whole matter seemed to dwindle down to proven facts that the accused officer had entered the saloon and had taken one or more drinks, and that Patrolman Houghton, who never drinks at all, had remonstrated with him because he had taken these few drinks.

The investigation came to an end with the adoption of the resolution as given above, and ended in good humor on all sides. The commissioners apparently believed that the whole "holler" against the accused officer came mainly from the red-light district, where Patrolman Linville has earned by loyal work and iron determination the bitter hatred of many. While he was reprimanded for entering a saloon, yet the whole proceedings seemed to entirely clear him of any serious charge and they brought forth the fact that he is looked upon as a brave and highly efficient officer. For months he had been a tottler

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while on duty. But the reprimand was also aimed at other officers, perhaps as much at them as at Patrolman Linville, and the board announced its determination to see that police officers keep entirely out of saloons save as they may have to enter them on "official business."

On this point Commissioner Gordon and Commissioner Foard both spoke to the point, and it looks as if there will be trouble for the officer who in the future enters a saloon to take a quiet "nip." Then the commissioners turned to other matters.

"For your years," began Commissioner Foard, "our store has been robbed once a year. There should be some man on the force to look after such matters."

At this point Commissioner Gordon interrupted. He stated that he had a motion to make right along that line; that the department requires the services of a man to act in plain clothes as a detective, a man who won't be tied down to a beat, but will be free to investigate and watch out for criminals and robberies of this nature. Mr. Gordon said that he had in mind a man who probably could fill such a position well, and that he and Judge Page had discussed him. The man is Harry W. Rinn who recently has been employed as a bookkeeper up in the Alaska fisheries. He had entered an application for the place, and was recommended by W. F. McGregor and E. P. Noonan. During Mr. Foard's absence from the city the other commissioners had talked over the matter and both had arrived at the conclusion that Mr. Rinn would make a good man. With Mr. Foard's approval Mr. Rinn was appointed. The plan is to have him act as a detective and to do desk service in the station. Mr. Rinn has claimed residence in Astoria for two years. His application shows him to be 30 years of age and to have been born in San Francisco.

Judge Page stated incidentally near the close of the meeting that his term of office will soon expire and that he will leave the city this fall, thus indicating that he is not to be a candidate for re-election.

Patrolman Linville after his reinstatement suggested that he had one favor to ask—and that was that he be placed back on his old beat in the "bad lands." "I want them to see that they didn't job me, and as long as they act right none of them need be afraid of anything I do."

It is presumed that Acting Chief Oberg will place Linville back on his old beat, though it may be doubtful that any man, for his own mental, moral and physical well-being, should be assigned to that night work as long as Officer Linville has already been there.

And after rather forcibly taking Acting Chief Oberg to task in regard to the matter of officers entering saloons, Judge Page went on:

"It's for you to uphold the dignity and discipline of the department. That is your duty as acting chief, and probably when the time comes, if you have done these things properly, the board will make you chief of police."

And with this intimation of good news for Mr. Oberg the session came to an end.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The first free-for-all five-mile sailing race through the "Aerial ocean" by dirigible balloons and flights by all kinds of air craft regardless of scientific names by which experts may know them will be held on the afternoon of election day.

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son; No. 17, Renault, Paul la Croix, driver, Strang; No. 18, Mercedes, Foxhall Keene, driver, Keene; No. 19, Thomas Factory, driver, Gill; No. 20, Knox Factory, driver, Borque.

The cars will be sent away by Starter Fred Wagner at thirty-second intervals. The race will consist of 11 laps, making a total of 258 miles. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., the donor of the cup will be referee as formerly, of the classic event, but he has insisted upon two associate referees being chosen to assist him.

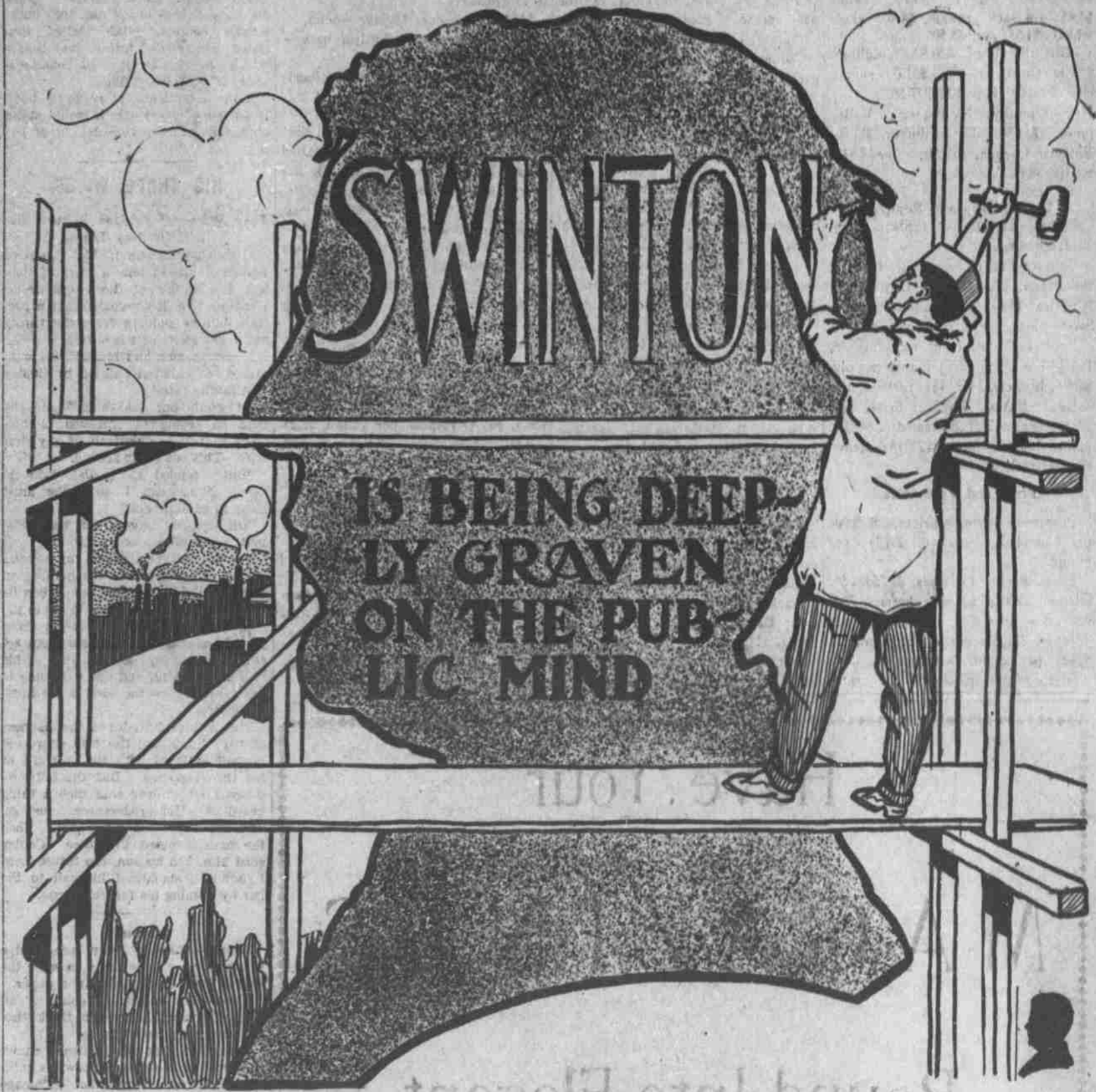
After the weighing in at 9 a. m., October 21, the entrants will be allowed to practice over the course.

GREAT CATHOLIC ORDER

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 15.—The National Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus has definitely decided not to grant a petition received from Ireland to extend the order to that country. The directors felt that under present conditions in that country the order would not de-

velop as much as might be desired. Action was taken, however, looking to the introduction at once of the order into Cuba and Port Rica. The enrollments in these places, however, will be for the associate classes only, it is stated and will not be insured on account of the extra hazardous risks due to climatic conditions.

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