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RADICAL VARIANCE DEVELOPS

W. F. White Denies the Assertion of the First National That He Was Real Party in Interest in the Warrant Deal.

Both Defendants Seeking to Escape Responsibility and Clash of Testimony May Bring Interesting Facts to Light.

Q. Swetland Declares That the Order Authorizing the Exchange Was Drawn in Office of Judge W. M. Calk.

The answer filed on Saturday by W. F. White in the suit brought by Multnomah County against himself and the First National Bank, relative to the exchange of void warrants for tax sale certificates, indicates a radical difference between the two defendants upon some important matters of fact.

The bank asserted in its answer that it had sold the warrants to White before negotiating the transfer to the county, and that though itself the nominal party in interest in that transfer it was in reality acting for "the accommodation and benefit" of White. White's answer indicates that he proposes to controvert this assertion, and he will probably attempt to show that the bank was an active party in the project to obtain from the county valuable tax sale certificates in lieu of the discredited warrants.

The point is of considerable importance as it involves the question of whether the bank acted in good faith in presenting its petition to the County Board, asking for the exchange was subsequently effected. Both the petition and the order entered the following day by the County Board recite that the bank was at that time the bona fide holder and owner of the warrants. The variance which has now developed between the two defendants may bring to light the identity of the person or persons in the County Building who aided in carrying the transaction through. It is scarcely credible that a deal whereby the county surrendered over \$7,000 of valuable tax sale certificates in exchange for \$4,000 of void warrants was carried through without collusion on the part of some one of the officials or employees of the county.

In answer to inquiries, L. Q. Swetland, who was chief deputy under County Clerk Holmes when the settlement was made with the First National Bank, made the following statement: "I know nothing as to the details of the exchange of tax certificates for the warrants held by the bank. According to my recollection, the original order for the exchange was drafted in the office of the County Judge, and it was written out by his stenographer. That order contained the list of the tax certificates which were to be turned over to the bank. The order was not prepared in the County Clerk's office. I did not know until a few weeks ago that the amount of the certificates was in excess of the warrants surrendered."

W. M. Calk was the County Judge at the time of this transaction, and according to Swetland's statement it was under Judge Calk's immediate supervision that the order for the exchange was drafted. If this shall be conclusively established it will be incumbent upon Judge Calk to make some explanation of the transaction.

The argument upon the county's motion to strike out portions of the bank's answer as irrelevant and immaterial will not take place until Thursday. The statement published in The Journal that the motion would be argued today was based upon the mistaken information obtained from one of the attorneys in the case.

FEARFUL CRUELTY CHARGED

American Prisoners in the Philippines Said to be Subject to Awful Torture at Hands of the Officials.

Tied Up by Their Thumbs and Exposed to Broiling Tropical Sun—One Ill-Treated Man Falls Exhausted.

War Department Will Investigate the Complaints—Not the First Time That Prison Officials Are Accused.

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, June 8.—Serious complaints have been made at the War Department through unofficial channels alleging outrageous cruelty practiced on inmates of the Malah Military Prison at Laguna de Bay, near Manila.

Six prisoners, whom it is alleged refused to work because they thought their food improper, were finally chained to posts in the broiling sun. They still refused to work and again they were chained to the posts until one man dropped exhausted. It is alleged that two prisoners were stripped bare to the waist and tied by their thumbs, their toes just touching the ground. In this position the two men were exposed to an afternoon sun whose rays shed a temperature of 100 degrees.

The department will investigate the charges, for it is not the first time complaints have been made against the officials of this prison.

FORGER ARRESTED

(Journal Special Service.) SALEM, June 8.—S. B. Hoeninghaus, who last week visited this city and issued several checks on Ladd & Titton of Portland which were later found to be worthless, is in jail here, having been brought up from Portland by Chief of Police D. W. Gibson last night to answer for his misdeeds. Hoeninghaus gave the check to J. Conner of the Hotel Williamette for \$25, and one to H. George Meyer for \$10, securing funds from both. While here he cut quite a figure, and as he dressed well and gave himself the air of a gentleman he was well received everywhere, and the wonder is that more of his worthless paper was not circulated.

COW WAS THE THIEF

The Olex correspondent of the Arlington Appeal writes: A certain woman of this town has been under the impression that some one was swiping the clothes from her lines, and with that idea in mind she watched three nights for the thief. The mystery has been explained, however, and the thief was found to be a poor innocent cow that was wearing a barbed wire yoke, and who had been passing under the line, taking, unintentionally, garments both unsuited for and unworn by her.

MURDERER EXECUTED

(Journal Special Service.) NEW YORK, June 8.—Tim Flanagan, the colored man who killed Keeper McGovern in the West Side prison yard, and for whom great efforts were made to gain executive clemency, was executed at Sing Sing this morning.

LEITERS GO TO BAR HARBOR

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Leiter and the Misses Leiter are leaving for Bar Harbor where they have taken the cottage of George Vanderbilt for the summer.

FEAR ENTERS THE HEARTS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

Floods Sweep Down Through the Great Mississippi Valley and Carry on Their Torrents Death and Destruction.

St. Louis the Scene of Dire Calamity and at New Orleans the People Tremble With Grave Apprehension for the Future.

ST. LOUIS, June 8.—Not in the history of this city, nor, in fact, in the annals of the Mississippi Valley, has so much apprehension been felt as is apparent today. The great river is rushing past this place like a mad torrent at a stage of 37 feet 6 inches and is sweeping over levees and carrying destruction on every hand.

Water broke over the old granite city levee at 10 o'clock this morning and poured down on the town of West Venice in terrific torrents. The panic-stricken inhabitants had hardly time to escape to house tops and other treacherous places of temporary security. Thousands are homeless and there is no telling where the tragedy will end. Tragedy, because scores have lost their lives and those missing cannot be other than dead.

Over in Granite City hundreds are sheltered in the school house, without food or proper raiment to still their sufferings. One mother with five little children has become insane over the knowledge that her husband was drowned in endeavoring to save the life of his eldest daughter, a girl of 16. Father and child were swept to their death by the raging flood.

Transportation is practically cut off from this city, only a chance train is run over the Missouri Pacific. Thousands of excursionists, who arrived in this city yesterday and Saturday, are unable to get back to their homes, and many who have not money have been compelled to apply to the city authorities for aid.

Thieves are overrunning the city, and it is believed that scenes like those which transpired in Kansas City will be repeated here.

A dispatch received from New Orleans at 2 o'clock this afternoon states that abject fear permeates the city, for it is believed that when the terrible waters, now pouring down the channel, reach the City of the Delta, vast destruction will be the result.

The crest of the Missouri floods will not arrive at the mouth of the Mississippi until tomorrow, but the high waters are augmented by every stream that flows into the main river.

By nightfall, grave apprehension expresses the opinion that death and disaster will again be added to the horrors of the last fearful week.

(Journal Special Service.) NEW ORLEANS, June 8.—That this city will experience the most disastrous results from the Missouri River floods is believed today. The Mayor has issued orders that all inhabitants of districts in the lowlands be notified of the impending catastrophe. Along the levees men are being put to work by the hundreds in an effort to strengthen places believed to be at present too weak to withstand the ravages of the mighty waters that will rush down the Mississippi channel tomorrow or next day.

A meeting of the City Council is called for late this afternoon and action will be taken preparatory of danger. Already hundreds are flocking into the city from places above and below here. It is believed that by nightfall a thousand refugees will have arrived in New Orleans from hamlets and villages lying within 100 miles of this city.

ST. LOUIS, June 8.—At 1 o'clock this morning the Madison levee broke, which resulted in the loss of 17 lives of men who were employees of the American Car & Foundry Company. Several gangs of men were taken by surprise and nearly 300 of them are imprisoned on parts of the levee that have not yet given away. Their lives are in the greatest peril.

Clerks, merchants and men of all characters of vocations are offering to work on the levees above and below the city, and refuse to take pay for their work. Business is practically suspended in the city and all minds turn to the impending tragedies.

This city is practically cut off from all railway transportation, only a few trains are running irregularly westward over the Missouri Pacific Railway. Thousands of excursionists are detained in this city and are unable to get out. Two steamers went to Madison at 10 o'clock this morning, to answer a call for help. Twelve hundred persons are there, prisoners in their homes. Refugees from Trejittles are being brought in here.

The flood was 37 feet 6 inches at 10 o'clock this morning and is still rising. The water broke over the old Granite City levee this morning and poured down on the town of West Venice in terrific torrent, the inhabitants barely having time to escape. By 10 o'clock the flood had reached the roofs of the greater number of dwellings, adding a thousand more to the homeless. Hundreds of men, women and children are now sheltered in the Granite City school-house which is, so far, above water.

ST. LOUIS, June 8.—The Weather Bureau at 1 o'clock today says that the river gauge has probably reached its highest point—37 feet 6 inches—which is believed to be the crest of the flood. The officials look for a fall tomorrow. Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon, nothing has been heard from the relief steamers sent to the Tri-cities this morning. Nothing is certain regarding the fatalities. The number is variously estimated at from nine to twenty, not including the seventeen reported drowned at Granite City last night.

KANSAS CITY, June 8.—The citizens of Argentine, who are nearly all wage-

REMOVED FROM HIS OFFICE

Until Decision is Given by Police Commission Officer Sloan Says He is Entitled to Benefit of the Doubt.

Hot War of Words Between Patrolman and Chief Hunt When Former Surrendered His Star This Morning.

Commissioner C. F. Beebe Admits the Matter Has Not Yet Been Settled, but Denies Order to Remove Sloan.

Because Whitney Boise placed charges against him before the Board of Police Commissioners, and before his guilt had been proven, Millard F. Sloan was this morning discharged from the Portland Police Department, in which he has served faithfully for a period of more than five years. The charges made against the officer have not yet been fully investigated, and under the Civil Service rules Mr. Sloan is still eligible for appointment to a permanent position as a patrolman.

It is understood the charge made against Sloan was that he had been offensively partisan along political lines, having said that "within two years Senator Joseph Simon would again be on top of the Republican heap in Oregon political affairs."

Gen. Charles F. Beebe, member of the Police Commission, declines to discuss the charges further than to say that no definite action had as yet been taken although more than 30 days had elapsed since remonstrance against Sloan's permanent appointment had been made.

"I plead guilty to the charge," said Patrolman Sloan, "but what has to do with a man serving as a police officer under Civil Service rules I have not been able to ascertain."

Such a row as occurred at the Police Station this morning when Patrolman Sloan walked into Chief Hunt's office and gave over his star has not occurred at headquarters for years. The Chief did not like it because Sloan refused to report for duty as usual on the day watch.

It may have been the intention to discharge him in front of his brother officers, but he refused to appear in the ranks, and was promptly sent for by the Chief. Two officers were dispatched to his room in the Labbe Building to bring him to the station to give an account of his conduct.

UNDERTOW CAUSES THREE MEN'S DEATHS

SALINAS, Cal., June 8.—From Moss Landing, a small place on Monterey Bay, seven miles from here, news comes of the drowning of three men. In company with George Stanley they had gone fishing, and tiring of sport, a swim was proposed. They were in the water about an hour when the men were seen struggling as though in some difficulty. Before a boat could be secured the spectators along the beach saw the three men disappear beneath the waters. The fourth managed to reach shallow water and escaped. It is thought the undertow was too strong for the swimmers and that they were drawn under.

ST. LOUIS, June 8.—Four boys were swept off a raft and drowned in East St. Louis this afternoon. Refugees from North Venice reports that a house containing 13 occupants was swept away and all were drowned. A woman with a small child in her arms was seen to drown in Madison at noon today. Another woman and seven small children are reported to have been swept away by the flood near Merchant's Bridge this afternoon. A marshal of Venice and his wife were reported drowned this morning.

WOMAN'S DAILY NEARLY READY



The Chicago Daily Bulletin will soon be ready for publication. This is not a mere friendly announcement of the forthcoming launching of a contemporary. It is a matter of great news interest, for the Bulletin will be the first woman's newspaper ever issued. It will be of women, for women and by women. Females will sit at all the editorial desks. Lady reporters will do the news gathering. In fact, save in minor cases, the entire staff will be composed of femininity. The experiment will be carefully watched. Above are photographs of three of the most prominent members of the editorial staff.

LOST IN OCEAN HORROR

Disastrous Collision Off Harbor of Marseilles, France, in Which More Than a Hundred Meet Death.

Two Passenger Steamers Strike—One Sinks and the Scene That Follows Beggars All Description.

Captains of Both Vessels Are Blamed for the Responsibility of a Wreck in Clear Sea and Sky.

(Journal Special Service.) MARSEILLES, June 8.—The latest report of the loss of life which resulted from the collision of the two steamers off the Marseilles, near this port, yesterday, places the number at 137. The masts of the sunken Liban are visible this morning and eight divers are working on the wreck. So far 33 bodies have been recovered, 18 of which were taken from the staterooms of the Liban, where the unfortunate people had been imprisoned. The captains of both boats are severely blamed. The master of the Liban is charged with not having conducted his ship properly, and the captain of the Insulaire is openly accused of indifference and cowardice in not helping in the rescue of the passengers of the sinking Liban. The latter gives as an excuse for his actions that he was afraid of imperiling his own passengers and ship should he seek to wait and attempt rescue work.

A Clear Day

The collision occurred just outside the harbor of Marseilles. There was no fog or any climatic conditions that were at fault for the terrible accident. In the language of one of the survivors of the Liban, it is stated that the day was bright, clear and beautiful; that when the Liban left the port of Marseilles there was not a cloud on the sky and heavy rain fell just off the Marseilles the steamer Insulaire was seen coming directly upon the Liban. It is charged that the captain of either boat had plenty of time to change the course of his vessel by which, had he done so, the disaster would have been avoided. The Liban was struck with tremendous force and keeled over, her masts lapping the waters. Passengers on deck were swept into the sea and drawn to their deaths by the suction of the sinking vessel. Many of those who were below when the vessel struck had not time to gain the deck and were drowned like imprisoned rats.

The pilot-boat Bleuchamp witnessed the collision from the distance of two miles and hurried to the assistance of the panic-stricken passengers and crew. Soon upon the scene of horror came the steamer Balkan. This vessel succeeded in picking up 32 passengers who were clinging to floating wreckage.

Awful Catastrophe

The details of the catastrophe can be stated in very few words. There was a signal of awful danger. Whistles of both steamers blew fiercely, but not in time to allow the passengers and members of the crew to gain the deck. There was hardly time to launch a boat, and two that were put adrift were drawn into the maelstrom of the sinking ship.

It is stated that at the approach of the Insulaire the captain of the Liban, who was on the bridge, failed to give an order which might have turned his doomed vessel from the course of the destroyer.

Today the survivors are being cared for by a committee appointed by the municipal authorities. The scene is a pathetic one at the wharf, where the dead bodies of the unfortunate are being brought. Mothers who have lost their children are frantically pacing the pier. Husbands are looking for wives, wives for husbands and children for parents. The scene of grief beggars description.

SHOT BY RANCH HAND

(Journal Special Service.) BAKER CITY, Ore., June 8.—Roscoe Carns, a 15-year-old boy, was shot in the thigh with a Winchester rifle Saturday night at Geddes' ranch, 25 miles from this city, by a crazy German ranch hand, who did not know the gun was loaded. Carns was taken to town in a lumber wagon and placed in a hospital Sunday. Dr. Dolson removed four inches of bone in extracting the bullet. The boy will recover.

EPPINGER'S CREDITORS

Meeting Called For This Afternoon In San Francisco—Cause of the Failure. (Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, June 8.—Eppinger's creditors met at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It is believed that the discovery of irregularities in warehouse disbursements caused the bank to close payment.

DOLLAR EACH FOR WOMEN'S IDEAS

The Journal recognizes that the newspaper which goes into the home and into the hands of the women is a profitable medium for nearly all advertisers. Women are readers of advertisements and are more partial to "bargains" and "attractions" than men. They depend upon their favorite paper for the news of the stores as told in advertisements. It is for this, as well as other reasons, that The Journal endeavors to interest the women, and it will add to its news and special features until "the fair sex" are still further satisfied with The Journal. The Journal wants women's ideas, how to make an interesting paper, and will pay \$1.00 for each idea, sent in by its women readers, that can be put into use. Send your ideas in, they shall all have due consideration and wherever merit is, the dollar will be forthcoming.

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