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HAYTI CITIZENS SHOT DOWN WITHOUT TRIAL

HIGH-HAND ACTS MOVE POWERS TO TAKE ACTION

General LeConte, New Minister of Interior, Discovers Alleged Conspiracy and Takes Law Into His Own Hands—Turmoil Follows

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Kingston, Jamaica, March 16.—Revolt, intrigue and assassination are running riot today in the Haytian cities of Port Au Prince and Gonaives, according to cable dispatches received here. A hastily inaugurated censorship has caused the greatest confusion and accurate details are unobtainable.

The wildest rumors are in circulation, following the policy of wholesale assassination inaugurated yesterday, when General Villardouhin Laconte, the newly appointed minister of the interior, had 10 of the leading citizens of the country taken from their homes and shot without even the formality of a trial or court-martial. They were suspected of having conspired against Leconte. The public murder was followed by assault on a number of other prominent men and women, and the thrusting into jail of a score of others.

A report received here today by an English fruit company, with a branch office in Port Au Prince, says that a number of residences have been burned, supposed conspirators are being shot on sight and that General Leconte has demanded that the French consul surrender to him a number of refugees who had taken shelter there, and had been promised permission to leave the island in safety if they would promise not to return. The same company is in receipt of a dispatch which says that a number of the suspects arrested on Sunday were today taken out and shot.

Foreign residents at both Port Au Prince and Gonaives are flocking to the consulates. There is not room to house them all, and the gravest fears are felt. It is said that homes and places of business of the foreign residents, deserted in the rush for safety, are being pillaged by drunken negro soldiers of General Leconte.

Notifies Washington.

Warships of France and England and Germany are hastening to the scene of trouble, and it is expected that Minister Furniss will ask the Washington government for protection today. The British cruisers Indefatigable and Crescent left here before daybreak, one to each port, and the French cruiser d'Estress is sailing under rush orders from Santiago de Cuba for Port Au Prince.

The trouble which has been brewing for some weeks was brought to a head on Saturday when General Leconte became convinced that conspirators against his administration were operating from the French consulate. Under the terms of a recent agreement political foes of Leconte were granted immunity from prosecution, provided they would leave the country at once. The agreement was made with the French government and the refugees were collecting at the French consulate at Gonaives.

Seizes a Letter.

Saturday's letter written by General Firmin, under date of March 1, at the French consulate and addressed to M. Massillon Coicou, a prominent author and political foe of Leconte's, fell into the latter's hands. In it were references to the conspiracy against Leconte and a list of names. The minister of the interior gave the list of names to his brother, chief of staff to the president, with orders that the conspirators be arrested and punished. The assassinations followed.

Today Leconte repudiated the killings and declared that they were without his orders. It is believed, however, that he sanctioned the action of his brother, if he did not actually inspire it.

A cable dispatch reaching here this afternoon says that an unconfirmed rumor current in Port Au Prince has it that Majors Leon Carraque and M. Fifford and a lieutenant named La Roche were shot before sunrise this morning. They were implicated by Massillon Coicou, one of those assassinated yesterday, in an ante-mortem statement. Four other officers whose names have not been learned were also named by Coicou, but escaped the officers sent to arrest them.

M. Borno, the Haytian minister of foreign affairs has served notice on the French government that owing to the discovery of a conspiracy among the refugees who had promised to leave the country under French protection, the agreement is abrogated.

HAVOC IS WROUGHT BY DOWNPOUR

Log Booms Break at Ross Island and Jam Against Madison Bridge—Crossing Closed to All but Foot Passengers.

Train Service Paralyzed—Washouts and Landslides Block Traffic on Both Sides of Columbia—Rivers Sweeping Through.

Mild weather and exceptionally heavy rains during the past three days have sent the rivers high upon their banks and considerable damage has already been wrought by the swift current. A number of log booms and rafts have been caught in the grasp of the swirling water and towboats have been busy saving the pieces.

Shortly before noon today four rafts broke from their anchorage at the foot of Ross island and, coming down the river, lodged against the supports of the Madison bridge. There was danger of the bridge being damaged and to eliminate any possibility of a disaster the bridge was immediately closed to streetcar traffic. Foot passengers were permitted to make their way over the structure, but were warned of possible danger, although the superintendent did not expect the bridge to give way.

Several larger rafts are threatening to go out from the Ross island anchorage, but every effort has been made to hold them. With another half dozen rafts throwing their weight against the piers, the bridge would be in a very serious position.

Piledriver Breaks Loose.

A large piledriver broke loose from the new wharf being built at the foot of East Pine street about daylight and struck out for the Burnside bridge. The tenders thought it would hit the bridge and careen, but to their surprise and satisfaction it hung up on a small cluster of piling left standing when the old drawrest was torn out to give place for a new one now in course of construction. The fireboat George H. Williams was sent to capture the runaway piledriver and soon had it back at its station.

Steamers arriving from the lower Columbia report that the several tributaries are sweeping through their channels with the speed of millraces. Two log booms went out on the Cowlitz river yesterday, one from Castlerock and the other from Tuttle. Large quantities of the logs drifted into the Columbia, where the steamers Nestor and Weown were stationed to intercept as many as possible. A report from Lewis river states that a boom went out there.

Does Not Expect Flood.

District Forecaster Beals of the weather bureau says the marked rise of the rivers is altogether out of the ordinary but he does not fear a serious flood. In fact he believes the crest will have passed here day after tomorrow. The Santiam and Clackamas rivers have begun falling, which means that a large volume of water has already escaped from the mountains.

According to Mr. Beal's forecast this morning, the Willamette at Portland will come to a stand at a stage of about 13 feet tomorrow afternoon. It will remain stationary for a few hours and begin falling Wednesday morning, unless extremely heavy rains set in again. He believes, however, that the worst of the showers are over.

The rainfall at Portland was heavier than at any other point in the valley, 2.91 inches having fallen here during the three days, as compared with 1.34 inches at Eugene, 1.20 inches at Harrisburg, 2.68 inches at Albany, and 1.66 inches at Salem. Early yesterday morning the heavy downpour was accompanied by a most spectacular electrical storm. Owing to the late hour few people witnessed it.

Tearful Skies Everywhere.

Reports concerning the Santiam and Clackamas rivers were received this morning to the effect that the high-water crest had already passed after having reached a very high stage. From Jefferson, on the Santiam, came the report that the river stood 16 feet this morning but had begun to fall. Barton, on the Clackamas, reported the river at 13.2 feet at 7 o'clock this morning, but it too, was falling.

"I don't look for any great rise here," said Mr. Beals this morning. "The rainfall has ceased and the weather is somewhat cooler than during the past three days. There is practically no danger

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FRIENDS COME TO THE FINANCIAL AID OF REV. JERE KNODE COOKE, ELOPER

The picture of Miss Whaley is in the top at the left, at the right is Mrs. Cooke, wife of the eloping pastor, and below is a snapshot of Rev. Cooke, who is now in San Francisco in financial distress.

GIRL WIFE HAS FORTUNE DUE HER

Wires to Grandmother for Funds, but Latter Will First Investigate.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, March 16. — Jere Knode Cooke, the unfrocked rector of the fashionable Hempstead, Long Island, church, who has been living in hiding here since his flight from the east with Florence Whaley, his 17-year-old ward, declares that he knows that he stands damned before the world, but that in spite of this he is happy. This morning several of his friends came to his financial aid.

"I attempt no justification of my act," he said. "I walked to mine own damnation with my eyes open."

Telegrams were sent to Cooke's former wife, but she has refused to answer them. Cooke did not know that this action had been taken, for he has been informed that his deserted wife has had done with him forever. The authorities could not believe that the deserted woman did not desire to punish Cooke, so they tried to have her take some action that the man might be held.

Cooke philosophizes over his condition and among many persons here has gained sympathy. He alleged that his conduct toward his wife was because of lack of understanding between them when he married her. They were never suited to each other.

Cooke, when located Saturday, was found to be in need of funds, but he had not made his wants known to his friends.

Mrs. Whaley-Cooke said today that she had wired her grandmother to send her money. Mrs. Keziah Whaley, the grandmother, has replied that the girl has $6,000 due her, but that she will have to make further investigation before she forwards the money.

EVANS TO QUIT NAVY AT FRISCO

Rear Admiral's Condition Said by Physicians of Battleship Fleet to Prevent His Continuing the Voyage.

Navy Tugs Busy Staking Off Ranges — Crews Anxious to Make World Records With Both Small and Large Cannon.

San Diego, Cal., March 16. — (By United Press Dispatch Boat "Orient" from Magdalena Bay, 1:45 p. m.)—Rear-Admiral Evans will forever leave the navy when the fleet arrives in San Francisco. He has asked to be relieved and his request has been granted after the exchange of numerous messages with the commander-in-chief of the army and navy at Washington.

Immediately upon the arrival of the fleet at Magdalena Bay, the ships' surgeons were called aboard the flagship Connecticut and a consultation was held at the bedside of the commander-in-chief, who has left his cabin but twice since the fleet left Hampton Roads. The last time that he appeared was at Trinidad, and then the rear-admiral sacrificed greatly, his every movement indicating the extreme torture he was suffering.

Magdalena Bay, March 16.—A puff of white smoke, a flying shell and an angry growl from one of the battleships' big guns that shattered the death-like silence of the sleeping hills, and, a thousand yards out at sea, sent a shower of water skyward, marked the beginning of target practice by Admiral Evans' warships today.

Early this morning the first of Uncle Sam's floating fortresses swung out of the bay and headed for the ranges. In a few moments three more of the grim fighters detached themselves from the squadron that lay idly tugging at their anchor chains in the sheltered waters of man-of-war cove, and slowly moved toward the open sea, where for the next three or four days the gunners of each battleship will strive to surpass the wonderful records already established by the "dead shots" of the Pacific cruiser fleet.

Preliminary to the actual work of target practice came the work of clearing away yesterday the great mass of superfluous superstructure and putting the vessels in fighting trim. All was in readiness this morning and far out on the ocean were dispatched busy little navy tugs to lay out the several ranges and set the floating targets, which, at the close of the day will probably be riddled and torn to shreds.

Conditions for accurate shooting today are propitious and not a gunner's crew on any of the vessels but what expects to hang up new marks for his ship. When the four ships that began practice today have completed the time allotted them, they will give way to four other vessels of the fleet.

Before the three or four weeks of target practice have been finished, it is estimated that hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of ammunition will have been exploded to test the efficiency of the guns and the accuracy of the men who aim them.

RAYMOND HITCHCOCK FREE

Comedian Dismissed by Court When Girls Declare They Were Forced Into Making Charges by Gerry Society—Great Scandal Promised.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, March 16.—Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, was dismissed from custody today by Justice Blanchard of the supreme court, and the charge on which he was being tried was quashed. Flora Zabelle, the comedian's wife, who has remained loyal to him throughout, threw her arms about her husband's neck when the action was announced and gave him a kiss that was not of the stage variety.

The climax of the case, which created an interest here second only to the Thaw trial, followed a sensation such as the defense promised on the opening day of the trial. Flora Whiston, one of the girls whose statements to the grand grand jury resulted in the actor's indictment, took the stand today and declared that her testimony before that body had been wrung from her by threats of the agents of the Gerry society. She declared that the comedian had never insulted or wronged her or any of the other girls, and that all of the charges against him were trumped up by the agents of the Gerry society or by Hugo Voecks, brother of one of the girls, who pleaded guilty to having tried for more than a year to blackmail Hitchcock.

The Whiston girl admitted having met Hitchcock a number of times but declared that she and the other girls involved in the case were seeking positions in the actor's chorus and had never been wronged by him.

Assistant District Attorney Garvin asked for a continuance and hastened before the grand jury to procure the indictment of the Whiston girl on a perjury charge. On motions of the attorneys for the defense the case against Hitchcock was dismissed. One more charge still hangs over Hitchcock but it is believed that this also will be dismissed.

Late this afternoon Justice Blanchard ordered the grand jury to investigate the charges that agents of the Gerry society had threatened the Whiston girl. Hitchcock's attorney says they will present evidence which will result in baring a scandal in one of New York's famous organizations for the protection of children.

"DIDN'T WANT TO KILL POOR MAN"

Woman's Kind Heart Prevents Her Firing Point Blank at Burglar.

One of two men who attempted to break into the home of Mrs. Claire Babb, 454 Salmon street, early Sunday morning, owes his life to the presence of mind of Mrs. Babb and the fact that she did not wish to kill him.

While the would-be-burglar stood on the back porch almost under the direct glare of an electric light at Eleventh and Salmon streets, beckoning to his partner to come nearer, Mrs. Babb was on the inside of the house only a few feet away watching his every move.

Coolly the woman raised the revolver in her hand to fire. She took aim. Then she thought differently. It would not be right to kill a man, she mused to herself, because he was merely trying to break into her house and as yet had done absolutely no harm.

So Mrs. Babb decided on different tactics of getting rid of the man outside preparing to break into her home.

"Hands up, there," she yelled at the top of her voice. The man did not move.

Hands Up There.

"Hands up, there," called the little woman again.

The man on the porch looked in the direction of his partner only a few yards away.

Then it was that Mrs. Babb aimed the gun at the porch floor and pulled the trigger.

There was a loud report, the sound of falling glass—the window pane had been shattered—and the man walked calmly out onto the sidewalk and went north on Eleventh street.

Both men, who Mrs. Babb saw distinctly, were tall, smooth shaven and wore the clothes of ordinary workingmen. The attempted burglary and shooting happened soon after 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mrs. Babb lives at Eleventh and Salmon streets with her mother, Mrs. Shangle, and her sister, Miss Violet Boyles. The last words her sister said to her Saturday night were to the effect that the revolver had better be inspected because there was danger of burglars.

Heard Footsteps.

"My sister had been awakened by the two walking on the back porch," said Mrs Babb this morning. "Later she called me. I thought it was all imagination on her part and investigated before I got out my gun.

"I usually keep the revolver near at hand but take the shells out as a precaution against accidents. After seeing the men prowling about the house I soon found the gun and then had to begin the hunt for the cartridges. At last I found them and stepped into the kitchen.

"One man was standing inside the porch lattice work and motioning to his confederate, who was looking in a window near the corner of the house.

"I could have killed that man with one shot. I have always been handy

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CASHIER BLINDED WITH AMMONIA

Star Theatre at Tacoma Is Robbed of $400 by Daring Burglar.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., March 16.—One of the most cleverly planned and executed robberies took place last night at the box office of the Star theatre. Secreting himself behind an improvised door he had cut through the wainscoating of the box office of the theatre, timing the movements of Miss Emma Olsen, cashier, and her friend, Mrs. Edna Sullivan, who was assisting her, and by using an atomizer filled with strong ammonia water as a weapon, the clever thief, about 9:30 o'clock last night, after blinding the two young women with ammonia, crawled through the opening he had made, seized the day's receipts of the playhouse, amounting to $400, and escaped without even a "thank you."

WILEY'S ENEMIES TOO ACTIVE TO SUIT HIM

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, March 16.—Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry department of Agriculture, and foe of adulterations in food and drugs, is reported to be seriously considering resigning from office. The manufacturers who joined in protest against his rigid ruling in the application of the pure food law are said to have practically succeeded in eliminating him.

PACKERS MUST PAY FOR TAKING REBATES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., March 16.—The United States supreme court today upheld the decision of the lower court in imposing fines aggregating $15,000 against Armour, Swift, Morris and Cudahy, the packers, for violating the Elkins law by receiving concessions in rates from the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad on meat exports.

RESTORE MOTTO TO U. S. COINS

House Passes Bill Ordering "In God We Trust" Placed on American Money.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, March 16.—The motto "In God We Trust" goes back on all United States coin if the senate agrees with the house on a bill which passed the latter body today by a vote of 255 to 5, providing for a restoration of the motto which was left out of the recent designs by the late St. Gaudens, at the instance of President Roosevelt.

Chemawa Boy Recaptured.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Silverton, Or., March 16.—Four Indian boys who escaped from the school at Chemawa were arrested in this city last evening and held in jail over night awaiting the arrival of an official of the school, who returned with them this morning.

BRYAN SAYS SILVER WON'T BE ISSUE IN COMING CAMPAIGN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—W. J. Bryan reiterates his announcement that silver will not be an issue in the coming campaign, adding that he is satisfied with the platform adopted in Nebraska as a whole.

"The Oklahoma law is the best I have seen," he said in an interview. "For instance, that feature of it that authorizes the banking board to collect assessments from all banks for the protection of depositors of each bank, thus giving to each bank the strength of all banks is a good one. The Aldrich financial bill is bad, in that it provides for the issue of bank notes as emergency notes, and permits the use of railroad bonds as a basis of security."

FIREBUG TRIES TEN TIMES TO DESTROY APARTMENT HOUSE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Denver, Colo., March 16—For the tenth time within the past year and the third time since Wednesday last, the fashionable Bernard apartment house at West Eighth avenue and South Eleventh street, was set afire at 3 o'clock this morning. The blaze was accompanied by a stampede of the tenants. Only after desperate work did the firemen succeed in checking the flames.

Before the firebug started the blaze he cut the main electric light supply wire. As a result the entire building was in darkness and it was this which threw the hundred tenants into a panic.

Both exits opened inward, and in the mad rush it was impossible to get the doors open until the police smashed the glass and firemen turned a stream of water on the maddened tenants to force them back. The doors were then opened and the tenants, a number of them severely injured, were released.

SEATTLE SPIRIT PROVES FATAL

Society Woman Imbibes Too Freely of Joy Water and Loses Life.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, March 16—Death from alcohol and hemorrhage from the lungs was the result of the coroner's postmortem examination of the body of Mrs. Margaret Glidden, the society woman who was found dead in the fashionable Otis apartments late Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Glidden was one of the best known women in this city. She was the wife of Harry Glidden, a wealthy broker who for the past few months has been in a private sanitarium in Chicago. Fond of gay society she sometimes imbibed freely of wine and during the last two months drank to excess, but generally in her own private apartments.

Her body was found in her room late Saturday afternoon and several empty alcohol bottles aroused suspicion and the coroner held the postmortem, as many believed the woman had been poisoned, or else took poison with suicidal intent.