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JUSTICE M'CALL IS EXONERATED

New York Jurist is Cleared of Charges of Bribery in Sensational Trial.

POLITICAL FRIENDSHIPS CAUSE OF INVOLVEMENT

Judge of Supreme Court in New York, Implicated in Insurance Graft, is Exonerated After Trial—Political Friendship Accounted for Questionableness of Aspect of Alleged Incident—Judge Loaned Money to Friend in Need.

New York, April 2.—Justice E. E. McCall of the New York supreme court today was completely exonerated of all charges against him in connection with the fire insurance bribery scandals. Superintendent Hotchkiss said today the charge that Justice McCall was involved in the scandal was entirely without foundation.

After yesterday's hearing, Justice McCall met Superintendent Hotchkiss of the state insurance department and gave him a statement that satisfied Mr. Hotchkiss political friendship accounted sufficiently for the questionable aspect certain incidents had seemed to wear.

Earlier in the investigation evidence was found in the books of the Phoenix Fire insurance company of Brooklyn which induced Mr. Hotchkiss to say it looked as if Justice McCall had been a party to an attempt to deceive the insurance department.

The statement first takes up the \$35,000 check issued to Buckley, which the justice endorsed with Buckley's name and deposited in his own bank account. Buckley owed \$37,000 to the North American Trust company, which he had borrowed from the International Banking and Trust company. When the International was taken over by the North American, the loans were called.

Secured a Loan. Mr. Buckley, according to Justice McCall, induced the Phoenix to loan \$35,000 to him on the collateral held by the North American Trust company. There was due a balance, which with interest, amounted to \$2,731. This amount Justice McCall, who was then a practicing lawyer advanced.

As Buckley had to leave town, he arranged that Mr. McCall should receive the \$35,000 from the Phoenix and take up the loan. Mr. McCall accordingly deposited the \$35,000 check to Buckley's order. In his bank, drew his own check for \$27,731 to the North American company, paid the loan and obtained the security for the new loan of \$35,000.

Justice McCall then takes up the matter of the \$13,000 check. Buckley had borrowed \$13,000 from the Phoenix on February 16, 1900, and \$13,000 on January 29, 1901, but Justice McCall says he has no knowledge of either of these loans. Buckley went to him in December, 1900, and asked him for \$346 to pay interest due on a loan. He got the money. On January 14, 1901, Buckley again went to McCall, this time for \$12,958 and again got the money.

SEA ROSE UP AND DEVASTATED COUNTRY

Lisbon, April 2.—Heavy loss of life and great property damage by a cyclone is reported today along the east African coast in a cable from the governor of Mozambique. The dispatch says the level of the sea rose twenty-two feet under a terrific wind and the water rushed inland for miles. Scores of bodies have already been recovered from the devastated plantations.

Metallurgist Dies Suddenly.

Denver, Colo., April 2.—Announcement of the sudden death of Dr. Franklin E. Carpenter, a widely-known metallurgist and authority on pyrite smelting, was received here today from Chicago. Dr. Carpenter, a resident of Denver for years, had gone east on business and is reported to have been stricken with paralysis.

Eleven Are Drowned.

Lisbon, April 2.—Eleven men were drowned yesterday in the wreck of a fishing boat, caught in the heavy storm which swept the north coast of Portugal.

GERMANY ALSO HAS SOME LABOR TROUBLES.

Berlin, April 2.—Although the lockout of a million and a half men of the building trades in Germany is threatened, it is probable that German employers will take no action unless the men refuse to agree to certain regulations governing wages and hours. It is predicted here the question at issue will be amicably settled.

FREEWATER FAMILY HAS THE HOOKWORM

Walla Walla, Wash., April 2.—Probably never before has a case of hook-worm been discovered this far north, but there is a family of six living near Freewater on the interurban line which is now suffering with this dreaded disease. Owing to the sandy condition of the soil in and around Milton and Freewater it is possible that the neighboring inhabitants will fall a victim to the ravages of the disease which John D. Rockefeller has donated one million dollars to stamp out of the south.

Dr. Edward Montgomery of this city, has the cases well in hand though he realizes that great precaution will have to be taken to prevent the spread of the disease. If the contagion once gets into the soil it would be almost impossible to prevent it spreading to other persons until next winter when the severe cold would in all probability kill the dreaded plague.

Dr. Montgomery refuses to make known the name of the family suffering with the disease but after careful consideration has arrived at the conclusion that there is no mistake and that the hook-worm has invaded the Walla Walla valley.

The family originally came from Smith county, Tennessee, near Nashville. About two years ago they moved to Oklahoma and last fall moved to Weston, Ore., coming to the ranch on which they now live about six weeks ago. Dr. Montgomery is inclined to believe that they contracted the disease while living in the south and have brought it north with them. This belief was also strengthened considerably when the father of the family admitted to the physician that the entire family had, while living in the south what is commonly known as "ground itch." It is believed by many who have studied the disease that the germ enters through the pores of the feet first.

Hookworm in California, Too. Los Angeles, April 2.—That the hookworm has invaded southern California and may gain a foothold in this section was the information given to the Los Angeles county medical association by Dr. Joseph King, who is making a further investigation today. King declares the sandy soil of southern California makes an excellent breeding ground for the parasites and sounded a note of warning to physicians.

FRENCHMEN IN NEW YORK FIGHT A DUEL

ONE IS KILLED AND OTHER MAKES ESCAPE. Chauffeur Witnesses Two Men Settle Differences With Pistols—One Falls and Other Quickly Disappears—No Clue for Police.

New York, April 2.—The police admitted today they have no clue to the identity of the Frenchman who early yesterday fought a duel with a fellow countryman on the east side waterfront, killed his adversary and escaped. The fight was witnessed by a chauffeur who was driving past an apartment house. Shortly before he passed the Frenchmen stepped from the doorway, pistols in hand. Measuring off the distance they wheeled and fired. One fell, mortally wounded. Without waiting to observe the effect of his bullet, the other man quickly disappeared. The body of the dead duelist has not been identified.

MORE PITTSBURG ALDERMEN INCRIMINATED BY JURY

Pittsburg, April 2.—Indictments charging bribery are recommended to be filed against Morris Einstein and six select councilmen of Pittsburg in the grand jury presentation today. The councilmen are alleged to have received money distributed by Former Councilman Kearns.

SPOKANE WOMAN INHERITS TWO MILLION DOLLARS

Spokane, Wash., April 1.—Two million dollars, representing a third interest in the Los Molinos estate, 200 miles north of San Francisco, has been inherited by Mrs. J. Dickinson Sherwood, wife of a pioneer resident of Spokane, by the death of her mother, Madam Cone, in Paris, France. Mrs. Sherwood is deeply interested in charitable work and it is likely that the bulk of her fortune will be used in assisting worthy girls and boys in obtaining an education and learning trades. The Sherwoods came to Spokane from New England in territorial days and Mr. Sherwood has been a prominent factor in the up-building of the place from a village of 200 in 1850 to a city of 138,000. He became wealthy through making investments in town and outside property. Mr. Sherwood is also interested in several large properties in southern California and other states in the Pacific Northwest. Mrs. Sherwood also has a large independent income.

MOLTEN LAVA DOOMS TOWNS

Mount Aetna Continues to Belch Forth Death and Destruction.

ONE TOWN ENGULFED, TWO OTHERS IN PATH

Citizens of Catania Frenzied With Fear—Violence of Eruptions Continues to Increase—Cinders from Mountain May Start Fire in Town—Lava Engulfs One Village But Inhabitants Flee—Two Other Towns Doomed.

Catania, April 2.—The roaring-fur-nace of Mount Aetna increased in violence today and the people of Catania, after many sleepless nights, are almost paralyzed by fear. Fear of a conflagration from the live cinders from the craters adds also to the general alarm. Occasional earthquakes rock the island. The inhabitants of the village of Vavaleri fled for their lives during the night when lava engulfed the town. Bellaso and Borelio are in the path of the flow and cannot escape destruction.

WHO OWNED THE WEAPON THAT KILLED DR. SAYLOR?

Waukega, Ill., April 2.—C. Grunden, brother of Mrs. J. B. Saylor, charged with the murder of her husband, was placed on the stand by the prosecution today and testified that shortly after Saylor was shot, Mrs. Saylor gave him an automatic revolver, saying she found it. The state is trying to determine the ownership of the weapon.

The state also asks permission to introduce two bloodstained skirts which the prosecutors believe will show Mrs. Saylor was present when her husband was shot instead of running away as she remembered she did. The court reserved its decision.

Godfrey Reuhl, who followed several neighbors of the Saylor on the stand, said he saw Mrs. Saylor one midnight, cautiously approaching and enter the home of Dr. Miller.

ALASKA GOLD FIELDS WAKEN FROM LONG WINTER SLEEP

Dawson, April 2.—The Yukon is awakening today. The big spring thaw has begun and this district is stretching itself preparatory to a season of activity. Klondike is preparing to operate twelve large dredges and a score of hydraulic plants on many individual placer properties this season. The largest new enterprise, the Treadgold, will handle a ditch seven miles long from the North Fork of the Klondike, carrying fifteen thousand inches of water to generate power for lifting water for hydraulic purposes. Many other big projects are planned.

SOPHOMORES TIE HORSES TO FRESHMEN'S BEDPOSTS

Seattle, April 2.—Irate freshmen at the University of Washington are today searching for the sophomores who unhitched two lively horses yesterday, led them into the freshmen quarters in the dormitory and tied them to the bedposts of Leon Becker and Claud Bortz. The horses belonged to a driver for a dyeworks firm.

Watch any man long enough and you will see him do something he ought to be ashamed of.

MORMON MISSIONARIES ARE EXPELLED FROM GERMANY

Berlin, April 2.—Five Mormon missionaries from Utah were expelled from Saxony today as undesirable aliens. They are charged with "conducting immoral propaganda." The missionaries had already many women and girls to emigrate to Utah.

MARCH CLOSURES WITH RAINFALL STILL IN EXCESS OF NORMAL

Pendleton's rainfall for the present season is two inches more than the normal and even though there should not be a drop of rainfall during the month of April the precipitation will still be in excess of the normal, according to the official weather report of the local co-operative observer.

The total rainfall for the months of September, October, November, December, January, February and March is 11.82 inches, while the normal rainfall for this period is only 9.82 inches, leaving a balance of exactly two inches in favor of the grower, the gardener and the stockman. The excess remains despite the fact that the month just ended was one of the prettiest Marches ever seen in eastern Oregon, the precipitation for the entire month being only .92 inches, a deficiency from the normal of .67 inches.

During the entire seven months, however, there has only been two in which there was not an excess of precipitation of from .95 inches to 2.1 inches. These two were September and March.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION GREAT

House Committee Widely Differ in Views on Control of Common Carriers.

MEASURE DRAFTED AT INSTANCE OF TAFT

Even Minority Presentation of Report Is Split—Chairman Mann Stamps Bill As More Important Than Any Preceding Acts for Control of Railroads—Minority Members Say Bill Is Paternalistic.

Washington, April 2.—Widely diverging views on control of common carriers, including a split minority presentation, are expressed in reports that accompanied the submission of the administration railroad bill to the house by the interstate commerce committee yesterday.

The measure drafted by Attorney General Wickersham at the instance of President Taft, introduced by Representative Townsend of Michigan and transformed by radical changes in house committee into a substantial measure, already is being debated in the senate. In the house it probably will follow the naval appropriation bill. Chairman Mann, who will act as sponsor of the bill, though opposed to some of its provisions, will seek on Monday to fix a date for the bill to be taken up.

The majority report, which Chairman Mann signed, stamps the proposed legislation as even more important than any preceding acts for the control of railroads, imposing no undue interference with railway management and conferring large benefits upon the public.

The minority report, striking at the commerce court, declares "no untried, experimental legislation of a doubtful constitutional character, should be entered upon by congress at a time when neither consumers, shippers nor railroads ask for such legislation."

The minority members, while earnest advocates of federal supervision of interstate railroads, attack the bill as paternalistic.

Still another set of views is presented by Messrs. Simms of Tennessee and Russell of Texas, democratic members of the committee, who refuse to sign the minority report, although in favor of some of its features.

Mr. Richardson of Alabama, who signed the minority report, believes the bill leads to government ownership of railroads and will offer an amendment prescribing physical valuation instead of fluctuating value of capital stock as a basis for ascertaining a fair rate.

FORMER POLICE CAPTAIN GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

San Francisco, April 2.—Former Police Captain Michael Conboy was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury after being out 24 hours. Conboy last summer while intoxicated shot and killed Bernard Lagan on Market street.

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TWO CRIMINALS ARE SENTENCED TO PEN

All the "near beer" cases which were to have been brought up in the circuit court today have been carried over until Tuesday by mutual consent. At that time pleas will be entered and if any fight is to be made, the fact will become known at that time. If the defendants are to plead guilty their fines will be assessed at that time.

One year in the penitentiary was the sentence pronounced in the case of Anthony Bloom, the aged Coombs canyon rancher, who entered a plea of guilty to the charge of burglarizing the cabin of a neighbor. His son, Peter Bloom, who was indicted on the same charge is still at liberty, having successfully eluded the officers of the northwest since the sensational jail break of a few weeks ago.

Wilbur H. Bailey, the young forger from Milton was this morning sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary, but the judge still has his application for a parole under advisement. The application for paroles in the cases of Lent and French is also still under advisement.

SMALPOX BREAKS OUT IN SEATTLE NAVY YARDS

Seattle, April 2.—Schools, saloons, billiard and pool rooms are all closed in Charleston, the navy yards town across the bay because eight cases of smallpox have developed. All Charleston pupils in the Union high school have been ordered to stay away from school until further notice. Some persons believe the epidemic was started by sailors from the cruiser Washington, now at the navy yards, which was quarantined for some time for smallpox following her return from the orient.

JUSTICE BREWER'S REMAINS CONSIGNED TO EARTH

Leavenworth, April 2.—The funeral of David Josiah Brewer, late associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, was held here today at noon. The funeral services were extremely simple and were held in the congregational church.

RACING AUTO FATALLY INJURES THREE NEGROES, KILLS TWO COWS, INJURES DRIVER.

Savannah, Ga., April 2.—While going at high speed on the race course near Savannah, last night, an automobile in which were Albert M. Marshall and Harry Noyes, young society men, became unmanageable, left the road and struck first a small negro girl, then a negro man and later a negro woman, probably fatally injuring each.

Then after killing two cows, the machine turned over, seriously injuring Noyes, who was sent to the hospital.

Marshall was arrested and is held at police headquarters until the result of the injuries to the three negroes is known.

TELEPHONE COMPANY RAISES ITS RATES

GENERAL INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT IS ANNOUNCED. Subscribers Must Pay \$1.50 a Month Now—People Do Not Welcome the News—Management Says Service Is Growing Better and Larger.

Telephone subscribers are being greeted with an unpleasant surprise in the shape of a 25 per cent increase in rates as they call at the local office to pay their bills this month.

The new rate is \$1.50 per month for four party phones instead of \$1.25. In explanation of the advance G. F. Moore, Jr., the local manager, simply stated that the company was standardizing its four party line rates in this city. For the past several months all new subscribers have been charged at the rate of \$1.50 per month and this general advance for the old ones is simply making an equal rate for all obtaining the same service.

Mr. Moore says that those who are complaining forget that the exchange is rapidly growing and that they have now more than a thousand connections, whereas when the old rate was made, there were only 500 or 600 connections. He says the subscribers are also being given better service and better facilities in every way than they ever had before.

To substantiate the contention that the rates are no higher here than in other places he cited Walla Walla, where the rate is \$2 and Athena and Hermiston, where the rate is \$1.50 in each instance.

Mr. Moore also called attention to the fact that the increase was insignificant since it amounted to less than a cent a day for each subscriber.

Will Break Coal Strike.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 2.—Complications in the strike situation in Iowa arose last night when it became known that J. Nichol of Chicago, a strike breaker, had arrived in Des Moines to force the striking miners to come to terms. Mr. Nichol said that he had been employed by the operators to break the strike. He was to begin work April 10, when he was to bring 1,000 miners into Iowa. John Freese, president of the Iowa operators' association, said he had entered into no agreement with Nichol.

ALL NAPLES GREET T. R.

Great American Statesman Arrives in Italy From His African Trip.

AMERICANS DO HONOR TO FORMER PRESIDENT

Roosevelt Arrives from Cairo and Was Met by Great Crowd—Brands Political Interview as False—Protests Against Special Guard for Protection—Ambassador Leishman Journeys to Meet His Former Chief.

Naples, April 2.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived here today from Cairo and was given a reception by prominent Americans. He shook hands all round and made a speech in which he protested against the special guards given him as a protection from the black hand. He denounced a political interview as false within the short time between the docking of the steamer and his arrival at the hotel.

The Prinz Heinrich bearing the party, arrived at 8 o'clock this morning. Half the population of Naples was out, among them a great number of Americans and all gave the American statesman a great reception. Roosevelt was met by Ambassador Leishman, who had come from Rome to welcome the former president. Consul Crowninshield, stationed here, the mayor of Naples, the prefect of police and dignitaries were also present. As soon as Roosevelt disembarked he was surrounded by a guard of police despite his protests and escorted to the Excelsior hotel. He made a brief speech of thanks in response to the speeches of welcome.

JUGGERNAUT IS FATAL.

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GOVERNMENT WILL ATTACK IMPERIAL GLASS COMPANY

Pittsburg, April 2.—It was learned today on good authority the government is preparing to proceed against the Imperial Window Glass company for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Federal employes have been investigating and are to present their evidence to the federal grand jury Monday when an attempt will be made to prove the corporation is a trust.

BROKING FIRMS INDICTED FOR "BUCKET SHOP" METHODS

Washington, April 2.—The grand jury today returned three indictments against twenty-nine brokers, members of firms in Baltimore, Philadelphia and St. Louis, for the operation of "bucket shops" in the District of Columbia. The companies operate 250 offices throughout the east and middle west. Raids are being conducted simultaneously today in many of the big cities.

JOE CHOYNSKI ADDED TO JEFFRIES' TRAINING FORCE

San Francisco, April 2.—Sam Berger, Jeffries' manager, returned last night from the east and announced today his training force was nearly complete. Joe Choynski, the veteran heavyweight, is expected to be on hand to help Jeff when his training stunts are begun next week.

Illness Leads to Suicide.

San Francisco, April 2.—Made miserable by continued illness, Rosa Fulda, aged twenty-eight, shot herself through the lungs today and died shortly afterward.

HOOKS FISH WEIGHING OVER TON AND HALF

Los Angeles, April 2.—A sun fish weighing three thousand two hundred pounds was hooked by W. N. McMillan, a South African ranchman yesterday. It was towed ashore by a launch and the efforts of twenty five men finally landed the fish on the beach.