

CAMORRIS MAKE SCENE IN COURT

Angry Quarrel of Lawyers. Demonstration from Bench and from Audience.

ALLEGED SLAYER ON THE STAND

Carver of Man Who Helps Stab Couple Investigated.

RING OF VICTIM IS EXHIBITED

Carabinieri Find Circle of Metal in Mattress of Bed.

WOMEN SCREAM AND FAINT

Disorder Becomes So Great that Adjournment is Taken for the Day—Conspiracy Charge Renewed.

VITERBO, Italy, March 22—Angry exchanges between opposing counsel at today's session of the trial of the Camorristi provoked a demonstration from the prisoners...

The scene was enacted soon after the resumption of the trial, which was adjourned at the close of the morning session yesterday...

It is asserted that according to the rules of the Camorra the ring was taken from the hand of the murdered man to be sent to Salvi in proof of the fact that his wish for vengeance had been observed.

Carabinieri claimed to have found this ring in the mattress of a bed at the home of a woman known as the companion of Salvi...

Prosecutor Produces Ring. As the cross-examination progressed today President Bianchi suddenly produced the ring and, holding it so that it could be seen by all in the court room, said:

"This is the ring found in the home of your woman associate."

The statement called forth a chorus of protests from the prisoners, who shouted, "No, no! it is not Cuccolo's ring; it is not his."

The cries grew louder and were taken up by sympathizers in the audience. Then Lawyer Liguori, president of the board of attorneys of Naples, who is defending the informer Genaro Abbatmaglio, pushed his way to the space in front of the great steel cage and starting into the eyes of the accused men, he said:

"You are paid from the secret funds of the government!"

"You were sent here under orders from the Carabinieri!"

"This attack was encouraged by the prisoners, who applauded as they exclaimed: 'Bravo! Bravo!'"

Prisoners Join in Clamor. For a moment Giovanni Babi, the alleged treasurer of the Camorra and known as the proprietor of gambling places in Naples, Rome and Paris, held the center of the stage, when he pressed his face against the bars of the cage and cried:

"We are innocent; we have been betrayed; we have been sold like lambs to the slaughter."

At this point Alfano, the alleged actual head of the Camorra, cried dramatically:

"I call from the other world the soul of my poor brother, Ciro, who died in prison, to witness that we are flesh and blood sold by the Carabinieri to the inquiring judges."

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President Taft Writes Letter to Dr. Washington

Chief Executive in Letter to Negro Says He Has Confidence in His Integrity and Morality.

NEW YORK, March 22—Dr. Booker T. Washington, the negro educator, whose alleged assailant of last Sunday night, Albert Ulrich, was held yesterday for trial on an assault charge, was still at the Hotel Manhattan today recovering rapidly from the effects of the injuries he sustained.

Dr. Washington was gratified today to receive a letter from President Taft in the president's handwriting in which Mr. Taft expressed his sympathy for and confidence in Dr. Washington. The letter as given out by Dr. Washington read:

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, March 22, 1911. My dear Dr. Washington: I am greatly distressed at your misfortune, and I hasten to write you my sympathy, my hope that you will soon recover from the wounds inflicted by insane suspicion or viciousness, and my confidence in you, in your integrity and morality of character, and in your highest usefulness to your race and to all the people of this country.

It would be a nation's loss if this untoward incident in any way impaired your great power for good in the solution of one of the most difficult problems before us.

I want you to know that your friends are standing by you in every trial and that I am proud to subscribe myself as one of them.

WILLIAM H. TAFT. Dr. Booker T. Washington, Hotel Manhattan, New York City.

Socialist Vote in Milwaukee Shows Heavy Falling Off

Only Two of Party's Four Candidates for School Trustees Nominated—Society Women Vote.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 22—An analysis of yesterday's primary vote for nominees for school directors in Milwaukee shows a falling off in the socialist vote as compared with the primary a year ago when Emil Seidel was endorsed as the candidate for mayor. Only two out of four socialist candidates were nominated and these ran sixth and ninth on the list of ten.

Society women registered more votes in proportion to the men than did their sisters in the poorer wards. In one precinct of the Sixteenth ward, "Aristocratic" the total vote numbered six to which 117 were cast by women. In some precincts in other wards the number of women voters ranged all the way from one to 300.

Most of the women of the social set who voted were accompanied by their husbands. They appeared to know beforehand how they wanted to vote and only a few had to be instructed. It is estimated out of the 2,000 votes cast 1,000 were deposited by women.

All-Night Search for Missing Shot Firer

Men Removing Dead from Wrecked Mine at Columbus, Kan., Hear Tapping and Redoubt Efforts.

COLUMBUS, Kan., March 22—After a fruitless all-night search for Tom Check, a miner, supposed to be entombed alive in shaft No. 16 of the Southwestern Coal company's mine near here, rescuers were driven back by mine gas today and for a time were forced to abandon the search.

Check, a shot firer, was supposed to have been killed in the mine last Saturday when an explosion resulted in the death of John Jopling, the superintendent, and three miners. As the bodies of these victims were being removed yesterday afternoon faint warnings were heard in one of the distant entries. Help was rushed into the mine and led by Frank Gilday, state mine inspector, a rescue party worked all night.

Search was resumed shortly before noon, but there was little hope that the miner would be found alive. No tapping has been heard today by the rescue party.

Leavenworth Court House Destroyed

Building Burned Early Wednesday Morning and Valuable Records and Documents Lost.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 22—The Leavenworth county court house was burned to the ground early this morning. Valuable records and documents were destroyed, bringing the loss up to nearly \$100,000. The fire originated in the second story, presumably among paints and varnishes placed there while the building was being renovated.

GASOLINE CLAIMS GIRL FOR VICTIM

Little Esther McLeland's Body is Burned to a Crisp by Explosion.

MOTHER AND SISTER INJURED Both Taken to the Hospital and May Yet Survive.

TANK ON CLOTHES CLEANER

Origin of the Fire is as Yet Uncertain.

MOTHER RESCUES SMALL CHILD

Esther Refuses to Follow Her Mother from the Burning Room When Requested and Meets Death in the Flames.

Little Esther McLeland is dead and her sister, Myrtle, and her mother, Mrs. Alice McLeland, lie seriously injured as the result of a gasoline explosion at their home, 184 Sherman avenue, Wednesday afternoon.

The fire originated in the lower flat of the building, 184 Sherman avenue, where the McLeland family lived and ran a tailoring establishment. Mrs. McLeland was occupied about a clothes cleaning machine attached to an open can of gasoline. Her two little children, Esther, aged 5, and Myrtle, aged 3, were playing about the ground and extinguished in some manner became ignited and exploded, wrapping the mother and children in flames.

The mother snatched the youngest child in her arms and ran screaming into the street, and thence to the rear of the building, where she rolled the child on the ground and extinguished the flames. Esther refused to follow her mother and remained screaming in the room.

Bystanders Held Father. The father, Charles G. McLeland, who was in front of the building when the fire broke out, endeavored to reach his daughter, but was held by some bystanders, who feared for his life. He finally broke from his captors and ran through the rear of the building and into the burning room, where he found the body of Esther a blackened mass.

When the police arrived Drs. Harris and Pepper immediately ordered the mother and little Myrtle taken to the hospital. The body of the dead child was taken to the morgue.

At St. Joseph's hospital, where Mrs. McLeland and the little girl were taken, it was said that while their condition was serious there was strong hopes for their recovery. Mrs. McLeland and the baby are burned about the head and arms.

The fire that started in the tailor shop spread with rapidity and for a time threatened to destroy the entire building, which is owned by John Crosby, who lives in the flat above a barber shop that adjoins the McLeland shop. Above the tailor shop lives the family of T. H. Downing. The Downing flat was damaged by fire and water to some extent.

Aged Woman Rescued. During the fire Mrs. Thomas Barry, an aged woman who lives with the Downings, had to be carried out, overcome by the smoke. In the Crosby flat the servant girl, Molly Sher, aged 16, was overcome by smoke and had to be taken out.

The tailor shop was a complete wreck. Mr. McLeland said there was no insurance on his stock or furniture, which he valued at \$2,500. The building, owned by John Crosby, was valued at \$5,000. It was insured for about \$4,500. The damage to the structure was estimated at about \$1,000.

CUSTOMS BROKER PLEADS GUILTY TO FORGERY

Alexander Hollander, Implicated in Big Frauds in New York, Will Be Sentenced Later.

NEW YORK, March 22—Alexander Hollander, a member of the firm of Alexander Hollander & Co., customs brokers, pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery in connection with customs frauds aggregating \$500,000. He was arrested in Naples last December. Sentence will be imposed later.

CANADA ADMITS NEGROES

Party of Hundred and Seventy Successfully Pass Examination at Emerson.

WINNIPEG, March 22—A party of 170 negroes, with seven carloads of goods, from the southern states arrived at Emerson, Man., today and passed an examination as to their fitness for becoming residents of Canada. The proceedings were closely watched by United States officials. Those in the party appeared to be in good physical condition and were allowed to pass. They expect to settle at Athabasca landing.

Mexico's Foreign Minister is a Busy Man These Days

Perhaps the busiest man in Mexico at present is Enrique C. Creel, minister of foreign affairs in the cabinet of President Diaz. From the very inception of the insurrection, in northern Mexico, Senor Creel has been in touch with all the foreign governments, keeping them assured of the attitude of the Mexican government and of its capability to deal with the internal situation growing out of the rebellion. He has been the subject of much criticism in the United States, because of the negotiations between his government and a Japanese steamship company for the privilege of establishing a coaling station at Matanzas on the Pacific coast. He has also had considerable correspondence with the government at Washington, as the activity of the insurgents along the border has brought the two governments very close to a clash on several occasions. Senor Creel has always expressed the warmest of feelings towards the United States, and his dealings have been very frank and open with the representatives of our government. United States Ambassador Wilson has returned to Mexico, and is keeping close touch with the American end of the critical situation. Minister Creel is now handling.



ENRIQUE C. CREEL.

Is the Coast Clear?

Former State Senator Testifies in the Broderick Trial.

MONEY WAS PAID IN SALOON Says Defendant Promised Him Twenty-Five Hundred to Vote for Lorimer and He Got It When in Chicago.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 22—In his testimony in the Broderick bribery case today, former Senator D. W. Holstlaw of Illinois admitted that he had been in the saloon of John Broderick in Chicago on two different occasions and that he received money each time. He admitted that on one occasion Senator C. R. Jandus of Chicago was in the saloon when he met Broderick.

This is the first time that the name of Senator Jandus has been mentioned in connection with the case. It created quite a stir in the courtroom. In the examination of Holstlaw by Attorney Mortimer for the defense, Mr. Mortimer tried to get Holstlaw to state that Senator Jandus was in the saloon of Broderick on the day that he claims he received \$2,500 for his vote for William Lorimer. Mr. Holstlaw insisted that, as far as he could remember, Mr. Jandus was not there that time.

"Did you receive money from Mr. Broderick at each visit?" asked State Attorney Burke.

"I did," replied Mr. Holstlaw.

"Was the second visit to Broderick's saloon after you received the \$2,500?"

"It was."

"During which visit was it that you met Mr. Jandus?"

"I can't remember exactly, but I think it was the second meeting."

"Was the money Mr. Broderick gave you on the second visit in connection with what is known as the legislative 'jackpot'?"

The defense objected to the question and was sustained.

Mr. Holstlaw was the only witness this morning.

Offer to Pay Money. On direct examination by the state he told of his meeting with Broderick in front of the St. Nicholas hotel on the eve of the election of Mr. Lorimer and that Broderick had said, "We are going to elect Mr. Lorimer tomorrow."

"It looks that way," Mr. Holstlaw said he replied. "I am going to vote for him."

"There is \$2,500 in it for you," replied Broderick, said the witness.

He told of his visit to Chicago on June 15, 1908. "I went to Broderick's place of business," said Holstlaw, "arriving there about 9 o'clock. Broderick was not there, but his bartender called him and about 10 o'clock he came into the saloon. We went into his private office on his invitation and he gave me \$2,500, saying, 'Here's that money.' I then went to the State bank of Chicago and deposited the money to the credit of the Holstlaw bank in Iuka, of which I was owner at that time."

Situation in Mexico Discussed by Cabinet

Regret is Expressed that Minister Limantour is Holding United States Up as Bugaboo.

WASHINGTON, March 22—President Taft and his cabinet met today for the first time in more than two weeks. The Mexican situation was discussed briefly. A strong hope is expressed in administration circles that conditions in Mexico will improve speedily. The Washington government is anxious that the two factions in Mexico shall get together.

Intense disappointment is expressed here, however, over the fact that Finance Minister Limantour has seen fit to seek a peace agreement by holding the United States up as a sort of a bugaboo and making statements that this government is but waiting an opportunity to get into Mexico. The new secretary of the Interior, Mr. Fisher, attended his first cabinet meeting today.

Horses, Pigs, Cats and Manuscripts in Divorce Case

Unusual Testimony Introduced in Trial of Suit of English Author Against American Wife.

LONDON, March 22—Horses, pigs, cats, manuscripts of plays and stories of earlier divorce papers figured largely in the amusement of the audience at the trial today of the English author, Robert Harborough Sherard, against his wife, the American authoress, Irene Osagood, who was formerly Mrs. Charles Pigott Harvey, nee de Belot.

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TAFT SENDS FOR UCHIDA

Reports Maneuvers Are Aimed at Japan Unqualifiedly Denied.

NO TREACHERY IS SUSPECTED Ambassador is Asked to Communicate Expressions of the President Directly to the Emperor of Japan.

WASHINGTON, March 22—President Taft today had a cordial interview with the Japanese ambassador, Baron Uchida, when he sent for to facilitate with him upon the ratification of the new treaty between this country and Japan. He took advantage of the occasion to assure the ambassador that never in the history of the two countries had the relations been so pleasant as they are today, never had talk of war been more absurd.

President Taft expressed pleasure at the opportunity to set at rest, once and for all the stories published from time to time in the last two weeks, that back of the administration's acts in sending troops to the Mexican border was a motive of precaution against some expected treacherous act by Japan. It also was reported that Japan had secured from Mexico a coaling station in the Pacific coast to be used as a base in attacking the United States.

The president said he was amazed to find on his return from Augusta that some newspapers had been giving credence to these reports by publishing them in a prominent manner. It was the first he had heard of them and he quickly expressed his regret that such "malicious stories" as he called them, should gain circulation.

Baron Uchida is said to have assured the president that he attached no importance to the reports and had discovered that they emanated from irresponsible sources.

The interview lasted for fully half an hour, the president and the ambassador chatting with unusual informality.

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