GRAPE JUICE ON MAYFLOWER

President's Yacht Setting for a Hilarious Time and Then Some.

NAVAL OFFICERS ARE INVOLVED

Wine, Men and Women on the Wilson Craft Furnish the Material for a Spicy Little Scandal.

NEW YORK, June 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The earnest desire of President Woodrow Wilson and extraordinary efforts on the part of Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, backed as they have been by the tactics which naval officers characterize as "almost without precedent" have proved unavailing to protect the secret behind the enforced resignation of Assistant Paymaster Edward C. Little, attached to the president's yacht, the Mayflower, and member of one of Maryland's oldest and most exclusive families, and the sudden transfer of Lieutenant Archibald C. Douglas, junior grade, from the Mayflower to the Asiatic station. Secretary Daniels wished it to be announced that Mr. Little had resigned to enter business, but an examination of Navy department records shows that the paymaster's resignation was officially accepted "for the good of the service."

Stirs Inner Circles.

The story has furnished Washington society and the inner naval circles with the liveliest sensation in many years. Even now it is known only to a few, for naval officers themselves who have heard it dare not discuss it freely even among themselves, fearing the wrath of the secretary should it ever be traced back to them. But an officer on duty at Washington, on a visit to this city, told the story in confidence to several intimate friends at a small dinner at a cabaret restaurant. Some of these passed it along, also under the pledge of secrecy, to a few of the officers on duty at the New York navy yard.

Both Little and Douglas were popular in Washington society. They had the entree to the most exclusive homes. No dance, tea, reception or entertainment given by or to the younger set was considered complete without them. Both have been White House guests and the guests of Secretary Daniels.

Young and Handsome.

Both men are young and handsome, and have means independent of their salaries. They have entertained lavishly on the Mayflower, and among their guests have been the president's daughters and Miss Helen Taft. They were frequent guests at week-end house parties.

The Mayflower is the president's personal yacht. Its officers are line officers of the navy, and they are generally the personal selections of the president himself and his secretary of the navy. Necessary qualifications for an officer for duty on the Mayflower are good looks, money in reasonable quantities, good birth and several graces.

Among the officers selected for the Mayflower under the Wilson administration was Ensign Douglas. Mr. Little had already been on duty on it for three years. Douglas and Little, who had seen service before on the same ship, became fast friends.

Rumors of Goings On.

During the latter part of last year there had been rumors from time to time that happenings were going on on the president's yacht which would open the eyes of experts on grape juice and they would shock men by no means prudish. These rumors were not believed.

Douglas and his automobile were seen as often as ever on Pennsylvania avenue, at Chevy Chase, and wherever the socially elect gathered. So was Little. At the Army-Navy club, ranking officers, if they mentioned the rumor at all, carefully explained that it was understood they originated from enlisted men on the Mayflower, and less attention than ever was paid to them.

Later, however, it was reported that an enlisted man had carried grave charges against the officers of the president's yacht to the secretary of the navy. It was whispered about at the Army-Navy club in Washington that the president's yacht had been used for gay parties in the late hours of the night and the early morning hours, parties at which women were present and champagne corks popped. But the officers who were supposed to have been sent for by Secretary Daniels positively denied that they had seen him.

If Little had any knowledge of the gossip concerning him he paid no attention to it.

It was about the middle of December when the scandal was finally ventilated.

Brings Women Aboard.

Douglas was on duty as officer of the deck on the Mayflower. His hours of duty were either from 8 to 12 or 12 to 4 on the night in question. Little came on board and brought two women with him. The party went below. Dinner, it is said, was served, and there was plenty of refreshments. An enlisted man went to the quarter deck and reported to Douglas that Little and two women were on board.

Little should have ordered the women ashore and reported the entire occurrence the next day to his commanding officer. He did neither, but, after he had been relieved, he went below and joined the party, which did not break up until morning.

Daniels Horrified.

This time the scandal could not be suppressed. Five enlisted men left the Mayflower. One after the other reported Little. Secretary Daniels was horrified. He sent for several of the ranking officers in the navy and sought their advice.

Because of the serial prominence of the two men and because the president's yacht had been used for the escapade, the secretary understood that a scandal involving them would be extremely distasteful to the president, as well as to prominent Washington people. The president, having been informed, it is said, told his secretary that it was most desirable for many reasons to keep the affair quiet, but that discipline must be maintained, even if in maintaining it the scandal became public. Little and Douglas were sent for. The latter, it is said, frankly admitted his guilt. Later both, it is said, were sent for by the president.

Douglas Stars in Foot Ball.

For Little there were no extenuating circumstances, nor was the secretary inclined to think that Douglas deserved consideration. Both senior officers, while admitting that the lieutenant had failed in his duty, urged in extenuation the warm friendship between Douglas and Little and the fact that, in failing to report Little, Douglas knowingly ran the risk of court martial for himself.

Mr. Daniels attention was directed to Douglas's flawless record. At the academy he was president of his class and the best athlete that ever entered the school.

Douglas made the foot ball team his first year and played a brilliant game and he broke his leg after flashing around Princeton's right end for twenty-five yards. The leg was not properly set, and it was not until the last game of the 1908 season that, with his leg still bandaged, he got into another game. In the closing minute of the second half, with the score Army, 6; Navy, 0, third down and five yards to make, Douglas was sent in limping.

The ball was given him on the next play and "Old Dug" plowed his way for seven yards through the Army line for the tying touchdown.

Besides starring at foot ball, Douglas won his letter in base ball and on the track. All this was told to Secretary Daniels and to President Wilson. It is said that Mr. Daniels still thought Douglas should resign, but that the president favored a milder punishment.

Little comes from Kensington, Md. He was appointed assistant paymaster in August, 1912. Unlike most paymasters, he has been from the start unusually popular with line officers in the service. Until he became involved in this scandal his record was excellent.

High Wind, with a Heavy Rain, in the Vicinity of Hampton

HAMPTON, Neb., June 3.—A small tornado swept the country west of here late yesterday. Several houses were badly damaged and numerous barns, windmills and fences blown down. So far as known no lives were lost and there are no reports of serious injuries.

The storm displayed the greatest violence at a point three miles west of here, where it tore up everything in its path, telephone lines suffering the most. Telephone lines are down for miles. Between here and Aurora two inches of rain fell in a few minutes, putting creeks out of their banks and flooding cellars. Near Aurora there was a high wind, but it was a straightaway rather than a twister.

Chamberlain Found Guilty of Forgery

TECUMSEH, Neb., June 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles M. Chamberlain, cashier of the failed Chamberlain banking house of Tecumseh, has been convicted of a forgery charge in Spokane county superior court at Spokane, Wash. Chamberlain was charged with signing the name of Theodore Rusterholz to a check for $113.50 given him by M. C. Gray to pay Rusterholz for labor, and depositing it in the bank in Chamberlain's own name. Sentence has not yet been pronounced.

Recently Chamberlain pleaded guilty to practicing law in the courts at Spokane without having been licensed as an attorney in that state, the case for this offense being in the justice court of Judge Fred H. Witt. Chamberlain was let off on a fine of $50 on his assurance that he intended seeking admission to the bar of that state and county.

MEMORY OF THIS JOHN DOE HAS FINALLY RETURNED

PUEBLO, Colo., June 3.—The victim of a peculiar lapse of memory, "John Doe" who has been under observation in a hospital since last December, today recovered the use of his mental faculties sufficiently to disclose that he is George E. Bartholomew, former editor and merchant, whose home, he says, is in Sanborn, Minn. He said his wife was in Minenapolis and he has a mother in Kansas City.

Bartholomew was brought to Pueblo by officers from Granada, Colo., where he was found sitting in a dazed condition in the railroad depot.

Heavy Rains in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, June 3.—Heavy rains, averaging two inches, were general throughout Kansas last night and today. This section of Missouri also experienced from one-half to two inches of

BYRNE FOR RESERVE BANK

Omaha Business Man Nominated for Place on Kansas City Dictory.

BURNHAM OF NORFOLK PICKED

Each One to Represent Different Class on Board—Suggestion to Banks that Members Stand By the Choice.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 3.—(Special Telegram.)—These nominations for directors of the federal reserve bank of Kansas City were made today at a convention of bankers representing member banks in federal reserve district number 10:

Class A—Gordon Jones, Denver, Colo., president United States National bank; W. J. Bailey, Atchison, Kan., vice-president Commercial National bank; C. E. Burnham, Norfolk, Neb., president Norfolk National bank.

Class B—M. L. McClure, Kansas City, president Kansas City Live Stock exchange; Thomas C. Byrne, Omaha, president Byrne-Hammer Dry Goods company; L. A. Wilson, El Reno, Okla., farmer stockman and former banker.

What Law Requires.

The law requires that the member banks shall elect three bankers and three Class B, respectively. Three other directors are designated as Class A and Class B, respectively. Three other directors, to be known as Class C, are to be appointed by the federal reserve board in Washington.

The convention adopted a resolution recommending that the member banks endorse its selection at the election, to be held in fifteen days.

Name Required Number.

Contrary to expectations the "primary" convention of bankers from federal reserve district number 10, which met at the Kansas City clearing house this afternoon, nominated only a sufficient number of men to complete the directorate of the federal reserve bank of Kansas City to be elected by the member banks. It had been suggested some days before the meeting that the bankers, who were divided into three groups, according to the currency law, would recommend enough men to give eighteen names from which to choose.

It appeared to be the sense of the convention, however, before the body assembled, to nominate only a sufficient number of men to complete the directorate which will represent the banks of the district.

The new government bank will have nine directors. Besides the six to be elected by member banks in the district, three will be named by the federal reserve board at Washington.

The majority of bankers assembled today were very desirous that the men nominated here should be the final choice of the bankers of the district.

When some opposition arose to the nominating of only enough men to fill the required places, it was stated that when the list is sent to the member banks for approval spaces will be left where other names may be written in.

At the close of the meeting, a resolution was adopted indorsing the six candidates nominated. It stated:

"We unanimously request all banks to vote for these candidates when the vote is taken."

Banks in the mid-continental field of Kansas and Oklahoma are greatly dissatisfied because no class B director was named to represent the oil interests of this district which, they say, represents an annual business of more than $150,000,000, through these banks. It is understood that there will be a meeting here tomorrow at which another nomination will be made in class B.

Brickmakers Win Strike.

CHICAGO, June 3.—The strike of the brickmakers which has tied up building operations in Chicago for three months was ended tonight. Officials representing the brick manufacturers and the makers signed an agreement granting the men 1 cent an hour wage increase for those receiving less than 40 cents an hour. The manufacturers will have full control of hiring and discharging workmen.

HARRISON COUNTY SELECTS TICKETS ON TWO PARTIES

LOGAN, Ia., June 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Republicans selected the following ticket at the recent primaries in Harrison county: Congressman, W. R. Green; senator, J. S. Ewell; representative, M. B. Pitt; auditor, H. L. Haight; treasurer, B. M. Stearns; clerk, Len Irwin; recorder, G. P. Berry; sheriff, M. D. Meyers; supervisors, J. Holston, J. B. Hasbrook; county attorney, Ross McLaughlin; coroner, F. M. Bray.

The democratic ticket chosen was as follows: For congress, W. J. Burke of Missouri Valley; state representative, John N. Skelton of Missouri Valley; county auditor, J. M. Albertson of Logan; county treasurer, George Brown of Logan; county clerk, A. J. Griffith of Allen township; county recorder, Frank McGavren of Missouri Valley; county sheriff, G. F. Culavin of Missouri Valley; members of the county board of supervisors, J. Clark Prather, mayor of Missouri Valley, and J. E. Van Scoy of Logan; county attorney, George J. Dugan of Woodbine; county coroner, W. H. Case of Logan.

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