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English Political Prophets All at Sea Over Cretan Affairs.

NEAR FUTURE HOLDS MUCH OF MYSTERY Salisbury's Policy and Public Sentiment Are Widely Divergent.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COURSE WITH OOM PAUL

Colonial Secretary Shows His Animosity Toward the Transvaal.

MAY YET MEAN ENGLISH INTERFERENCE

Examination of Attorney Schreiner Before the Rhodes Committee Holds Deep Significance as Regards South African Affairs.

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REVIVAL OF PANAMA SCANDALS. They Form Leading Topics for Discussion Everywhere in Paris.

LONDON, March 27.—The Panama scandals have been revived in the most dramatic manner in the French Chamber of Deputies.

FOUR MORE MEN RESCUED. LONDON, March 27.—It is believed that Captain Paul Jargeneau, Second Mate Nicol, one of the engineers and one of the crewmen of the French line steamer Ville de St. Nazaire, which was wrecked off Cape Hatteras on the 7th inst., have been saved.

ABOUT EMPEROR WILLIAM'S MIND. According to the report that the young kaiser is insane, a well known Englishman and a professional, now in Berlin telegraphs as follows: "I have it on the best of authority that there is absolutely no truth in the rumors of an impaired mind; of insanity in the ordinary meaning of the term, there is not a trace, that is, a sign of insanity, ideas of divine right and filled with a notion that he is the viceregent of God in Germany, that he is, unfortunately, only too amply evidenced. Moreover, he is surrounded by a thick phalanx of sycophants and flatterers, who applaud his every word and action as the utterance or act of a demi-god. This is the state of things which undoubtedly has influenced his mind and will continue to influence it as long as it lasts. The somewhat crudely worded soliloquy for working classes, which was characteristic of his speeches shortly after his accession to the throne, has vanished, and instead of finding him going out of his way on almost every occasion to stir up a feud between the proletariat on the one side and the army and the nobles on the other, which may result in most disastrous consequences for the fatherland. This is political madness, if you like, but it is proof of no mental infirmity on the kaiser's side. The keenest observers of the situation in Germany are assured that trouble is brewing and that the near future will undoubtedly see its outbreak in some shape or another."

ENGLISHMEN DO NOT WORRY. There really seems to be the feeblest interest possible anywhere in England in the fate in America of the arbitration treaty. But this probably is only because its defeat at the hands of the senate has been long discounted. The Chronicle, the most steadfast supporter over here of the treaty, speaks of the senate's last action as "settling the treaty to the heart," but partly explains the action thus: "Silver men have paid us out for our gold policy, for the brutality with which in certain quarters Mr. Bryan's candidature was treated. Irishmen, opposing as they sometimes fatally oppose their own cause to the general cause of human good, have done their best to hinder the compact between England, which they regard as their enemy, and America, to which they look as their friend."

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TURKS TO WITHDRAW

Proposed Solution of the Vexed Question Concerning Crete.

SULTAN'S FORCES LIKELY TO RETIRE Seems to Be a Reasonable Way Out of the Existing Dilemma.

CRETANS WANT TO BE PAID FOR LOSSES

This is Said to Be Why They Are Seeking Annexation to Greece.

PINCH OF HUNGER FELT ON THE ISLAND

Emaciated Women and Children Hide in Mountains to Escape Turks—Wealthy People Go Without Food Several Days.

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LONDON, March 27.—In spite of the warlike preparations, the prospect in the Levant has certainly not become darker during the past week, and there are indications that the difficulty may be solved by the powers inducing the sultan to withdraw the Turkish troops from Crete.

The reason for the Cretan resistance to the decision of the powers appears to be the vagueness of the so-called autonomy scheme. Many competent judges who are on the scene declare that the Cretans would submit if given the details showing the reality of the autonomy scheme. This is the view of the ambassador at Constantinople, who has telegraphed to their respective governments urging that the details be not detained upon and that a practical scheme of government be presented to the Cretans, and also declaring that the prolonging of the condition of uncertainty inspires great anxiety and leaves the door open to events calculated to seriously endanger the situation, such as yesterday's affair at Malaxa.

It is stated from Kifissio that the Cretan leaders there want annexation to Greece. Under the impression that autonomy will not repay them for the losses of their property, while Greece would pay them an indemnity in full. This idea shows that the money question lies at the root of the whole complication.

More Trouble Near Tokat.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 27.—Disturbances are reported from the village of Ashab, north of Tokat, in the Civas district.

MANITOBA SCHOOLS QUESTION.

Mgr. Del Val's Mission Discussed by High Ecclesiastical Authority.

LONDON, March 27.—The visit of Mgr. Merry Del Val, the papal legate to Canada, to this city, is still causing considerable talk in Catholic circles.

Pinch of Hunger. In the meantime advices from the interior of Crete indicate that the inhabitants are already feeling the pinch of famine.

CORDIAL MEETING. The conference which the marquis of Salisbury had in Paris yesterday with M. Hanotaux, the French minister of foreign affairs, is regarded as most important, not only with reference to the Eastern situation, but to bearing upon the general relations between Great Britain and France.

RUSSIA BECOMES SUSPICIOUS. Thinks England Would Like to Obtain Possession of Crete.

NEW YORK, March 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: In the most important quarters here much annoyance is felt at the signs of the vacillating policy shown by the powers at a moment when the greatest firmness is necessary.

Australian Colonies Combine. LONDON, March 27.—The work of binding the Australian colonies together is in full progress. The Australasian federal convention met at Adelaide this week.

Destroy One of the Turkish Forts. CANEA, March 27.—The fighting continued until late yesterday at Nerokru, half way to Malaxa. The fort at Perivolia has been destroyed.

Fighting has been proceeding since morn-

ORDERS AN INQUIRY

Senate Decides to Sift the Gambling Bill Matter Thoroughly.

CHARGES MADE BY THE BEE ARE TAKEN UP Disclosures in Connection with the Deal Call for Action.

HOWELL AND RANSOM FIGHT THE MOVE

Avagely Attack This Paper and Denounce Its Editor Personally.

NOT WILLING TO SMOTHER INVESTIGATION

Appeals of the Scotched Pair from Douglas County Fall to Induce the Members to Evade the Issue.

(Special.)—After an exciting and at times exceedingly acrimonious debate, the senate late this afternoon decided to make an investigation of the charges made by The Omaha Daily Bee with reference to the passage of the gambling bill.

The settlement against an investigation was strong, but not enough to defeat the inquiry. Senators Howell and Ransom of Douglas led in the fight against the proposed investigation, although they both repeatedly stated that if the senate wanted to look into the charges made by The Bee they were willing to vote for the committee of inquiry. But both denounced the charges as being made as a part of the municipal campaign in Omaha and also to prevent the passage of a law which would result in driving gambling out of Omaha.

Senator Ransom in particular was positive and emphatic in his assertions that the editor of The Bee was the friend and supporter of the gamblers and that it was the editor of The Bee who personally solicited the Omaha city council to pass an ordinance to license gambling under the administration of Mayor Bemis.

The other senators who said they were opposed to the idea of an investigation, although willing to vote for one, were Muts of Keya Paha and Graham of Frontier. They declared that the charges of hoodling were not specific and that they were unworthy of the notice or consideration of the senate. Both proclaimed that every senator who voted for the gambling bill was a honest man, although they agreed that the bill, like too many others, had been passed in a hasty and unbecoming manner.

The demand for an investigation of the charges made by The Bee was made by Senator Murphy of Gage and warmly seconded by vigorous remarks from Senators Talbot of Lancaster, Caldwell of Nechols, Dundas of Nemaha, Conaway of York and Farrell of Merrick. The matter was brought to the attention of the senate immediately after the noon recess by Mr. Murphy, who arose in his place and called the attention of the senate to the editorial which appeared in the columns of The Bee this morning.

Mr. Murphy sent to the clerk's desk and had read the following: "Whereas, The Omaha Daily Bee of today editorially charges that senate file No. 231, known as the gambling bill, was passed through the senate by the influence of hoodlums, and that the editor of The Bee is in possession of positive information that a large sum of money was raised by the gamblers of Omaha and South Omaha to secure the passage of this bill, and that a part of such money was paid for that purpose; and

Resolved, by the senate, That a committee be appointed by the president of the senate to investigate such charges of bribery and corruption reflecting on the honor of members of this body with full power to collect evidence and report in full to the senate the result of such investigation.

INQUIRY ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. Spiking of the resolution Mr. Murphy said the charges reflected seriously upon the honor and integrity of every member of the senate who intentionally or innocently voted to pass the gambling bill.

Mr. Howell said he had already been made aware of the disgraceful methods by which the bill had been introduced through the senate committee and the senate, and they would not rest satisfied until the charges made by The Bee were proven true or false. If the senate refused to make the inquiry into the truth or falsity of the charges the people of the state of Nebraska had a right to believe that the charges were true.

Mr. Howell said he was not afraid of an investigation. The senate had rescinded its action, however. He believed that the bill was more practical and would be more effectively to suppress gambling than the present law. Perhaps it should be amended in some particulars and the penalty made more severe. But the charges of hoodling, he noted, had been made by two republican newspapers. No one, he said, had seen anything in the World-Herald in regard to the bill.

At this point Mr. Ransom of Douglas entered the senate chamber and asked for the reading of the matter under consideration. Mr. Dundas of Nemaha heartily agreed with the remarks made by the senator from Gage (Mr. Murphy). He said that if there was anything in the charges he wanted to know it only fair to the majority party in the senate that the consideration of the resolution be deferred until Monday.

Mr. Dundas believed not, but he declared that the sifting committee blundered in reporting the gambling bill the way it did. As for himself, he had been disposed to vote

THE BEE BULLETIN.

Weather Forecast for Nebraska—(Using Cloudiness) Warner.

1. England and Turkey M. Senate to Mayor Dr. Expositor. Story of 3. Omaha H. Some Net Democra 4. East Wee 5. J. Street 6. Council I 7. Iowa Thanking Hill Called Up. 10. Woman: Her Ways and Her World. 11. "The Movable Type."—Concluded. 12. Editorial and Comment. 13. Booth: America's Family of Actors. Amusement Notes and Gossip. Made in Omaha and Elsewhere. Claimants Ask an Accounting. 14. Witnesses Who Testified Too Well. 15. Commercial and Financial News. 16. Northern Mexico's Climate and People. 18. "Aaron in the Wild Woods." 19. In the World of Wheels. How Sprinters Are Prepared. 20. Weekly Grist of Sporting Gossip.

MAYOR SAVES MONEY

His Private Sewer Built at Expense of the City Treasury.

HE IS AIDED AND ABETTED BY WINSPEAR

Fraudulent Orders Are Certified to the Comptroller as Correct.

CITY EXECUTIVE SIGNS HIS OWN VOUCHERS

Attempt Made to Cover it Up Under the Name of Repairs.

CHARGES FOR OVERTIME AND SUNDAYS

City Warrants Signed by Broatch In- dicate that He Allowed the Fore- man to Draw Pay Every Day During February.

According to the records in the city hall Mayor William J. Broatch stands practically self-condemned of having converted to his own private use labor and materials paid for out of the public funds.

Aided and abetted by James H. Winspear, sewer inspector, William J. Broatch has had built at the public expense a private sewer connecting his store building at 1211 Harney street with the alley sewer in the rear.

When ordinary citizens find it necessary to build private sewers connecting with the main sewers, they are compelled to employ a licensed drain layer to make such an improvement. Not only must the drain layer have taken out a license, but he must take out a permit from the Board of Public Works and have the proposed connection planned and approved by the city engineer, ordinary citizens also have to furnish their own pipe and other material and pay for the labor involved in putting it in the ground.

But the laws and ordinances are nothing to Mayor Broatch. With the co-operation of the sewer department he has had the material furnished at the public expense. He has dispensed with the cost and inconvenience of obtaining a permit, and has had the work done by city employees, and paid for by the taxpayers. Mayor Broatch did this only a month ago, and the records, accessible to every citizen, furnish conclusive evidence of the fact.

FIVE MEN AND A HORSE.

Mayor Broatch's private store building on Harney above Twelfth street was originally connected with the alley sewer by a four-inch soil pipe. This pipe has been taken up and replaced by a new six-inch pipe. The job was done by the regular employees of the sewer department, February 17, 18, 19 and 20 last. The material was procured from the city contractor, the C. W. Hull company, by a requisition issued by Deputy Comptroller Sackett, on an order from J. H. Winspear, the head of the sewer department. The daily reports of the sewer department show that five men and a horse were employed on the job for two and one-half days, and four men and a horse for one day. The time of the men was turned in on the regular pay roll for February, and together with the bill of the C. W. Hull company for material included in the regular appropriation ordinance, passed March 1, the warrants were signed by Mayor Broatch and were issued on the following day. The material was ordered and the work done on the order of Sewer Commissioner Winspear.

The original order on which Deputy Comptroller Sackett issued the requisition for the material is No. 870 and is now on file in the comptroller's office. It calls for thirty feet of six-inch pipe, four pieces of eight-inch sewer pipe, one piece eight-inch one-eighth bend, two barveis German Portland cement, 2,900 No. 1 sewer brick, six barrels Louisville cement, two square pointed shovels and two manhole covers in two pieces. The requisition was duly issued. It is No. 13774 and is now on file. The bill was rendered February 25. It includes an itemized list of the supplies stated above and the amount is \$32.18.

CITY DOES THE WORK.

The fact that the work was done by the employees of the sewer department is also a matter of record. Inspector George Reid, who acts as foreman of the sewer gang, makes a daily report, which shows how much time each man put in and where he worked. The report for February 17 is as follows:

Repairing sewer in alley between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets:

| Name                       | Hours | Per    | Am't.  |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| George Reid, foreman       | 10    | 30     | \$3.00 |
| Sam Campbell, laborer      | 10    | 17 1/2 | 1.75   |
| William H. Hutton, laborer | 2     | 2 1/2  | .50    |
| L. C. Sands, laborer       | 10    | 15     | 1.50   |
| Hutton's horse             | 10    | 5      | .75    |
| Total                      | 42    |        | \$7.50 |

On the following day the same men worked with the addition of William Burrell, who received 15 cents an hour. This made the pay roll for the second day \$19.25. That of the third day was \$15.00, and the total same gang worked during the forenoon of February 20. This made the total amount which the city paid for the labor expended in building Mr. Broatch's private sewer \$34.37.

The explanation contained in the daily report that the work was done on the sewer in the alley is a manifest attempt to cover up the real character of the work. In the place of the main sewer in an eighteen-inch pipe and six-inch pipe was purchased and used in the work. How eighteen-inch pipe can be repaired with six-inch pipe is not easy of explanation. Moreover, the occupants of the business houses which connect with the alley in block 150, which is the block in question, state that all the work that was done in the charges made by The Bee or not. He did know, however, that as one of the senators who had innocently voted for the bill that he had been placed under suspicion. He wanted that suspicion removed and placed where it justly belonged.

FOREMAN ADMITS IT.

Foreman Reid, when asked where the six-inch pipe that was secured by the requisition mentioned above was used, said that it was to fix up a sewer connection in the alley. In reply to a direct question he admitted that it was Broatch's private sewer. He added that not all the pipe was used. The remainder was taken to the tool house. He did not know how much was taken to the tool house. It was mixed up with other pipe and could not now be identified. He admitted that the work was done on the days mentioned above. In reply to the query of who had ordered him to replace the connection he said that his orders came from Winspear. Reid added that he had heard

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