

HELPS OUT DIETRICH

Summers' Witnesses Fail to Testify as He Said They Would.

SOME FLATLY CONTRADICT STATEMENTS

Janitor Wright Swears He Knows Nothing of End Today.

ADMIT CAMPBELL AND COOK AFFIDAVITS

Both Unequivocally Contradict Leopold Hahn's Story.

SENATOR CERTAIN OF EXONERATION

Some Talk that Committee May Even Go So Far as to Censure District Attorney Summers for His Course.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The investigation into the charges against Senator Dietrich virtually came to an end today. The only witness put on the stand was J. R. Wright, former janitor of the postoffice at Hastings, and an evangelist minister. Mr. Wright was called for the purpose of explaining the alleged frauds and exorbitant prices in connection with the removal of the fixtures from the Grand Army of the Republic building to the Dietrich building. It was stated by District Attorney Summers in his letter to the committee that Mr. Wright would testify to misdeeds on the part of those connected with the removal of the fixtures, but that Wright did not do anything of the kind. He stated that it was true that he was janitor of the postoffice while in the Grand Army of the Republic building and until last month had been janitor of the Dietrich building, but he knew no one in connection with the payment of \$75 to Contractor Staley, who made the removal. He stated that the contract had been let during Mr. Hahn's term as postmaster. He was asked specifically by Chairman Hoar whether he knew of any frauds on the part of those connected with the postoffice and he stated emphatically that he knew nothing about such frauds. This led Senator Hoar to remark that the district attorney had been mistaken in what some of his witnesses would testify to.

STONING OF PALACE OF EMPEROR

Austria Failed to Decorate in Celebration of Anniversary Revolution.

VIENNA

VIENNA, March 16.—The palace of the emperor, Francis Joseph, and the Archduchess Clothilde, at Buda Pest, were stoned by a mob yesterday evening, resulting in the windows being broken, because the buildings were not decorated in honor of the anniversary of the revolution of 1848.

COLUMBIA IS PLEADING ITS CASE.

Hearing of Panama Matter is Adjourned After Argument.

PARIS, March 16.—The case of the Republic of Columbia against the Panama Canal Company, to prevent the transfer of the canal's concession to the United States, was resumed today before the first tribunal of the Seine. The former president of the tribunal, Maitre du Buit, continued his argument in behalf of the company's right to sell its concession to the United States. "The initiative of these negotiations for the sale did not come from us, but from the government of Columbia," exclaimed M. Du Buit. Counsel further affirmed that the republic of Panama was fully organized as a sovereign state. "The initiative of these negotiations for the sale did not come from us, but from the government of Columbia," exclaimed M. Du Buit. Counsel further affirmed that the republic of Panama was fully organized as a sovereign state. "The initiative of these negotiations for the sale did not come from us, but from the government of Columbia," exclaimed M. Du Buit. Counsel further affirmed that the republic of Panama was fully organized as a sovereign state.

EXPEL RUSSIAN STUDENTS

German Government Will Not Permit Them to Remain in Country.

RESULT OF SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA

Recent Insult on Part of Chancellor and Are Ordered to Leave, but Not Sent to Russia.

BERLIN, March 16.—Thirty Russian students, several of them women, have received, yesterday and today, from the police notices of expulsion in consequence of participating in a meeting held Saturday last, protesting against the government's permitting Russian police agents to watch Russian residents in Germany. The students have from three to eight days in which to leave the country and may select the frontier to cross, the government not compelling them to return to Russia, as in some instances. The origin of the dispute between the government and the students, about 500 of whom are attending the university and technical schools, was the socialist accusation that the government was permitting Russian police agents to watch Russian residents in Germany. Foreign Secretary von Tschirch, in defending the government January 15, said the Russians here were agitators and that many of them were attending the university or other schools were really not students, but lived in a state of immorality. A few days later from forty to fifty Russians passed a resolution protesting against these imputations.

HILL CONFERS WITH OTHERS

Refuses to Discuss Plans of Northern Securities Company at the Present Time.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 16.—A number of the members of the senate, including President Hill, Vice President Cough and Directors George F. Baker and John S. Kennedy, held a long conference at the company's office today. It was said that plans to dissolve the company and return the railroad stocks to the original holders were discussed, but this could not be confirmed, inasmuch as Mr. Hill declined to make any statement. He did say, however, that the general situation was unchanged. He refused to discuss any of the reported alternative plans. An official copy of the supreme court's decision, as rendered on Monday, will be received by Northern Securities officials tomorrow. Lawyers representing the various interests in the Northern Securities company were in conference with President Hill and other officials until late in the day. J. G. Johnson of Philadelphia, who argued the Securities case before the supreme court, was reported to be one of the conferees. Others included Francis Lynde Stetson of counsel for J. P. Morgan & Co. and R. S. Lovett, representing the Harbison interests. Later Mr. Hill said: "We are waiting for the order of the court. Nothing can be done until we receive it. I would like to say there will be no attempt to evade the judgment of the court. We have no definite plan or plan under consideration. There has been no much guesswork by outsiders. They have tried to make a mountain out of a molehill, and there is not even a molehill."

ENDORSEMENTS COME THICK

Governor's Friends Win Out in Lincoln in Contest in Convention.

DELEGATION ALSO PLEDGED TO O'NEAL

Burkett is Also Given an Endorsement for Renomination for Congress and for the United States Senatorship.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The Lancaster county convention today went into the endorsement business on a large scale. A resolution was adopted commending and instructing the state convention delegates to vote and work for a delegation to the national convention which will be for his renomination. The convention endorsed Elmer J. Burkett both for renomination as a congressional candidate and as a candidate for delegate-at-large to the national convention. C. C. Crandall, a district delegate and H. H. Wilson as an elector. The administration of Governor Mickey and State Treasurer Mortensen are also endorsed and the delegates also instructed to renominate Mickey as auditor and given the privilege of naming the delegation to the state convention. This local ticket was nominated: For state senators, J. F. Heghtel, J. H. Mockett, for representatives, C. J. Warner, J. J. Holliday, J. H. McLaughlin, C. M. Burgess and Joseph Burns; for county attorney, J. L. Caldwell; for commissioner, Second district, D. W. Moseley. The convention was one of the hottest held in this county for years, and the Mickey and O'Neal forces were so evenly divided that it was the fight for its life for the machine to win out, and this it only succeeded by Frost falling at the critical moment. The endorsement of Mickey is regarded as a severe blow to O'Neal.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Main Thursday Friday Fair.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows for 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS

Indications that Heavy Land Engagement Cannot Be Much Longer Delayed.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) NEW YORK, March 16.—(New York Herald Service—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—From the far east come great indications that the great armies are slowly but surely advancing, and that the first decisive land battle is not far distant. Port Arthur's situation continues to be serious, and the rumors of Russia's alleged intention to abandon its stronghold were again denied. The Russian army, however, being particularly bitter in denouncing those with whom the reports originated and attributing stock jobbing motives to the fabrications. Tokio continued to make guesses as to the whereabouts of the Russian army, but was evidently reluctant to abandon the idea that Vice Admiral Makarov had taken to the open sea, where a battle would be unavoidable. From Port Arthur came a bulletin declaring that all was quiet there; also that there were no signs of the enemy. Russia was reported to be moving an army corps from Vladivostok toward Corea, while dispatches from the New Chungwang district indicated that the Russians had taken up strong positions in well fortified towns thereabouts, including Ashan Shant, where the Japanese army concluded its advance during the war with China. To Washington came the information that China has ordered a vast quantity of modern rifles and with the news came a full realization of the fact the "yellow peril" is a very real one.

FORTRESS IS UNSAFE

During Bombardment of Port Arthur Fragments of Shells Fall Everywhere.

RAILWAYS AND BUILDINGS DESTROYED

Some of the Damage Done on Shore is Unimportant.

OCCUPATION OF LIAO TUNG PENINSULA

Made Necessary by Continued Attacks of Japanese.

RUSSIANS SHOOT MAN SUSPECTED AS SPY

Captain Ivkov of the Imperial Service, Accused of Selling Military Secrets to the Enemy, Pays the Penalty.

YANKOW

YANKOW, March 16.—The only reliable reports at the present moment from the main Manchurian cities show a quiet movement along the railway, and such cities as Mukden, which are off the main line, are undisturbed. The people here are not in possession of definite news of outside events. The chief movement on the Fong Huang Cheng military road is the dispatch of riders to and from the Russian advance forces. A credible native arrived here today, bringing a report as late as March 13 from Hong Huang Chung to the effect that the main body of the concentrated forces had crossed the Yalu, leaving small bodies of troops at Antung and other points to guard the river. A fortnight ago a few spies visited Antung, but since then no Japanese have been seen west of the Yalu. The continued attacks of the Japanese have compelled the steady occupation of the Liao Tung peninsula. The last bombardment of Port Arthur rendered every part of the fortress of Port Arthur unsafe. Residents assert that fragments of Japanese shells fell everywhere and that some railways and buildings were destroyed, though most of the damage on the shore was unimportant. Foreigners choosing to remain in the interior must now sign an agreement restricting their movements and stipulating that a special pass is necessary when leaving their homes. Shoot Officer as Spy. ST. PETERSBURG, March 16.—Captain Ivkov of the Manchurian commissariat service has been summarily court-martialed and shot for acting as a spy in the pay of the Japanese. When arrested on suspicion documents found in Ivkov's possession left no doubt of the proof of the charges that he had long been revealing military secrets to the Japanese. The tragic story became public through a simple announcement in the army organ today that Ivkov had been excluded from the service. Report of Port Arthur continues to arouse bitter resentment, the papers denouncing the story as a stock jobbing scheme. One paper remarks: "Let other countries be fed on such tales, but while Russian blood flows the authorities should not allow the people to be disturbed by such stories. The chief telegrams are believed and trusted by every one." The government is building some armored trains for use on the Manchurian railroad, after the model of those used by the British in South Africa. They will not be employed so much on account of fear that the Japanese would see the road as a means of their moral effect on the Chinese war bands, who may become emboldened by the war. It is believed that when the bandits see the iron monsters they will not come near the railroad.

AMMUNITION ADMITTED

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Attorney Betty submitted affidavits of Alexander Campbell of McCook and Dr. Cook of Hastings (deceased). The affidavits were taken place between Hahn and Dr. Cook, which conversation is said to have been taken by Campbell by Cook. The committee retired to their private room to read over the summary of testimony of Campbell and Cook as presented by the attorney. After being out some little time the committee returned, Chairman Hoar stating that while the affidavits could hardly be regarded as competent evidence in a court of law, the committee was not sitting in a judicial capacity, but as investigators, to report the substance of the affidavits. To report the findings to the senate for its action, and therefore as investigators, the committee had concluded to admit the affidavits. Senator Dietrich then presented a detailed statement of his connection with the appointment of Joseph Fichte as janitor at Hastings and the renting of the Dietrich building by the Postoffice department. With this statement the senator put in evidence the deed of the Dietrich building to his daughter, Miss Dietrich's pass books, photographs of the old and new postoffice locations together with the affidavits submitted upon the case, arranged in chronological order. This completed the hearing. Senator Hoar announcing, however, that the case would be held open until the testimony of U. S. Rohrer of Hastings could be heard. The subsequent case of Mr. Rohrer was issued on Monday, returnable next Saturday, to which time the committee adjourned.

MONARCHS DINED ON SPANISH SHIP

Emperor William of Germany Entertained by King Alfonso.

VIGO, Spain, March 16.—At 1:30 this morning King Alfonso and Emperor William went aboard the Spanish gunboat Vasco Nunez de Balboa, which weighed anchor and proceeded to review the Spanish warships. As the vessel passed the Spanish battleship Pelayo and the dispatch boat Uralya's band played the German national anthem and the sailors cheered the two monarchs. After the review the two rulers were rowed to the Spanish yacht Giralda for luncheon. Emperor William subsequently sailed for Gibraltar on the Koenig Albert, and was accompanied on that vessel by King Alfonso until outside Spanish waters.

IMPRISON OFFICERS FOR DUELING

Get from Four to Twenty-Four Months in Fortress.

DRESDEN, March 16.—Lieutenant von Krehl, who was condemned by a court-martial to four months in the fortress for fighting duels with his brother officers in defense of his honor. His opponents, Lieutenants Bax, Thorne and Gerlach, were respectively condemned to six, fifteen and twenty-four months imprisonment in a fortress. All the officers belong to an artillery regiment stationed at Pirna, Saxony. The proceedings of the court-martial were held behind closed doors in the interests of morality and the army.

Satisfied with Bermuda Trade.

LONDON, March 16.—Answering a question in the House of Commons today, Colonial Secretary Lyttelton said the increasing exportation of sugar from the United States to Bermuda probably was due quite as much to the internal commercial relations between the United States and Bermuda as to any bounty given by the United States. In any case, the secretary did not intend to ask the legislature of Bermuda to take any special measures to check such importation in the interest of British trade, as Bermuda was not a party to the Brussels sugar convention.

Duke of Cambridge is Ill.

LONDON, March 16.—The duke of Cambridge, cousin of the late Queen Victoria, is in a critical condition. Recent bulletins regarding the duke's health have been of a reassuring nature. All the efforts in the way of royal highness, who has been ill a long time, was seized with a recurrence of hemorrhages of the stomach, and an official bulletin just issued admits that grave anxiety is felt regarding the outcome.

One-Half Voted With Government.

BERLIN, March 16.—The government's motion to repeal the Jesuit exclusion law received, as it now appears, just half the votes in the Bundesrat, namely, those of Prussia, Bavaria, Baden, Waldeck, Reuss, Younger Prussia and Hamburg, twenty-nine votes, while twenty-five from the smaller states voted nay and four delegates did not vote.

AFRICAN NATIVES COMMIT OUTRAGE.

Assault Women and Mangle Men in War Against Colonists.

BERLIN, March 16.—Letters from German Africa have arrived here revealing details of the abhorrent treatment of German settlers, 113 of whom were killed outright or tortured to death in the district of Okavandja alone. Women assaulted and dismembered, with pieces of their bodies scattered about the houses, and boys mutilated and left to die slowly were frequent spectacles. The expeditionary columns on coming in sight of a farmer's house would see the heads of its occupants fastened to the roof. The soldiers appear to have excited the rage of the natives. They thirst for revenge and are determined, as one writer says, "to kill everything black." This caused the government to telegraph instructions to Colonel Lutwain, the governor of German Southwest Africa, that he order the soldiers to restrain themselves and conduct the war in a civilized manner. Colonel Lutwain himself comes in for criticism, as it is alleged that he left insufficient numbers of troops in the exposed districts and was misled by the temper of the natives. He frequently had at his own table chiefs who are now in rebellion and who are wearing medals and words of honor bestowed upon them by the governor in behalf of the emperor. The Tageblatt intimates that Colonel Lutwain will be recalled.

TALKS OF JAPANESE FINANCES

Cabinet Proposes to Make Increase in Taxes to Pay War Expenses.

TOKIO, Wednesday, March 16.—The cabinet, after a conference with the elder statesmen and other political leaders, has decided to submit proposals for the extension of the tobacco monopoly to include manufactured tobacco and the creation of a salt monopoly to a special Diet convening on Friday next. This will involve a heavy outlay for the purchase of machinery and the manufacture of salt. The cabinet also proposes to increase the duty on foreign goods and to create new taxes upon silk piece goods, kerosene and woollens, an estimated total increase amounting to \$8,000,000 yen. The war expenses from the commencement of hostilities to the end of March are estimated at 156,000,000 yen, divided as follows: 100,000,000 yen for the army and 47,000,000 yen for the navy. Of this sum, only 50,000,000 yen has actually been disbursed, including the payment for the cruiser Nishin and Kasuga, purchased from the government. The government plans to meet the expenditures to the end of March with 100,000,000 yen from exchequer bonds just sold, 30,000,000 yen from the special funds and 21,000,000 yen to be raised by a temporary loan.

DISCONTINUE UNION LABEL

Wholesale Clothing Manufacturing Firms of Rochester Do Not Like Attitude of Unions.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 16.—The use of the union label has been discontinued by more than thirty of the large wholesale clothing manufacturing firms of this city. The manufacturers say they are disgusted at the attitude of the unions and refuse to be dictated to any longer. They claim that their customers demand goods without the label on them.

SNAP FOR CAMERA FIENDS

Will Be Allowed to Photograph Anything and Everything at the St. Louis Fair.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—It was announced today that hand or tourist cameras not mounted on tripods are to be allowed on the World's fair grounds without charge, and unlimited snapping of buildings, exhibits and persons will be permitted by the exposition officials. This is a departure from the rule at previous expositions.

MURDERER USES HATCHET

Aged Man at St. Louis Found with Head Cut Open and Son-in-Law Arrested on Suspicion.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—The dead body of August Raphael, aged 73 years, was found in a room on South Tenth street today. His head had been cut open, presumably with a hatchet. Raphael's son-in-law, H. J. Henneke, was arrested on suspicion. He denies all knowledge of the murder.

CLUE TO IROQUOIS VICTIM

Believed Only Unidentified Body Now at Morgue Was Swedish Soprano Soloist, Mme. Morelli.

CHICAGO, March 16.—It is believed by the police that the one remaining unidentified victim of the Iroquois theater fire may be identified through a letter which was received at police headquarters this afternoon. Relatives of Mme. Fannie Morelli, a Swedish soprano soloist, who is thought to have attended the theater on the afternoon of the fire have asked that an investigation be made and their description of the missing woman tallied in some respects with the body of the woman now in the morgue. The letter received by the police says that the woman might be known as Mrs. Barton, as she had married a physician in Portland, Ore., of that name after coming to this country.

TEMPERANCE FIGHT IN OHIO

Advocates in the House Score a Victory in Skirmish Over Brannock Bill.

COLUMBUS, O., March 16.—The temperance advocates scored a victory in a preliminary skirmish in the house this afternoon over the Brannock bill, providing for local option elections in residence districts of municipal cities. A majority report on the measure failed to meet the views of the temperance people. Final vote on the bill will be taken next Monday. The liquor interests did not oppose the principles of the local option, but advocated in a minority report ideal option by petition signed by 51 per cent of the owners of property in any city block, 90 per cent of the frontage of which was used for residence purposes.

EXPLOSION CAUSES PANIC

Trouble Caused by Leakage of Natural Gas Used as Fuel in Blast Plant.

RUFFALO, N. Y., March 16.—Thirty girls employed at the Ontario blast works were thrown into a panic today when a terrific explosion wrecked the plant. The walls of the building bulged outward and the floors sagged. Fortunately the stairway remained intact and the girls escaped. Superintendent Edward D. Howe was so badly burned that it is feared he will die and another man may lose his eye. The explosion was caused by a leakage of natural gas, which was used as fuel in the plant. The loss on the building is \$50,000.

CITY IS WITHOUT WATER

Municipality is Three Years in Arrears and Supply is Cut Off by Company.

HARRISBURG, Ky., March 16.—The water supply of this city was cut off today by the Harrisburg Water company shutting down its plant. The company claims that the city is in arrears for water for four years, amounting to about \$21,000 and has made no provision to pay. The water will be cut off until the claim is paid. Meanwhile Harrisburg, a city of 5,500 people, is without fire protection.

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