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VICERS PARTY STAGED IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—Employees of the Chicago Automobile club traded places with the members Monday night and were the guests of honor at a party and dinner given as recognition of their faithful service during the year.

Writers, porters, bus boys, bell boys, and other employees found on their arrival at the club that a prominent contractor was the doorman, while they rode in an elevator operated by the advertising manager of a large steel corporation and their hats and coats were checked at a booth by the vice president of the club.

The employees also played some pranks, such as giving 5 cent tips to their employers and making the bell boys carry suitcases filled with bricks to the top floor.

PLANE, AUTO AND CYCLE COMPETITORS IN RACE. Red Bank, N. J., Dec. 29.—All that was needed to make the program of ice sports of the Shrewsbury complete was a submarine. At one time during the afternoon an automobile, a motorcycle and a motorcycle were competitors in a race. The plane was an easy winner, even while running on its wheels. Bicycles, sleds, ice yachts and even a few horse-drawn vehicles added up the variety of the occasion.

SWANK KING CORNERS MAUVE CLOTH MARKET. Paris, Dec. 29.—Fitted members of Parisian society are determined to see that henceforth they are accorded the courtesies to which their rank entitles them, even in republican salons. Headed by the Marquis de Rochefoucauld, the millionaire poet, who has just been elected to the chamber of deputies, French aristocrats are appearing at public soirees with their monograms and a tiny coronet skillfully embroidered in white silk on the left lapel of their coats.

The fashion is said to have been started by King Alfonso, who startled the guests in the sombre French presidential mansion one night by walking in attired in mauve evening dress with a tiny crown embroidered just below the upper buttonhole of the coat.

The mauve fashion did not catch on because of the scarcity of good dress goods of that color. A Paris weekly charged that King Alfonso had bought the entire stock of mauve cloth in Paris to be sure that his suits would remain exclusive.

SLEEPS IN THE OPEN ON LONG HIKE. Chicago, Dec. 29.—A 3,600-mile hike from Toronto, Canada, to Oakland, Cal., is being undertaken by John Thornton, 20 years old, who arrived here Sunday. Thornton had been promised a job on his brother's ranch in Oakland and not having the price of a ticket, decided to walk.

"I expect to say 'hello' to my brother some time in March, 1920," he said.

The lad sleeps in the open after he has led off 19 to 20 miles a day.

72 CENTS INCREASED PAY IN 83 YEARS. Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Interesting figures on government salaries were given to the joint congressional committee on reclassification by witnesses employed in the pension office. The average pay of government clerks increased only 72 cents from 1833 to 1916, it was said, the average now being \$1,138 a year. In the same time, the pay of congressmen has advanced 700 per cent and that of the supreme court justices 300 per cent.

VASSAR PROFESSORS SOCIALISTIC ENVOYS. New York, Dec. 29.—Delegates from various chapters of the International Socialist society opened their annual convention here behind closed doors in the studio of Rose Pastor Stokes. It was announced that among those participating in the discussions was a delegation of 20 out-of-town college professors and students, some of whom came from Vassar.

There was a reception for the visiting delegates, at which there were a dozen five-minute addresses on the general subject.

The Collegian and the Labor and Socialist Movements.

The chief topic to be considered Tuesday will be:

"Freedom of Discussion in American Universities."

PLAN "LILY WHITE" O. P. IN FLORIDA. Miami, Fla., Dec. 29.—First steps to make the republican party "lily white" in Florida by eliminating negroes from its councils, it was announced here, have been taken in the filing in the circuit court at Jacksonville of an application to enjoin Joe Lee, a negro, former collector of internal revenue for Florida, and D. T. Gerow from calling a state republican convention. The application, filed by J. E. Junkin and Lee and Gerow are no longer at the head of the party organization in the state.

LONDON "BOBBIES" TO REINFORCE DUBLIN POLICE. London, Dec. 29.—A report circulated says hundreds of London policemen have been or will be drafted to reinforce the police in Dublin, in anticipation of serious outbreaks there. The report is officially denied.

A rumor also was abroad to the effect that Dublin cable is ready to enforce a new curfew law which would clear the streets of the entire city of Dublin by 9 o'clock in the evening.

FARRAR UPHOLDS ROUGE POT AND POWDER. New York, Dec. 29.—"I have never seen American girls so charmingly dressed as they are today. They are becoming as well dressed as the French," said Gertrude Farrar when asked for her opinion of the suggestion of reform of women's dress.

"About eight years ago," added Miss Farrar, "we dressed abominably. Yes, I believe in rouge, powder, anything that helps to make women more beautiful. I think that to be beautiful is part of the poetry of life."

FIGHT HARD TO WIN OUT WITH LIVES

Survivors of Steamer Being Pounded to Pieces on Newfoundland Coast Are in Hard Straits.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 29.—Five survivors of the crew of the Belgian steamer Anton Van Driel were battling desperately for life on the wreck of their ship which was fast being pounded to pieces on the jagged rocks which guard the entrance to St. Marys Bay Newfoundland. Their only hope was that the wreck, swept incessantly by gigantic ice combers, would hold together until a rescuing steamer came.

It was a slender hope, for the crew of the steamer was scattered on the rocks at a spot where no vessel could approach in safety except in the calmest weather.

Fishermen Powerless. All day long the fisher folk from the nearby village of St. Shotts had watched the unequal struggle for life from the tops of the rugged cliffs, which frowned down upon the wreck. They were absolutely powerless to aid.

The steamer, laden with a cargo of coal for the Dutch government, cleared from Sydney last Saturday under the command of Captain Turnwell. Swept out of her course by a terrific sea, she was hauled on St. Shott's ledges shortly after 10 o'clock, this morning. Boats were immediately launched and promptly dashed to pieces against the cliffs by the mountainous waves.

Bodies Tossed About. When morning broke the inhabitants of the little fishing village saw five men clinging desperately to the bridge of the doomed steamer, while wreckage and bodies were tossed about the breakers at the foot of the cliffs.

The steamer ordered from St. Johns to attempt a rescue cannot reach the scene of the wreck before Tuesday morning at the earliest. Reports received here late today from St. Shotts declared there were only slender chances of the ship holding together throughout the night.

Rescue 80 Persons. St. Johns, N. S., Dec. 29.—Word reached St. Johns of the rescue of the 80 persons, passengers and crew of the Reid coastal boat Dundee, who were marooned on an island in Bonavista bay, following the wreck of the steamer on Christmas day. For the last week a terrific gale and high seas have made relief of the refugees impossible.

Supreme Court Cites Hammond and Mother On Charge of Contempt. Lincoln, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The supreme court Monday instructed the attorney general to file information against William P. Hammond and his mother, Catherine Hammond, asking them to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court.

The case is one involving the custody of the 2-year-old boy of William P. Hammond and his wife. The mother had been awarded custody of the child by the district court of Douglas county. In the face of this the child was spirited away and taken to Canada against the instructions of the court.

Information on Coal And Sugar Complaints Sought by McKelvie. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 29.—Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie announced he had sent a telegram to United States Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer advising him of the receipt of complaints that fuel dealers are exacting an increased price for coal. The telegram asked how such complaints could be handled.

In another message to the attorney general the governor asked for information as to what had been done regarding the price of sugar, adding that "there seems to be a very great variation in prices at which this article is being sold in this state."

Prima Donna to Become Citizen of United States. Chicago, Dec. 29.—Rosa Raisa, prima donna soprano of the Chicago Opera company, is to become a citizen of the United States. First citizenship papers were issued after she had formally renounced allegiance to Poland, the land of her birth. She gave her age as 26 years.

DESPERATE MAN KILLS HIMSELF BY SLASHING THROAT

"Mysterious Mexican" Drapes Picture of Wilson With Flag, Then Ends Life.

Anton Aquinere, 502 South Thirtieth street, 25 years old, killed himself at 5 yesterday afternoon by cutting his throat.

Aquinere was known in the rooming lodge where he lived as the "mysterious Mexican." He associated with no one. As far as the police know he had no relatives.

Detectives who investigated his death yesterday say he had a gold watch and \$90 on his person when he died and a deposit slip on a downtown bank crediting him with \$300.

Aquinere paid his room rent yesterday afternoon shortly before he committed suicide.

He then went to his room, pinned a picture of Woodrow Wilson over his bed, draped an American flag about the picture and "made" the bed.

He then stepped in front of a mirror and slashed his throat with a pocketknife. A blood trail shows he then walked over to the bed, lay down and completed his effort by using a razor. He died before help could be secured. The body was turned over to Hoffman Funeral Home for burial.

Official Reports

BANK EMBEZZLER NOW A FREE MAN

John Elliott Clear of Law, Says Former Secretary of Parole Board.

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—According to a report given out by Secretary Johnson of the former parole board, but now secretary of the board of corrections, John Elliott, defaulting cashier of the Farmers' State bank of Decatur, is a free man, although he served but 10 months of his sentence for embezzlement.

His application for discharge from parole was refused by Lieut. Gov. P. A. Barrows when the latter was acting governor in November. At the time Barrows denied Elliott a discharge from the penitentiary, he gave as his reason that he believed a man who had misused funds in a bank, in which the public deposited their savings, should not be shown leniency and ought to serve his full term.

Elliott came to Lincoln on the Monday following, and gave the lieutenant governor a "panning" for refusing to discharge him, but Barrows stood by his determination.

Revolutionists in Mexico Plan to Set Up De Facto Government. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—Mexican revolutionists are working on a plan for unity of military commands and aims with the first step the setting up of a de facto government, according to well defined reports reaching here today.

Followers of Francisco Villa said he had agreed upon as the military leader by revolutionists on the east coast of Mexico and by southern rebels.

The revolutionists, it was said, plan their first military movement on the east coast, and their chief aim at present is to obtain control of the Mexican oil districts, where they would set up their de facto government. General Manuel Diaz, who has control of the district outside what Carranza holds, has not yet agreed to the proposal of the other revolutionists, but is said to have expressed willingness to consider it.

Reports State Wilson Or Lansing Paid Bill For Release of Jenkins. Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Reports alleged to have been circulated early this month in New York by the Mexican consulate there that "President Wilson or Secretary Lansing paid the necessary bail money to have the American consular agent, W. O. Jenkins, released from the Pueblo (Mexican) jail" will be investigated by the senate foreign relations subcommittee inquiring into Mexican affairs. It was announced by Francis J. Keafur, counsel for the subcommittee.

Secretary Lansing, when his attention was called to alleged reports, declared the "whole story was absolutely ridiculous."

Aero Machine Shop Burns; Estimated Damage \$100,000. Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 29.—Fire breaking out in the machine shop of Flight A. 96th aero squadron, Monday afternoon, destroyed equipment estimated to be worth \$100,000. Firemen were prevented from fighting the flames by the explosion of 250 aerial bombs and of gasoline and oil containers.

Chauffeur Anthony Jaroski and Private Emil Martin were seriously burned by the explosion of gasoline in the machine shop which started the fire.

DEATH GRIPS GREAT MIND OF MEDICINE

Sir William Osler, Canadian Born, Professor in Johns Hopkins and Oxford, Succumbs to Pneumonia.

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NO PROBE BY STATE BAR IN KIRK CASE

Just 70 seconds were consumed in reading and adopting the report of the committee on inquiry at the twentieth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Bar association in the Hotel Fontenelle yesterday afternoon.

The chairman of the committee, C. Petrus Peterson of Lincoln, had sent word that he would not attend the convention this year.

As chairman of this committee it is his duty to investigate complaints of unethical conduct against lawyers of the state.

The report of the committee made no mention of the Kirk case. It consisted of a dozen short typewritten lines written on a letterhead of the law firm of Peterson & Devore of Lincoln, of which Mr. Peterson is senior partner.

This is the firm which was active in securing the "furlough" of Beryl C. Kirk, sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary for the murder of Police Officer Frank Rooney. The "furlough" has stirred up the state and especially the lawyers of the state. District judges, headed by Presiding Judge Redick, called upon the supreme court to probe the case and a commission appointed by the supreme court is now investigating it.

Sears Demanded Probe. District Judge Sears, in a public statement two weeks ago, declared that the state bar association should not meet without probing the activities of lawyers in the Kirk case to the bottom. A criminal case in Judge Sears' court yesterday kept him from attending the meeting.

Charles A. Goss, only member of the committee on inquiry present at yesterday's meeting, said he was not in favor of the convention taking up the Kirk case.

"The supreme court is investigating the activities that lawyers may have had in it," he said.

"Fight at Large" Justices. A strong fight developed yesterday of an item in the joint report of the committee on legislation, presented by Judge Ernest B. Perry. This item recommended a clause in the state constitution providing for election of the chief justice of the state "at large" and the other six justices, one from each district, instead of also "at large."

Matthew Gering of Plattsmouth made a strong appeal for appointment of supreme judges by the governor.

"The best of elected judges," he said, "is bound to think on every decision he makes, especially near election time, in reference to what effect the decision may have upon the re-election of himself. All lawyers know that the best attention to cases is secured where a judge, appointed for a long term of years, has the case."

District Judge Morning of Lincoln declared that he did not believe in the primary system of electing judges.

"Judges are experts," he said. "It is lottery to elect them. I would favor a sort of judicial primary. These are men in a position to know the qualifications of lawyers for the judiciary. They could select and nominate a list of men fitted for this high office."

The convention finally voted for a constitutional clause allowing the legislature to designate the manner of election of supreme court judges.

The joint report of the committee (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

New Sugar Will Cost Public 20 Cents Pound

New York, Dec. 29.—The public probably will have to pay 20 cents a pound for the advance crop of 9,000,000 pounds of Cuban sugar now being delivered and distributed here, according to a statement by Federal Food Administrator Williams.

"This is due to the fact that dealers here are required to pay a higher price to the Cuban producers for the crop known as the advance crop. Mr. Williams said, and his aides would try to keep the price down to 14 or 15 cents a pound.

Opera Singer Dies. Yonkers, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Pauline Hall, long noted as a light opera singer, died at her home here. She was on the stage for more than 40 years.

DEFENSE BARES QUEER KINKS IN BRAIN OF NEW

Catching Crabs to Tame and Taking "Dry Baths" Among His Idiosyncrasies.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—The prosecution scored what was regarded by it as an important victory today at the resumption of the trial of Harry New, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Freda Lesser, when it succeeded in blocking attempts of the defense attorneys to introduce testimony bearing on New's sanity or insanity by witnesses not qualified as experts on intimate friends.

Catching crabs, taking "dry baths" and fleeing from imaginary enemies were favorite pursuits of Harry New, according to the testimony of Gustave Leonard of Venice.

"I saw him under a wharf one day," the witness said, "catching crabs and apparently having a fine time. I asked him what he was going to do with them and he said take them home and tame them."

"Another time," the witness continued, "I found him in a tub, clad in underwear and socks, at 10 o'clock in the morning. There was no water in the tub. I said to him, 'What's the grand idea?'"

"Oh," he said, "I just thought I'd take a good bath and get ready for tomorrow."

Numerous other strange acts were attributed to New by the witness in the course of an examination which brought many sharp clashes between opposing counsels.

When the afternoon session was begun the prosecution was ready to undertake cross-examination of Leonard.

The authorities held several conferences at which co-operation was planned between the different federal and municipal departments. Col. Daniel L. Porter, supervising revenue agent for New York, who is at the head of the campaign for the federal government, declared that New York City is the headquarters for the country in the illicit liquor industry and that it is impossible to get to the bottom of the ramifications of the trade except there.

The two most important arrests made so far, according to the federal agents, are those of John Romanelli, Brooklyn undertaker and Samuel Sateby, a Brooklyn druggist, who are accused of being the principals in the distribution of the poison throughout New England. The two men were released tonight on \$25,000 bail pending an examination.

The remaining four men are Alphonse Panarelli, a former saloonkeeper, Carmine Licenziato, Americ Delome and Luigi Puca, Italian grocers. Panarelli has made a statement to the authorities in regard to the method employed for the distribution of the liquor in New England, and it was stated tonight he may be a witness for the government.

Angry at Being Mulcted. Two of seven barrels of liquor which Romanelli is accused of having sold, are said to have been bought by a Bronx saloonkeeper. The man, according to Colonel Porter, came to Panarelli after the sale and denounced him for having charged him \$3,200 for wood alcohol.

Panarelli, who acted as Romanelli's agent, claims, Colonel Porter said, that he took a sample of the liquor to a druggist, who confirmed the saloonkeeper's word that it was poison. He said that he then warned Nathan Salzberg, a Hartford, Conn., saloonkeeper over the long-distance telephone, not to sell any of the three barrels of the liquor he had bought. Salzberg told him he continued, that he sold a barrel to a dealer in Chicopee, Mass., and a smaller quantity to other dealers in Hartford, but that he would try and recover as much of the liquor as he could. Later he was informed by Salzberg that he had got back all except a half-barrel, which had been sold in Chicopee. After reading of the deaths from wood alcohol poisoning in Connecticut and Massachusetts, Panarelli went to a lawyer and, on his advice, surrendered himself to Revenue Agent Dobbs.

Postpone Indefinitely Charges of Contempt Against Miners' Head. Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—Hearing of charges of contempt of court against Alexander Howat, district president of the Kansas Mine Workers, for alleged violation of the federal court injunction forbidding the coal miners' strike, is postponed indefinitely. The action followed return to work of miners in the Kansas fields last week and puts Howat in the same situation as other international or district officials of the United Mine Workers against whom contempt charges are pending.

The charges may be called up at any time the government deems advisable.

ROBBERS SECURE \$100,000 IN CASH, PLUS SECURITIES

Iowa Thugs With a Sense of Values as in Names Make Rich Haul.

Tingley, Ia., Dec. 29.—Robbers entered the Tingley Savings Bank early Monday by a blow torch and escaped with \$100,000 in cash and securities.

No trace of the men had been found late at night.

Bank officials declared when the robbers had entered the apartment where the safety deposit boxes were arranged in alphabetical order they ransacked them according to the financial rating of the men whose names the boxes bore.

Woodmen of World Protest Raise of Rate on Policies

Referendum petitions demanding that the proposed raise in rates on Woodmen of the World insurance policies be submitted to policy holders, were circulated among members of Druid and other camps in the city last night at a meeting held in Druid hall, Twenty-fourth street and Ames avenue.

More than 200 members of local as well as representatives of several out-of-town camps were present.

Charles Unitt, clerk of Alpha camp, declared that the rate raise meant either an increase of from 200 to 500 per cent on a policy, or a reduction on the policy of from 20 to 40 per cent. He asserted that the raise was entirely unwarranted and charged that W. A. Fraser, sovereign commander, was making the Woodmen of the World a "one-man organization."

Charles Keller of St. Joseph, Mo., urged Nebraska camps to support an injunction suit filed recently in Nebraska City to prevent the rate raise. Subscriptions were taken to finance the case.

Cole and Grammer Are Reprived Again By Gov. McKelvie

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie Monday granted reprieves to Alton B. Cole and Vincent V. Grammer, who were under sentence to be electrocuted here January 9 for the murder of Granville Moore, a law-lawyer, Mrs. Lulu G. Vogt of near Elba, Neb., who was shot to death in July, 1917. January 16 was set for the execution. Both men, however, are to have a hearing January 5 before state officials to determine whether executive clemency is to be given them.

Allows Increased Rate To Stock Yards Company

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The State Railroad Commission has granted an order allowing the Union Stock Yards Co., of Omaha an increase in switching charge from \$3 to \$3.75 per car for all cars transferred from one connecting line to another