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BERGDOLL ATTEMPTS TO SIDESTEP TRIAL, ON INSANITY PLEA

Slacker "Shoots Bluebirds" in Cell and Says He Thinks He's Czar

PROCEEDINGS IN LUNACY POSTPONE COURT-MARTIAL
Commission Will Examine Draft Dodger—Guard Against Efforts at Bribery

By a Staff Correspondent
Governor's Island, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, who preferred ignominious flight to shouldering a gun in Uncle Sam's army, now seeks to evade court-martial for draft dodging by pleading insanity.

The young slacker, whose wife seemed clear enough when he was hauled by the nose of the neck from his hiding place in a window seat at his mother's home in Philadelphia, January 7, has suddenly lost his mind, his counsel contends.

It is now said to be shooting imaginary bluebirds in his cell at Governor's Island, and to be representing himself as the czar of Russia, an unfortunate choice, when one recalls what happened to Nicky.

Application for a commission to inquire into Bergdoll's sanity was made today by his civilian counsel, Frank Spencer, a former major in the First Battalion, 105th Field Artillery, Twenty-seventh Division.

An attempt to prove Grover insane was made once before, but a Philadelphia jury declared him sane.

Court Martial February 25
The court-martial, which was to have begun tomorrow, has been postponed until February 25.

While counsel for the prosecution were reviewing testimony which was to have been presented tomorrow, information was received of the action taken by Mr. Spencer.

He filed the writing asking for the appointment of the lunacy commission with Lieutenant General Robert E. Ballard. The appeal of court-martial proceedings.

It was learned that the application would be granted. The commission will be composed of five military experts, and will begin hearings without delay.

The lunacy commission must report back to the military authorities not later than February 25.

When the prosecution are Lieutenant Charles E. Cresson, Major Lewis Korn, Captains Robert T. Haney and Frank M. Weir, and a civilian physician associated with Mr. Spencer in the defense.

Will Fight Insanity Plea
Lieutenant Cresson said the "ridiculous attempt" to prove the slacker insane would be vigorously fought.

Should the commission possibly find Bergdoll insane, the prosecution would fight to go ahead with the court-martial on the ground that even if the prisoner were insane now, he was sane and in full possession of his faculties when he evaded the draft.

The shrewd arrangements he made to hide, while a country-wide search was conducted for him, will be cited to show that no man of unsound mind could have carried out such a campaign of draft dodging and defiance for so long.

Several newspapermen visited Castle William, where Grover is confined, today. Bergdoll said he did not want to see them, but finally came to the door.

He wore a blue suit and brown sweater. Tufts of hair stuck out from under his brown soft hat. He had not been shaved for several days.

"What do you want?" snapped the slacker on seeing the visitors.

"We're newspapermen," said the callers.

"Nothing doing," declared Bergdoll, who said nothing about being the czar. And he fled back in his cell and stared out the window.

WHOLESALE 'FIRING' BY INSTEAD SEEN; SCANDAL'S HINTED

Department of Public Works Is to Be Purged of Contractor Favorites

MANY STREET INSPECTORS WILL BE SWEEPED FROM JOBS
Inefficiency, Carelessness and Lack of System Is Reason

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
The statement in these columns last week that the Moore administration had taken up the gage of battle thrown down by the Vere organization, and from now on no mercy would be shown, is being verified in numerous ways. The shift of police lieutenants was only a beginning.

The next advance will be a wholesale purging of the Department of Public Works of contractor favorites. With a few exceptions I look to see the entire force of street inspectors swept off the map.

An unusual statement comes from reliable authority in the Department of Public Works that at least two of the big contractors who are in the line of losing money on their operations, are at least near the danger line.

And the reason is inefficiency plus laziness.

Carelessness, lack of system, inattention to detail, faithless employees, are among the causes for this condition. Broadly speaking, the Department of Public Works is a political organization, and has been a widespread inefficiency among the street-cleaning forces—the workers themselves.

Workers Recognize New Force
Nothing in recent years has equalled the feeling of ability to work honestly as shown in the last two days among street-cleaning gangs. Workers and foremen recognize a new force in the persons of the new street-cleaning bureau.

Their former chief, the acting chief of the cleaning bureau, his threat to take over the work, backed by his up-to-date methods for enforcing it, has been a great boon to the men.

The men are now working for a new chief, a former contractor, and a former street-cleaning foreman.

TWO BANDITS BEAT AND ROB COLLECTOR FOR TELEPHONE CO.

Bleeding, Keystone Employee Fights to Keep Satchel Until He Falls Unconscious

VICTIM IS 68 YEARS OLD; MEN FLEE THROUGH ALLEYS
Police and Number of Volunteers Pursue Robbers in Van. More Than \$100 Stolen

Dazed and bleeding from a wound on the head, John Stagers, sixty-eight years, 5533 Addison street, a collector for the Keystone Telephone Co., this afternoon fought two footpads at American and South streets for possession of a satchel containing more than \$100 in cash, the total of Stagers' collections from slot pay stations in the neighborhood.

Beaten down by the attack of his assailants who were far stronger than their victim, Stagers refused to relinquish his hold upon the satchel until the two bandits produced revolvers and threatened his life, threatening to shoot him with death unless he complied with their demand.

Then, as he collapsed from the effects of the encounter, and not until the struggle with a final cry for assistance, he sank unconscious at the entrance of an alley, the highwaymen, and to escape, jumping through a gap in a fence, and making their way through a labyrinth of courts and narrow streets, before the arrival of police and volunteer pursuers, responding to Stagers' weak appeal.

Robbery Premeditated, Police Say
The robbery, according to the police of the Second and Christian streets station, was daring and premeditated. Stagers' route of collection takes him from the Second street station to the alley and he usually follows the same course in his rounds.

Today he had emptied the cash receptacles of several telephone pay stations along Second street, and was proceeding west on South street.

He had reached American street, a narrow highway, out of which numerous alleys diverge, when he met two men, a few feet below South street, who accosted him. As Stagers stepped into American street he felt a hand to his wrist, and he was forced to turn back into South street, the pair seized him and attempted to wrench from his grasp the bag in which he carried the day's collection.

Stagers, despite his age, struggled against his assailants. The evasive purpose of the thieves was to drag their victim into the mouth of a nearby alley, and escape, leaving Stagers to his fate.

Stagers, however, refused to give up his money. One of the men struck the collector a blow over the head with a blunt instrument which the police believe was the butt of a revolver.

MISS HARRIET SARTAIN Who will be installed as head of the Philadelphia School of Design for Women

Miss Harriet Sartain, who will be installed as head of the Philadelphia School of Design for Women, is shown in the photograph above.

Savage Is Ousted From Police Job
Civil Service Commission Also Disciplines Others
ONE MAN IS REINSTATED

Police Lieutenant Benjamin F. Savage lost his job today for failure to report to Director of Public Safety Corley's office January 7.

Savage was "fired" from the force by the civil service commission, which also dismissed a Manayunk patrolman for leaving his beat, and three other patrolmen were disciplined less severely.

When Director Corley assumed office he ordered all the lieutenants of police to report to his office, January 7, so he could outline the new order of things in the police bureau.

Savage did not attend. Instead he went to New York city. Later he claimed he had not seen the official order, but admitted Police Captain Callahan had instructed him verbally. He was then in command of the Thirty-third street and Lancaster avenue station.

On top of this explanation, after charges had been preferred against him, he was removed from his position. He was charged with neglect of duty.

Richard E. King and James P. Hughes, patrolmen of the Germantown and Locustown avenues station, were accused of intoxication while on duty. They had been placed by guard in a garage at York and Ontario streets. Whisky found in the garage was believed to have been left there by bootleggers.

Wanamaker Hung on Wing of Air Craft in Angry Sea

Merchant's Grandson Saved Plane From Capsizing Off Florida Coast—Party Spent Night Without Food or Water

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger
Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 29.—Rodman Wanamaker, 24, of Philadelphia, today described the thrilling experience which he and five companions went through when their seaplane was disabled off the Florida coast.

The Wanamaker party had flown early Monday morning from Palm Beach to the Bahama Islands and were returning Monday afternoon when the engine of their flying boat "went dead."

With Mr. Wanamaker were Gurnee Munn, of Radnor; Jack Rutherford, of New York, a son of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt; Caleb Bragg, a wealthy New York clubman and society man; Philip Boyer, of Long Island; and Captain David McCullough, pilot of the flying boat and a former naval officer.

As night fell and the seaplane was spun about by the waves, running twenty feet high, the seaplane began to drift water.

Mr. Wanamaker, who is a son of Mrs. Archibald G. Thomson, and a grandson of John Wanamaker, climbed to an upper wing of the craft to stabilize it.

At one time we figured we were sixty miles from the Florida shore and at other times not more than fifteen miles. All through the night we improvised gasoline flares from our gas tank and we are sure they were seen by few different ships which passed by, but they must have misunderstood the reason or source of the signals, for they paid no attention.

After landing at Vero the six men, dressed to the skin, and hungry and thirsty, went at once to a telegraph office and wired to anxious relatives that they were safe.

Searching parties in power boats and seaplanes had been sent after them without success.

Mr. Wanamaker is going to Alkon, S. C., in a few days to join his mother.

25 Hurt When Car Overturns
Richmond, Ind., Jan. 29.—(By A. P.)—Between twenty and twenty-five persons were injured today when a traction car jumped the track at the eastern limits of Richmond and turned over. There were about fifty passengers in the car, but none is believed to be seriously hurt. Ice rails were held responsible.

Additional Racing Results
Second Havana race, 5-1 furlongs—Eddie Tranter, 105. C. Howard, 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, won; Blanche Donalton, 105. Mangam, even, 1 to 2, 1 to 4, second; Unwise Child, 101. Carmody, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, third. Time, 1:10. Prince Bonero, Leona, Lady Ivan also ran.

Local Racquet Teams Win in National Tourney
J. Gould and J. W. Wear, and Cramer Roberts and C. S. Bromley, of this city, won their first round matches in the national amateur doubles racquet tourney at the Philadelphia Racquet Club today. The winners entered the semi-final round.

Nemeth Held on Charge of Violating Bank Act
John Nemeth, Jr., a foreign exchange broker, Germantown, was held in \$1000 bail for court this afternoon for an alleged violation of the state banking act. The charge resulted from purchases by clients of foreign money to be sent abroad. Nemeth, arraigned in central station, was accused of illegal delay in forwarding the money.

G. O. P. GETS 'SALES FORCE' IN HAYS'S NEW '171 VARIETIES'

Old-Line Politicians Laugh, but Advisory Board Has Its Uses

STRANGE MIXTURE FOUND IN COMMITTEE ON POLICY
Democrats Have Own 57 Assortments and May Nominate Outsider

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger
Washington, Jan. 28.—Washington is skeptical of Chairman Will H. Hays's plan to give the Republican party a "sales force" of 171 varieties of new politicians to carry the party to victory in the coming year.

Much is heard about Mr. Hays's "171 varieties" of Republicans. One member of the administration said "Mr. Hays is now the leading candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize."

The old-fashioned politician does not like innovations. He does not like direct primaries, and the idea of setting the party's priorities in a gathering so large that it will be virtually a mass-meeting does not appeal to him.

He looks at the strange assortment that brings together Mr. Taft and Mr. Gifford Pinchot, Charles Ross and Van Valkenburg, Mr. Lodge and Mr. Everett Colby, in one body, and smirks with contempt.

Drags Out Bull Moose Fighter
He views with alarm the appointment of Mr. Frank Farrington, the mine worker, to the presidential caucus, and he denounces as a Bolshevik, to the committee which will recommend the party's program. He wants to know why ex-Senator Joseph Dixon, leading Bull Moose fighter, should have been dragged forth from his peaceful interment upon his Montana ranch to mix once more in Republican affairs.

He is full of forebodings over what may happen if all these men ever get together in one room. And if they don't ever get together in one room the whole thing is a joke, and why joke? The presidential politician does not like anything that may be laughed at in the serious business of politics. If the country should once begin to laugh what would become of political parties?

The presence on the committee which this committee will advise of such men as Murray Crane, William H. Crocker, Frank B. Kellogg, Charles Penrose, Reed Smoot, and Charles McNary, is not enough to reassure him. Why not let well enough alone and go along with these men without adding the likelihood of the party of every brand and temper?

Hays Promoter of Harmony
The probability is that Mr. Hays never means to have his 171 all get together at once. Mr. Hays is a man of peace and harmony. He promotes peace and harmony by means of much travelling, expressing his views by using "and" letters. His ears are always open. Into two perfectly human ears, susceptible of exhaustion, pours all the views of opinions, grievances and woes and hopes of all the kind of Republicans. He listens to all the views of B. Penrose while he takes his own exordium to California for a well earned rest.

Your Day, Also My Day
Neither so nor a day,
Fair tonight and Friday.
Slowly rising
Gleams, surprising
Won't you tell me why-day.

COLD BRINGS SKATING
Drop in Temperature Cleans Up Slush in Streets
John Frost seems to have cleaned up Old King Slush and indications point the weather bureau show that the cold snap will continue through tonight at least.