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FINDS FAULT WITH GOFF

Mr. Moss Not Entirely Satisfied with Byrnes' Examination.

WANTED TO HEAR FROM GOULD

Opposition to the Proposition to Entrust the Reorganization of the Police Force to Byrnes Increasing Daily--A Sloop at the Gouls.

By the United Press. New York, Jan. 2.--President Martin of the board of police commissioners called upon Mayor Strong today and announced his willingness to retire at any time the mayor might elect. Commissioner Sheehan has not as yet followed the good example by the president of the board.

Commissioner Murray and Superintendent Byrnes had a half an hour conference today. After it had been concluded, neither would say what had been the subject of their discussion. Commissioner Murray could not say whether the board would favorably consider the Lexow committee's request that Captain Creeden be immediately allowed to retire on a pension.

Lawyer Moss, member of the executive committee of Dr. Parkhurst's society and Mr. Gould's associate counsel, was very positive in his statement that Byrnes would never be permitted to have a hand in the reorganization of the police force. He delivered a number of backhanded slaps at Mr. Gould when asked why George J. Gould was not called upon to verify the superintendent's stories of quickly gotten wealth.

Opposition to the proposition that Superintendent Byrnes be intrusted with the task of reorganizing the force is increasing daily, as the public mind reacts from the temporary sentiment of generosity inspired by the shrewd superintendent's offer to resign, and as the gravity and moral aspect of certain of his admissions before the senate investigating committee are considered. The Society for the Prevention of Crime, of which Dr. Parkhurst is president, is overwhelmingly against the idea and refuses to entertain the proposition that Byrnes have anything to do with the reorganization of the force. This was announced by Counsel Frank Moss today, who further stated that the organization would fight from now on, if necessary, every proposal of this nature which might be made.

Disagrees with Lexow. "We don't intend that Mr. Byrnes shall be the man to direct the matter," said Mr. Moss, "and he will not be that man if we can help it. The members of the Lexow committee take the position, apparently, that because Byrnes passed through the inquisitorial fire and emerged without being scorched, as others were, he is true and should be canonized without delay. Well, we dissent from this, assuming that had Mr. Byrnes been put through the same ordeal that other officials did, he would not have come out unscathed. In this is seen the logical necessity of Dr. Parkhurst's letter."

Mr. Moss had nothing to say relative to individual members of the committee and when asked what questions additional to those propounded might have been put to Byrnes, replied: "I have no criticism to make of Mr. Goff or his methods. I don't wish to say a word which might reflect on Mr. Goff. Instead I declare distinctly that he doubtless exerted his utmost efforts. Mr. Moss, on being pressed to say on what lines he believed Superintendent Byrnes' examination should have been continued, finally replied: "It came out that Byrnes had had dealings with the Gouls. Why should it be assumed that he told the truth respecting these dealings any more than it should have been assumed that McLaughlin or any other person who came before the committee told the truth. It would have been interesting to have examined George Gould on this. The Gouls were never given to giving something for nothing and if they have departed from this rule for once, the public would like to know about it. The Gouls, in elevated railroad matters, grabbed up the streets and the city's property without police interference, and whole squads of our acute city guardians proved unable to do a thing about it. It was their place to, though, for this was before legislative grants had been made. Why was nothing done?"

Considerable stress was laid by Mr. Moss on the fact that Superintendent Byrnes, when the terms of his resignation committee, did not state that his whole fortune was \$350,000, but defined it as being fully that. "He placed the value of his house at Shrewsbury at \$25,000," the lawyer went on, "but a talk with the builders and others would, I guess, bring it up to \$60,000. In the nature of things, Mr. Byrnes gave elaborate answers and these were taken. Dr. Parkhurst felt it imperative to show that the superintendent had not been wholly through the fire, and this he set out to show in his forceful, picturesque way."

MOLESKI'S TROUBLE

He is Arrested for Selling Fraudulent Certificates. Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 2.--Samuel Moleski, of Mount Carmel, was arrested today for selling fraudulent certificates to men to go to work in the mines without being examined by the regular board. Heavy penalty is affixed for fraudulent issue of certificates and Moleski's action is the first since the law went into effect.

On examination before a judge today he implicated J. H. Dawes and John Davis, of Conowingo, as a member of the Seventh district examining board.

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CONDENSED STATE TOPICS.

Adjutant General Greenland is quite ill at Harrisburg. Three of George Reinsel's horses have been stolen at Shartlesville, Bucks county, in six weeks. Labor Leader Hugh Dempsey's case will again be considered by the board of pardons in a day or two.

The last \$500 bond of the loan of 1877, which matured in 1892, was wiped out yesterday at the state treasury.

Managers of the steel mills at Harrisburg expect to supply all the frogs for New Orleans street railways.

The Cumberland County Agricultural society, at Carlisle, elected C. H. Mullin president, W. H. McCrea secretary and John Stock treasurer.

Congressman Erdman has appointed Harry Helzer, of Hamburg, cadet, and Charles Ames, of Albentown, alternate, for the West Point cadetship.

Dr. James Rhoades, ex-president of the Bryn Mawr college for women, dropped dead in the railroad station at that place yesterday afternoon. Dr. Rhoades was 70 years of age.

SHERMAN SCORCHED.

Business Portion of the Town Almost Entirely Wiped Out.

By the United Press. Sherman, N. Y., Jan. 2.--At midnight last night fire started and destroyed the clothing store of A. J. Peck in the Ellis block on Franklin street. It communicated to Main street and burned Sperry & Son's warehouse, and five of the finest business buildings in the village. The losses and insurance are, as far as have been ascertained, as follows:

The Advance company, general printers, loss, \$1,500; insurance, \$1,000; E. Sperry & Son, hardware, loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$2,000; Sperry & Marsh, owners of the building, loss, \$3,500; insurance, \$2,000; J. G. Legters, clothing, loss, \$3,500; insurance, 2,000; Stebbens, photographer, loss, \$1,000; insurance, \$500; the Hubbard block, loss, \$8,000; insurance not known.

The postoffice, which was in the block, was entirely destroyed. Hubbard's residence and insurance office, loss, \$2,500; insurance not known. A. J. Peck, loss on clothing stock, \$3,000; fully insured. Other small losses foot up to \$1,500.

MR. MORTON'S MESSAGE.

Good Government Again in Store for the Empire State--Many Needed Reforms Advocated.

By the United Press. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.--Both houses of the legislature met today. Hamilton Fish was elected speaker of the assembly.

The Republican senators caucused shortly before 11 o'clock and nominated Senator Edmund O'Connor, of Binghamton, as president pro tem, of the senate to succeed Lieutenant Governor Saxton. In his message Governor Morton says: "I congratulate you and the people whom you represent that we commenced the new year under favoring auspices. The business outlook is much improved as compared with its condition a year ago. The financial situation is in an excellent condition. There is no state indebtedness whatever, while the permanent fund aggregates \$2,246,343.50 of principal."

The governor recommends legislation giving the mayor of New York city absolute power to remove appointive city officers and to appoint their successors. This, he thinks, should be done without waiting for the report of the Lexow committee to be formally presented and discussed.

The appointment of a commission to frame a charter for "Greater New York" is recommended. Certain amendments to the election laws, especially the abolition of the "blanket paper," are advised and improvements of the canals by deepening and otherwise, is advocated. The governor also suggests the appointment of a committee to co-operate with similar bodies in other states as to the best means of securing improvements in highways.

PROVOKED THE PILGRIMS.

Bohemian Peasants Who Were Looking for an Apparition Raise a Riot.

By the United Press. Prague, Jan. 2.--A peasant living near Braunau, Bohemia, recently declared that he had seen an apparition of the Holy Virgin in the Doregrang forest. His story was believed generally out side the town and hundreds went daily to the spot where the Virgin was said to appear. Today several thousand persons made the pilgrimage. They were met in the forest by a crowd of scoffers who ridiculed the peasant's story and eventually provoked the pilgrims to violence.

A riot followed. Gendarmes sent out from Braunau were unable to restore peace. After several charges, they fired into the throng. Although ten men were wounded the mob continued fighting. Several hundred turned on the gendarmes eventually and drove them from the forest. Troops have been ordered out to disperse the rioters.

HASTINGS' INAUGURATION.

Committee Will Visit Bellefonte to Arrange for the Coming Event.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 2.--The joint legislative committee to arrange for the inauguration of Governor-elect Hastings organized today by electing Senator George Handy Smith, of Philadelphia, chairman, and Representative Fletcher, secretary, M. E. Ohlstead, of Harrisburg, was chosen chief marshal.

THEY WANT HOLMES.

Requisition for the Insurance Man Has Been Mailed from Texas.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.--Superintendent of Police Linden today received a dispatch from the sheriff of Fort Worth, Tex., announcing that a requisition had been mailed for the return to that place of H. H. Holmes, the alleged insurance swindler.

KNITTING WORKS BURN.

Spontaneous Combustion Creates a \$40,000 Blaze in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 2.--Fire this afternoon completely gutted the Prince Knitting works, situated at Belmont avenue and Herndon street. There were 150 girls employed in the works, and thirty of them had a narrow escape, being rescued from the third story windows by firemen.

CONDITIONAL WRIT.

An Attorney's Extraordinary Efforts to Save a Worthless Neck.

Washington, Jan. 2.--Mr. Semple, attorney for Lambert, the New Jersey wife murderer under sentence of death to be executed tomorrow, came to Washington this afternoon and secured from Justice Shiras, of the supreme court, a conditional writ of error, which may operate to stay the execution of the sentence upon his client. He had appeared in vain to Judges Green and Acheson before applying to Justice Shiras. The justice issued the writ upon condition that Mr. Semple secure action by Circuit Court Judge Dallas, at Philadelphia, upon a petition for a writ of habeas corpus directed to the sheriff in whose charge Lambert is. The justice would not issue a writ to the state court, and unless Mr. Semple can find Judge Dallas tonight and induce him to act, either granting or refusing the writ, he may fall after all in delaying the execution of Lambert.

WERE BURNED TO A CRISP

Shocking Fate of Mrs. Lehman and Her Little Ones.

PERISHED WITH AID AT HAND

While Occupants of the Tenement Swarmed the Fire Escapes the Panic-Stricken Mother Rushed to Death with Her Babies in Her Arms.

By the United Press. New York, Jan. 2.--Three lives were sacrificed this afternoon in a fire at 25 Pitt street. The victims were Lena Lehman, 24 years of age, and her two children, Sarah and Henry, aged respectively 2 years and 3 months. The fact that lives were lost in the fire was not discovered until some time after it was extinguished, when firemen found the three bodies, burned to a crisp, lying beneath a heap of debris in the turn of a stairway on the third floor and was trying to escape to the street when she and her infants perished in the flames. Their lives would have been saved had the panic-stricken mother remained in her apartments, as help promptly arrived. The building where the fire occurred is a five-story brick tenanted by Hebrew families.

When Mrs. Schoener, the housekeeper, discovered smoke coming from the cellar into the first hallway she ran into the street and gave the alarm. The front fire escapes were soon filled with a crowd of terror-stricken women and children, the tenants in the house having been ordered to evacuate the premises at once sought means of escape. They started for the stairs at first, but found the hallways filled with smoke, though the mist of which shone the flames. They then crowded the fire escapes and assisted the women and children to the street.

The firemen had now reached the building and were working hard to control the flames which had spread rapidly to the top and were bursting from the roof. The fire was got under control in about an hour and soon after was drowned out. The flames did not invade any of the top floor, but all the others were badly damaged by smoke and water. Aaron Lehman, the husband of the woman who was burned, together with her two children, was away from home at the time the fire started and consequently they were not reported missing by anyone.

The total damage caused by the fire is estimated at \$4,000. The fire started in the rear of the cellar, but how it was caused is not known.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The New Executive Council in Session in New York.

New York, Jan. 2.--The new officers of the American Federation of Labor were at headquarters of the organization in Clinton county, where President John McBride and the new executive council went into secret session. For the first two hours, executive council was engaged in the examination of the books and accounts turned over by the old executive council, the subject of the removal of the headquarters to Indianapolis was then considered, and it was decided that the headquarters could not be removed for two weeks.

Then the subject of the conviction of Eugene V. Debs, of the American Railway union, was taken up, and the executive council voted him financial funds to appeal his case to the United States supreme court. The council also voted financial aid to the miners of Tazewell county, under trial for conspiracy. The council then adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

BEef PACKERS INDIGNANT

Attribute Their Recent Trouble to Gorman-Wilson Bill.

GERMANY SOURED BY SUGAR

The Closing of German Ports Against American Beef Evidently an Act of Retaliation--Concerted Action Against Sugar Schedule Will Be Taken.

Chicago, Jan. 2.--The packers and shippers of cattle and dressed beef for export in this city were alarmed today to read of the latest embargo action of the European authorities, the closing of Antwerp to American beef. They were indignant and determined to protest against the embargo as an outrage as well as a vital blow at the cattle raising industry of the country.

They declared that the sugar schedule in the Gorman-Wilson bill was responsible for the closing of the continental ports and that the pleuro-pneumonia vaccine was only a subterfuge.

All the live stock exchanges in the west will take concerted action for the purpose of prevailing on congress to bring about by legislation a removal of the embargoes.

PIERPONT MORGAN'S CALL

It is Asserted That He Was Not After Mr. Carlisle's Scalp.

Washington, Jan. 2.--J. Pierpont Morgan, the well known New York banker, took the train for Pennsylvania, but meantime the prisoner's counsel had secured a writ of habeas corpus from Justice Andrews, of the supreme court, which was served upon the police court when it convened, and the court stopped further proceedings until the writ is argued.

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RIOTING AT HAZLETON

Lively Interview Between the Magyars and Slavonians.

RICIDULED THEIR CLOTHES

Magyars in Poking Fun at the Garb of Uniformed Slavs Stir Up a Hornets' Nest--Several Severely Stabbed. Fifteen Under Arrest.

By the United Press. Hazleton, Pa., Jan. 2.--A riot between Magyars and Slavonians took place at Shepton last night, in which one man was fatally injured, a dozen others dangerously injured, and two women stabbed.

Their names are: Joseph Handyka, fatally stabbed in the abdomen; Mrs. Andrew Lofanky, stabbed in the breast; Mrs. Mary Lynota, arm lacerated; Steve Hodak, stabbed in the shoulder; Michael Mandare, skull fractured.

ANOTHER HEARING.

Further Testimony Taken in the Davies & Griffin Case.

Arbitrators C. S. Woodruff, Charles L. Hawley and J. W. Carpenter, listened to another hearing in the arbitration room at the court house yesterday afternoon in the case of Davies & Griffin, clothing, against the several insurance companies with whom they had insured the stock in their store on Lackawanna avenue.

Witnesses were put on the stand by the defendants to support the allegations made by their attorney in his opening. A number of insurance agents and insurance adjusters were called as well as several firemen who were present at the fire; but their testimony did not altogether loom up as convincingly as the allegations purported to be able to establish. The case will be heard again this afternoon.

NEW COAL BEDS DISCOVERED.

Holmes County, Miss., Greatly Excited Over the Find.

Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 2.--Holmes county is excited over the discovery near the Carroll county line of what is certainly a very large bed of lignite or brown coal.

The bed, which is of enormous extent, has been traced into Tippah county, while its width is in one place ten miles. So far, though many borings have been made, the bed has not been pierced, and its thickness is consequently unknown. A Birmingham expert is on the ground making tests, and has formed a syndicate in conjunction with the well known Jackson law firm of Nugent & McWille, besides others, to prospect and ascertain whether the coal is really valuable.

SOLD HIS PATENT OFTEN.

A New York Inventor Victimizes Mexican Speculators.

San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Jan. 2.--San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Jan. 2.--James D. Lewis, who claimed to be a New York inventor, arrived here a few weeks ago and complaints have been made to the authorities that he victimized a number of prominent business men out of large amounts of money on a bogus patent right scheme.

INVAIGRATION MILITARY DISPLAY.

Harrisburg, Jan. 2.--It is semi-officially announced that a provisional brigade composed of a regiment from the First brigade, to be designated by General Schull, the Eighth regiment, Third brigade, the Fifth regiment, Second brigade, Governor's troop and Battery C. will constitute the military display at the inauguration of Governor-elect Hastings.

HELP FOR NEBRASKA SUFFERERS.

Harrisburg, Jan. 2.--Help will be sent from this city tomorrow to sufferers in Nebraska. A fund of nearly \$400 has been raised by the Christian Endeavor society of the Market Square Presbyterian church, together with more than 1,000 pounds of clothing, seven barrels of flour and large quantities of canned goods and potatoes.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, snow; warm; winds becoming northeasterly.



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