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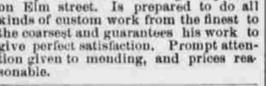
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LAMMERS OIL CITY, PA.

CONGER FILES CHARGE

Swears He Knows Ailids Took Money to Suppress a Bill.

Senator Conger Swears Senator Ailids Accepted the Money in His Presence in the State Capitol—Would Have It Appear That Bridge Companies Did Not Take the Initiative—Senator Ailids Has a Week From Tuesday to Answer the Charge.

That State Senator Jotham P. Ailids of Norwich, Chenango county, N. Y., the president pro tem. of the state senate and Republican leader of that branch of the legislature, received a bribe of \$1,000 while a member of the assembly on April 23, 1901, for not pressing to passage certain legislation. This is the charge made public by Senator Conger, also a Republican.

Mr. Conger represents the district controlled by Representatives in Congress J. Sloan Fassett of Elmira and John W. Dwight of Dryden, Tompkins county, the authors of the famous "John & I" telegram to Owen Cassidy, Senator Conger's predecessor, when the race-track fight was on in the senate.

Initiated by Senator Ailids. In his sworn charge Senator Conger swears that the bribery in question was initiated by Senator Ailids and that he demanded the \$1,000, instead of the bridge manufacturing companies seeking out Senator Ailids to buy him off from doing his duty. It is inferred that Senator Conger thus justifies his position in this controversy in that he would have it appear that the bridge companies had not taken the initiative but had paid up because they considered it "strike" legislation and had to give up the money or suffer the consequences.

Senator Conger declares Senator Ailids received and accepted \$1,000 in Senator Conger's presence in the Capitol. Senator Conger has told his friends that he saw a man pay Senator Ailids this \$1,000 and that the man is living. Senator Conger swears that he knows this charge to be true of his own knowledge. At the outset some of the senators who heard Senator Conger discussing the bribery charges were led to believe that it was Conger himself who paid Ailids the money. Senator Conger, however, has made it plain that he saw a man pay Senator Ailids this money. This man's name has been carefully withheld by Senator Conger. It cannot long be kept secret. It must be brought out in the investigation.

Senator Conger had until Tuesday to file his charges. Senator Ailids has until a week from Tuesday to answer, but it is expected that he will answer promptly with a general denial.

HOUSE WRECKED; 21 HURT

Explosion of Natural Gas During Fire at Le Roy Does Much Damage.

Twenty-one persons were hurt in a natural gas explosion at Le Roy, N. Y. Two are seriously injured, the rest will recover. A fire was discovered in the Geneva hotel at an early hour. The Le Roy department responded. Frank O'Hara, a boarder in the hotel, fell from a second story window and was seriously hurt. He was taken into a house adjoining the burning hotel, followed by a crowd of citizens and firemen.

While in this house a natural gas pipe exploded. The dwelling was blown out at both ends and 21 persons in the house were scorched by the flames and cut and bruised by flying timbers. O'Hara and Thomas W. Larkin were the worst hurt. Both were burned as a result of the explosion and Larkin was cut by falling glass. Larkin is a member of the village fire department. The damage is about \$24,000.

ICE BRIDGE AT THE FALLS

Thousands Availed Themselves of the New Elevators in Prospect Park. It was the first pleasant Sunday since 1907 that there have been elevator facilities for reaching the ice bridge on the state reservation and thousands availed themselves of the new elevator service in Prospect park to renew their acquaintance with the peculiar features of the ice jam in the gorge below the falls.

The crowd was a large and happy one. First the visitors climbed the ice mountain, when as yet has not yet attained full size; still its numerous peaks and hillocks were fascinating, the glossy surface affording a fine toboggan slide as well as a skating place. Leaving the ice mountain the crowd wended its way back and forth across the bridge, the structure reaching from the tunnel stream to the edge of the flow from the American falls. The day passed without any serious accident.

Waiter's Wife Wants \$50 a Week. Julia Wendling of No. 464 Columbus avenue, New York, has asked Supreme Court Justice Gerard to award her \$50 a week alimony pending her suit for a separation. From William Wendling and in support of her request said that her husband makes \$100 a week as a waiter at the Waldorf and that he made \$70 at resorts. The court reserved decision.

PARTY REFORMERS ORGANIZE

Democratic League Selects a General Committee of 450 Covering Every County in State.

The Democratic League of New York, the outcome of the Saratoga conference last September, assembled at the Hotel Ten Eyck in Albany on Thursday afternoon, organized a general committee in the state, and elected former Mayor Thomas M. Osborne of Auburn chairman of the general committee.

Francis A. Willard of Oneida was elected secretary and Colonel William C. Rice of Albany treasurer. The league adopted an organization plan for the state, drafted bills for direct nominations and reform in the ballot and primary laws, which are to be submitted to the legislature by Senator Grady and Assemblyman Frisbie, the minority leaders in the senate and assembly, and former Supreme Court Justice D. Cady Herrick of Albany made a speech which received the loudest applause of the day in which he called for an investigation of the high prices of food in the state.

In the evening at the reception to the Democratic mayors there was a general jollification and a few speeches were made.

COAL LAND CASES

Glavis Testified Ballinger Asked They Be Held Till After Election.

Louis R. Glavis, former special agent of the land office, the author of the charges against Secretary Ballinger, testified before the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee that Mr. Ballinger urged him to postpone his investigation of the Cunningham coal land cases until after the presidential election of 1908. The request was made, however, after Mr. Ballinger had ceased to be commissioner of the general land office and while he was a member of the Republican national campaign committee.

The postponement was asked for at a conference in Portland, Ore., in October, 1908. The reason assigned by Mr. Ballinger, according to the witness, was that two of the Cunningham coal land claimants, A. C. Avery and J. C. Smith of Seattle, had refused to contribute to the Republican campaign fund because the government was holding up patents to their coal interests.

DESIRED EVIDENCE SECURED

Government Stole a March on Packers and Big Butte Makers.

In its search for evidence at Omaha relating to the advances in the prices of foodstuffs, the government stole a march on the packers and big butte manufacturers and dealers of Omaha and by some cute work on the part of secret service men secured the desired evidence before it became known that an investigation was under way. Today the government is said to be in possession of evidence sufficient to return an indictment in several cases. The investigation included the packing houses, jobbers, commission men, retailers, cold storage houses and the methods of local organizations.

Last week several of these men were in Omaha and secured a mass of information concerning the workings of all parties concerned in the manufacture and sale of foodstuffs. Later it became known that the men were representatives of the agricultural department.

MOVEMENT AMONG FARMERS

Many Sign Agreement Not to Ship or Sell Any Live Stock For 30 Days.

Farmers in some Indiana counties resent protests against high prices of meats and are signing agreements not to ship or sell any live stock for 30 days and the indications are that the market will be kept stiff by reason of a shortage of cattle, sheep and hogs for the local trade.

The movement among the farmers began in the farmers' institutes and in some instances the agreements include all kinds of country produce.

\$500 PAID FOR A TURKEY

Famous Gobbler Weighing 52 Pounds Changes Owners at Belvidere.

At the Northern Illinois poultry show held at Belvidere, Ill., last week, the famous Porter turkey was sold by Mrs. Porter of that city to E. H. Burns of Orient, S. D., for \$500.

This gobbler has taken first prize and sweepstakes at Madison Square, New York, Baltimore and Hagerstown, Md., and other cities where national poultry shows have been held. His weight is 52 pounds, and he is said to be the largest turkey in the United States. Mr. Burns has been trying for three years to buy this turkey, but up to the present has been unsuccessful.

Found Bit of Ambergris Worth \$1,700.

A large piece of ambergris, highly valued in perfumery, was found on Monday on the gulf beach near Mobile, Ala., by Pilot L. Anderson. While the pilot knew that his find was a valuable one, he had little idea that the four and a half pound piece which he picked up was worth more than \$1,700, but such it is, as it sells for something like \$2 an ounce.

Her Second Quartette of Children.

Mrs. Margaret Brooks, a negro woman at Austin, Tex., has just given birth to her second quartette of children. She is also the mother of three sets of triplets and one set of twins.

PARIS IS RECOVERING

News of Sinking of Pavements and Abandonment of Houses.

Itinerary of Traffic Lines in the Metropolitan District Will Be Changed and Some Commercial Centers Will Be Affected—Authorities Declined Further Use of Boats—People in the Affected Districts Affronted by What They Believed Rich Sensation Seekers.

Paris, Feb. 1.—The city has absolutely recovered from the successive shocks of its recent days of anxiety. The terror of last Friday seems like a nightmare now when continual reports are published of the subsidence of the Seine and the sun shines brilliantly after days of rain. Crowds continued to gather as near the inundated places as the soldiers will permit them, but there is a tendency now to just about the situation.

News of the sinking in of pavements and the abandonment of houses is taken as a matter of course. Only the lack of heat and light in some quarters, the failure of telephonic communication in others and traffic difficulties everywhere remain to remind one of the terrors of the last few days.

Telegraphic communication is still unreliable. A few lines are still working but their services are in such great demand that today the postoffice sent numberless messages by train to be left at the nearest station to their destination and be delivered from there. The itinerary of the traffic lines in the metropolitan district will no doubt be changed and in this way several commercial centers will be affected. For instance, it is doubtful if the station in the Place de l'Opera will open again and it certainly will be months before perfect order is restored to the city's transportation lines.

The situation was so much improved that the authorities declined further offers of boats. They say that they are now able to cope with the situation without volunteer aid. Today, however, a newspaper called the Automobile urged amateur automobilists to utilize their machines for the benefit of the food sufferers. About forty of the smallest cars were loaded with bread and other food stuffs and sent to the most affected districts. Many of the occupants of the cars met with hostile receptions. The people at first believed them to be rich sensation seekers and were attacking the good Samaritans when they discovered the mistake. As the result the automobilists were roundly cheered.

At the sitting of the chamber of deputies the proposal to decorate officials who distinguished themselves at rescue work was postponed at the suggestion of the premier, who said: "Frenchmen do not need the spur of a decoration to do their duty. They never think of reward when called upon for sacrifices."

It is certain nevertheless that the next honor list will be much longer than usual.

SENSATIONAL TRIAL COMING

Young Millionaire Indicted on His Wife's Charge of Conspiracy.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 1.—Fredrick Reiners, son of a millionaire Brooklyn distiller, was again indicted by the Atlantic City grand jury at May's Landing on the charges made by his young and pretty wife that the husband had conspired with George Montgomery, his friend, and Constable Thomas Shril of this city to besmirch her character sufficiently to secure him a divorce.

Montgomery and Shril were also named in the indictment and will be forced to stand trial at the hearing, when the wife claims she will make sensational disclosures.

Reiners was attempting to get a divorce from his wife, to whom his family objected, several months ago in this city when the girl bride created a scene in the chancery court by declaring that her husband and Shril had conspired to drug her and have her discovered in a house of ill-fame where she declared Shril had taken her.

It is expected that the trial of the men will be sensational.

FIND NEW GERM IN SUBWAY

Doctor Discovers Organism in Examining Quaker City Bore.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—Dr. Sylvester J. Deehan, assistant instructor of bacteriology at the University of Pennsylvania, while in company with other professors was examining the Philadelphia subway discovered a new germ which he designates according to the report just made public, "a subway germ." Towards the end of this report, the commissioners say: "There was also a pink sarcina which occurred quite frequently. No one could find this organism in any of the text books, and as far as we know, Dr. J. S. Deehan of the laboratory of the University of Pennsylvania was the first to describe it."

That is all anyone knows about the "subway germ."

Whether this organism is a germ of sanitation which makes the subway so healthy is not known. Reports for 1909 of imports show larger increase in value than quantity, owing to high prices.

OUTRAGES BY NIGHT RIDERS

Said to Be Killing Negroes and Burning Their Houses and Churches.

Atlanta, a, Feb. 1.—Night riders are killing negroes in Columbia county and burning their homes and churches, according to information which has been received by Governor Brown. Such a state of anarchy seems to prevail, according to the reports, that Governor Brown has begun an investigation to fix the responsibility and to protect the negroes.

Negroes are leaving the county in large numbers and are listing their farms and property with real estate dealers of Augusta, declaring that their lives are unsafe in Columbia county and that they intend to settle elsewhere. Such terror has been caused by night riders, that it is said to be unsafe even for white people of Columbia to talk. To delve into the situation and try to bring real facts to the surface, would be at the risk of life. A more desperate and lawless set of men than those perpetrating those depredations cannot be found. Just why the danger exists or whence it comes the negroes themselves don't know or are afraid to tell.

So far not a single arrest has been made. That entire section of the state is worked up and is demanding that the county officials become more active in quelling the lawlessness, and if possible bring the law breakers to justice.

"I have received nothing bearing on the matter from the sheriff of Columbia county," said Governor Brown, "but if the statements that have reached me are correct the situation and condition in that county are serious. It does not speak well for the county. I shall investigate and try to protect the negroes."

CIVIL SERVICE MIXUP

Members of Utica Board Cited to Appear Before State Commission.

Albany, Feb. 1.—Members of the municipal civil service commission of Utica have been cited to appear before the state civil service commission in Albany on Thursday afternoon to show cause why they should not be removed from office for incompetency and violations of the law. The matter grows out of the inquiry made into conditions in Utica last week by President Milliken and Secretary Birdseye of the state commission.

The Utica commissioners, Arthur D. Jones, J. Edgar Smith and William Hayes, are alleged to have unlawfully certified to payrolls on which appear names of persons appointed since Jan. 1 last without competitive examination as required by the law in the offices of the city engineer and the health bureau. Curtis Allanne is alleged to have been appointed secretary to the municipal commission illegally and to have received compensation as such from Jan. 1, although not assuming his duties until Jan. 7.

The situation largely grows out of the alleged appointment of persons in sympathy with the new Democratic administration to positions in the civil service without regard to such regulations as the law provides.

MILK TO BE REDUCED

Curtailed Shipments of Meat From the West to New York.

New York, Feb. 1.—The Sheffield Farms dairy people announced that they will reduce the price of milk from 9 to 8 cents a quart on March 1. The Sheffield Farms and the Borden Condensed Milk company are the two big firms that have stood out against the cut made by the others. The Borden Condensed Milk company said that they intended to keep the price of their milk at 9 cents for the present.

Retail butchers hold out little hope to the public that they will be blessed with the present reductions in meats for any very great length of time. It would not surprise some of them if the prices were climbing toward the former stiff prices by the end of the week.

The curtailed shipments of meat from the west is decidedly advantageous to the wholesalers.

Well informed dealers said that the receipts of beef had been cut 25 per cent and lamb and mutton nearly 50 per cent.

Mayor Wants Fight in Frisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Mayor McCarthy of San Francisco has shocked the reformers with the bold announcement that he hopes the Jeffries-Johnson fight will be decided in his city and that he has no personal animosity to the gamblers. He says San Francisco needs money and these forms of amusements will get it. "Stop gambling and the grass will grow in the streets," is the way Mr. McCarthy outlines his remarkable policy.

Suggestions for a reduced rate of newspaper postage as well as an increase in the magazine rate is made by a New England member of congress.

The Editor Won.

A London paper described a child's excursion as a "long white scream of joy" and was called to account by a correspondent, who said that a scream could be long, but not white, whereupon the editor justified himself by urging that "a hue is often associated with a cry."

Every heart contains perfection's germ.—Shelley.

SHORTER NEWS ITEMS

Pithy Paragraphs That Chronicle the Week's Doings.

Long Dispatches From Various Parts of the World Shorn of Their Padding and Only Facts Given in as Few Words as Possible For the Benefit of the Hurried Reader.

Washington reports a growing fear at the attitude of Mr. Taft and Attorney General Wickersham by the trusts.

Paris is submerged by great floods, one-fourth of France is deluged and the chamber of deputies has voted \$400,000 for the relief of the sufferers. Bill introduced in the New Jersey legislature would prohibit forever establishment in the state of preventorium for consumptives from other states or cities.

Robert L. O'Brien, editor of the Boston Transcript, says it is plain the government's postal losses come from magazine transmission and urges a complete departmental overhauling.

Thursday. One result of the English elections is the reported intention of the Unionists to oppose every Irish seat.

Violent earth shock occurred at Ruelle, in the department of Charente, France. The movement lasted three seconds and came from the southeast.

John Hough, 11 years old, was killed; Walter Smith, 15, was fatally hurt, and Marjory Houghton, 14, had her leg broken in a coasting accident at Thersa, N. Y.

Eight milk dealing concerns in New York announce a reduction to 8 cents a quart as Judge Goff instructs a grand jury in milk inquiry as to what is indictable in trade combinations.

According to latest dispatches the floods in Paris are increasing, the rain continues, traffic is practically suspended, factories are closed and telephone and telegraphic communication is gradually being cut off.

Friday. Canada refuses to remove its surtax in favor of importations from Germany.

Advices from Berlin indicate that a tariff agreement between Germany and the United States is at hand.

Counsel for Mr. Glavis charges before the congressional committee that Secretary Ballinger has acted "improperly."

President Taft works to place prosperity on a sound basis, advocating national incorporation as a refuge for harassed trusts.

Announcement that Senator Dewey is a candidate for re-election adds to the confusion of the Republican situation in New York state.

Official estimates place the damage already done by the great flood in France at \$200,000,000. The Seine is still rising, public buildings and residences are in danger of collapse and thousands are homeless.

Saturday. Raefaelo Pisano, leader of the Black Hand society of Brooklyn, was sentenced to 25 years in Sing Sing for attempted murder.

It is believed in Paris that France is about ready to accede to the American demand for a minimum tariff on some fifteen to twenty articles.

Representative Hull of Tennessee criticized Governor Hughes of New York for his special message to the legislature opposing the income tax amendment.

The coroner held Eugene Flanigan, freight engineer, responsible for the wreck on the New York Central at Croton in which Spencer Trask, the New York banker, lost his life.

Monday. Although the waters of the Seine are receding, the gradual withdrawal of the flood's underground pressure is weakening the very foundations of Paris.

Elections for the British parliament are ended, and show the government to have a majority of 122, including the Labor members and Irish Nationalists.

President Madrid issues an order forbidding the infliction of the death penalty upon Americans who may be taken in arms against the Nicaraguan government.

The Borden Condensed Milk company issues a statement at the attorney general's hearing and declares that it cannot deliver milk in New York at 8 cents a quart without a loss.

Tuesday. Many of the ablest lawyers in the country take a hand in the test of the corporation tax law before the federal supreme court.

Dispatches from Washington show that free imports under the Payne law have reached \$700,000,000, or more than half of all the imports.

Dispatches from Seoul report a serious uprising of insurgents at South Phonsa, Corea. Twenty Japanese settlers are said to have been murdered.

A spirit of compromise prevails in Great Britain as a result of the elections, the verdict of the country being interpreted as opposed to radical changes.

Crew of nine of the George A. McFadden, a four-masted schooner, wrecked at sea, are rescued from the deckhouse by the Katherine, after being pursued all day by sharks.

DEMANDS WERE CONSTANT

Convict Warriner Testified Against Mrs. Ford on Trial For Blackmail.

Cincinnati, Feb. 1.—At the resumption of the trial of Mrs. Jeannette Ford, charged with attempting to blackmail C. T. Warriner, the confessed and convicted embezzler of \$643,000 from the Big Four railroad, Warriner himself was the star witness.

Attorney Thornydyke, counsel for Mrs. Ford, made a statement in open court as follows: "We propose to assist the prosecution to show that Edgar Cook was short; to assist in showing that Warriner was short, and that Comstock was short; we propose to assist the prosecution to show that the Big Four offices were rotten—the Lord only knows how rotten. We propose to assist the prosecution to show that the legal machinery of the great state of Ohio is here being invoked to air a vulgar affair between two women for the love of one man—and a very poor specimen of a man he was."

"We further propose to show that the defendant never blackmailed or ever made an attempt to blackmail and that the charges result from the effort of the prosecuting witness (Mr. Warriner) to attract attention from himself and throw some of the blame on someone else."

Without a show of feeling Warriner, attired in his prison suit, recited his accusations against Mrs. Ford voluntarily.

"She called me by telephone in the fall of 1902, and I met her at the Grand hotel for the first time," he said. "She told me that Edgar S. Cook had spurned her attentions and asked me to compel Cook to return to her. I refused and she declared she knew that I and others were short in our accounts. She asked for \$2,000, and we finally compromised for \$750. "She took it and agreed to say nothing of the shortage. After that her demands were constant. In all I gave her \$12,000 a year for nearly seven years."

Witness also testified that he furnished \$10,000 for an operation on the defendant, and that he paid so many other bills he could not keep track of them.

EXPLOSION IN MINE

One Hundred and Fifty Men Entombed and All Believed to Be Dead.

Pueblo, Colo., Feb. 1.—An explosion in the mine of Colorado Fuel and Iron company at Primero, near Trinidad, has entombed one hundred and fifty men and all are believed to be dead.

Three dead have been found near the entrance to the mine. The telephone wires are down at Primero and newspaper men must go thirty miles by automobile to the mine to get details and then go fifteen miles by automobile to the nearest telegraph station.

Application For Cook's Arrest.

London, Feb. 1.—A dispatch from Berlin to a local news agency says the United States consul at Mannheim has formally applied to the authorities at Heidelberg for the arrest and extradition of Dr. Frederick A. Cook. The doctor is said to be in a sanitarium at Heidelberg.

MARKET REPORT

New York Provision Market. New York, Jan. 31.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, new, \$1.30 l. o. b. affont; futures closed lower, May \$1.18 1/4; July \$1.08 1/4.

CORN—No. 2 white, in elevator, new, 74c; futures closed lower, May 75 1/2 c; July 75 1/2 c.

OATS—Natural white, 26 to 32 lbs., new, 52 1/2 c; clipped white, 34 to 42 lbs., 49 c; 53 c.

PORK—Mess, \$22.75 @ 23.00; family, \$25.50 @ 26.00.

HAY—Prime, \$1.15 @ 1.20.

BUTTER—Creamery, specials, 32c; extra, 31c; process, 26 1/2 @ 28 1/2 c; western factory, 23 1/2 @ 25 c.

CHEESE—State full cream, specials, 17 1/2 @ 18 c.

EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, 32 @ 37 c.

POTATOES—Maine, per bag, \$1.50 @ 1.75; state, per bbl., \$1.50 @ 1.75.

Buffalo Provision Market. Buffalo, Jan. 31.

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 31.00 @ 31.19; No. 2 red, \$1.28