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DID THREATEN RYAN

E. H. Harriman on Stand at Armstrong Inquiry.

BRINGS IN LATE SPEAKER AND HIGGINS

Feared Legislation Would Be Ignorant by Alexander Hamilton. Doubtful Ryan's Motive and He Wanted Half of Stock. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—After E. H. Harriman, financier, had contradicted Thomas F. Ryan before the legislative insurance investigating committee the committee was forced to take a recess when Harriman refused point blank to reveal the names of members of the legislature and others at Albany with whom he admitted having communicated last winter in reference to legislation he feared would be instigated by the so-called James W. Alexander faction in the senate.

Mr. Harriman agreed to reveal the names to Mr. Hughes or to the committee privately, but the chairman insisted that the names be given publicly from the witness stand. Finally the witness declared he would be obliged to have a consultation with his attorneys, Judge Leavitt and Paul D. Cravath. "If my attorneys recommend that I give the names," said Mr. Harriman, "I shall do so, for I believe I can get the consent of the parties afterward."

Ten minutes later Mr. Harriman returned to the witness chair and revealed the names. He said: "The men I referred to were Mr. Nixon, speaker of the assembly, and Governor Higgins. "I merely asked them whether there was any legislation preparing in regard to the situation. I regret I have been compelled to drag these two names into this matter, especially that of Mr. Nixon, who has since died, and as their position in this matter, although entirely pure and blameless, might be misconstrued, I appeal to the members of the press to at least leave those names out of the headlines."

Harriman fairly grilled his enemy, Ryan, owner of the Equitable, who had sworn that Harriman tried to sandbag him into dividing the Equitable stock which Ryan had bought from James Hazen Hyde. "The imputation that he had threatened to use his influence with Governor Odell to defeat Ryan's plans with regard to the Equitable Mr. Harriman met with the following statement: "It is not I who have political influence through my relations with Mr. Odell, but Mr. Odell who has political influence through his relations with me."

This was delivered in a tone of authority and with a haughty wave of the hand, the man being that of a man who felt sure of his ground—the manner of an emperor conscious of his power.

Later the witness said Mr. Odell might resent the statement, but he qualified it only to the extent that he thought any man in politics should appreciate having the friendship of men of prominence. Mr. Harriman said he was not in politics, but that he had political influence. Although he gave the lie to nearly all the statements sworn to by Ryan, Harriman did not deny that he had threatened to use his influence to crush Ryan, just as he had crushed other enemies, "unless Mr. Ryan proved the purity and sincerity of his motives in buying the Equitable stock by sharing it with me."

"He entreated my co-operation," added Mr. Harriman, "and said that he had taken this step in order to do something conspicuous, as he had not done anything conspicuous in his life." It certainly was Harriman's hour of triumph and he wore a complacent smile to show how he appreciated it.

Odell Would Make No Comment. NEWBURGH, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Ex-Governor Odell here declined to make any comment on Mr. Harriman's testimony before the insurance investigating committee in New York.

Steamer Lowell Cut Down Schooner. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 16.—The steamer City of Lowell last night ran down the lath laden schooner Bonatoland, Chatham, N. S., for New York, off South Norwalk. The schooner was cut to the water's edge and was abandoned. The crew escaped in boats to the Lowell. The City of Lowell was bound from New York to New London, Conn.

Crew and Pets Brought Through East NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 16.—The entire crew of the Belgian steamer Antigoon, ashore south of Cape Henry, numbering twenty men, has been saved by Little Island and False Cape station crews. A dog, pig and cat also came ashore in the breeches buoy. The vessel is in a very dangerous position and may be a total loss.

DISMISSAL OR COURT MARTIAL

Fate of Two Middles Hangs on Attorney General's Verdict.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Whether the superintendent of the Naval academy or the secretary of the navy, or both conjointly, have the power summarily to dismiss from the Naval academy without trial by court martial a midshipman guilty of hazing and whether such action, if taken, would "prove a bar to proceedings in the civil courts for assault or other criminal elements involved in the offense," are two questions on which the attorney general, at the request of the secretary of the navy, will render an opinion today.

The character of this opinion will shape the future action of the navy department on the recommendation of Rear Admiral James H. Sands, superintendent of the Naval academy, for the summary dismissal of Midshipman Tremor Coffin, Jr., for hazing and of Midshipman Warren A. Vandever, for countenancing the practice. If Attorney General Moody rules that the secretary has such power these midshipmen will be summarily dismissed from the academy. If such power is lacking their immediate trial by court martial will be ordered. Otherwise Secretary Bonaparte will direct that action be brought against the dismissed midshipmen in the courts of Maryland.

Hazing at the academy was the subject of two conferences here between Admiral Sands and Secretary Bonaparte. The admiral informed the secretary that the cadet officers and cadet petty officers at a conference which the admiral held with them several days ago, voluntarily pledged him their support in his insistence upon a strict obedience to all rules of the academy. At this conference he declared to them: "I regard hazing as a brutal and cowardly practice. I shall recommend the summary dismissal of every midshipman found guilty of practicing it or countenancing it, and I do not care to receive at my home any midshipman who approves of the practice."

An immediate congressional investigation of hazing at the Naval academy probably will not be made as provided for in the resolution of Representative Loud of Michigan.

Governor Intercedes For Middy. TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 16.—Governor Stokes has intervened himself in behalf of Warren A. Vandever, the midshipman who has been recommended for removal from Annapolis for failure to report a case of hazing. Governor Stokes has written to Secretary Bonaparte, asking for a hearing for the young man, and also has asked United States Senator Dryden to use his good offices in the matter.

LIGHT ON THOMPSON'S DEATH

Negro Who Confessed to the Murder Afterward Committed Suicide.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A coroner's jury held an inquest into the death of J. H. Thompson, an editor on the New York Times, found dead in his room some time ago at the St. James hotel. A verdict of murder at the hands of R. H. Hamilton was found. Hamilton was a negro elevator man in the hotel and committed suicide some weeks ago.

The principal witness at the inquest was a negro woman, who, when arrested some time ago in a petty case which involved Hamilton, told the police the negro had confessed to her that he had murdered the aged editor. She said Hamilton had several hundred dollars in his possession the day following the finding of Mr. Thompson's body. When Mr. Thompson's death was discovered the authorities at first disposed of the case by saying he had died from a stroke of apoplexy and in falling had struck his head against the sharp edges of a bureau. The editor's friends refused to accept this theory, and a reward was offered for the arrest of the assailant. The police worked without definite clues until the arrest of the negro woman, following the suicide of the elevator man, apparently cleared the mystery.

Allied Fleet Will Be Recalled. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—The Porte has sent a note to Baron von Celles, the Austrian ambassador, replying to the note of Dec. 12 from the ambassadors of the powers. In its note the Turkish government accepts the final draft of the scheme for the control of the finances of Macedonia as submitted by the ambassadors. In official circles this is considered to close the matter, and the recall of the international fleet from Turkish waters is momentarily expected.

Two Italians Held In Murder Case. ASSHURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 16.—The police, who have been inquiring into the murder of Mrs. Morris Natfal, found dead from suffocation in her apartments several days ago, with valuable jewelry and \$1,000 in cash missing, have arrested Frank Perdoni as a suspect. Perdoni formerly ran a fruit store opposite the Natfal apartments. He sold out recently to Samuel Pierlo, who also was arrested as a witness.

Navigation on Upper Hudson Closed. CATSKILL, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Navigation on the upper Hudson river has practically closed. The steamer Onondaga of the Catskill-New York line has made her last trip, and the steamer C. W. Morse of the People's line has been laid up for the season.

Mine Buildings Destroyed. CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 16.—The office and laboratory at the Champion Copper company's stamp mill at Freda has been burned, and Clerk Nelson lost his life in the flames. He was sleeping in the building when the fire started.

Beers Won Centennial Contest. HAMILTON, N. Y., Dec. 16.—George Pitt Beers of Florida last night won first honors in the Rowland oratorical contest of Colgate university, held in Sheldon's Opera House.

LAWSON HARD HIT

Standard Oil After Revenge For "Frenzied Finance."

BROKER ADMITS LOSS OF \$3,400,000

Amalgamated Copper Goes Beyond Far and Thousands Selling Short, on the Quiet, Have Been Caught and Badly Squeezed. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Standard Oil combination, it is said, contemplates another smash at Thomas W. Lawson and his friends, and the event is awaited with great anxiety by those in the copper market, where it is reported that Lawson is in a dangerous position.

That his bear pool has been hit hard is announced in a statement by Lawson himself, who says that the money he has in the pool is his all and if he is wiped out he will be ruined, but that he has no complaint. He also says that



THOMAS W. LAWSON.

He expects no mercy and proposes to give none if things come his way. In his statement the Boston operator admitted a loss to date of \$3,400,000. He said that his portion of the \$9,900,000 still remaining of the first pool of \$10,000,000 and of the \$5,000,000 additional embraced every dollar of his fortune. The Standard Oil combine pushed up Amalgamated to 102 1/2, establishing a new high record since the boom of 1901 and verifying their prediction of ten days ago that the stock would cross par before Christmas.

With grave faces they assured the public that the real reason why copper was going up was because it was scarce, etc. To enforce their argument, as alleged, they advanced the price of copper metal one-eighth cent, carrying the quotation for lake and electrolytic copper to 15 1/2 cents a pound. The Standard Oil people freely predicted twenty cent copper and assured their friends in Wall street that Amalgamated would go to 110 before New Year's day. There was a wild scene round the copper post when the new high record price for the stock was reached.

A great many persons, scattered all over the country, are believed to have been, like Lawson, hard hit by the extraordinary advance against the short interest they had been encouraged to take by the Boston operator. Thousands have been secretly selling copper short under his advice.

LONGWORTH'S HOME.

Beautiful Estate on the Ohio River Where Miss Roosevelt Will Live.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—Rockwood, the home of Nicholas Longworth, whose engagement to Miss Alice Roosevelt has just been announced, is one of the most beautiful estates in the country. Nicholas Longworth, the great-grandfather of the present congressman, came to Cincinnati when it was but a landing place for Ohio river boats. He got possession of large tracts of land for slight consideration, and these have been handed down from generation to generation.

As the town grew, fifteen acres of the choicest property was set aside for the Longworth home. The house stands on Grandin road, surrounded by both houses and shrubbery and filled with an art collection of great worth. Canvases from the brushes of some of the most famous masters are in the galleries, and the tapestries and oriental rugs form a noteworthy collection.

Was on Liquor Sellers at Boston. BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The board of police has ordered the saloon of Frank Moretti in the north end, to be closed on account of its proximity to the Cashman school. It is stated that the board is considering the question of clubs of Boston serving liquor to members after 11 o'clock p. m. It has been maintained by hotel men and by liquor dealers that the clubs have no more right to serve liquors after the hour prescribed by law than have the hotels.

Poorhouse Grantee Convicted. READING, Pa., Dec. 16.—The jury in the case of Wellington G. Woods, president of the board of poor directors, on trial for embezzlement of county funds and property, returned a verdict of guilty on four counts. There had been thirty-six counts in the bill of indictment. The testimony showed various forms of petty grafting at the poorhouses. Three other officials are yet to be tried.

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FOUR FAVORITES SEATEN.

At Fair Grounds Track Remington and Augur Only Favorites to Win.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—The heavy track at the fair grounds was responsible for the defeat of four favorites, Remington and Augur being the only successful first choices. Remington scored by an extremely narrow margin, as Holloway, weakly ridden and having taken the worst of the going, was but a neck behind at the finish. Jack Lory won the fifth race in hollow style, finishing pulled up and ten lengths in the lead.

Curly Brown has sold his holdings in the City park track to a turfman who is interested in the Western Jockey club. The sale of Brown's stock came as a surprise, as it was only the other day that he made the announcement that he was going to sell his business in Cincinnati and come down here and fight Corrihan and other leading members of the New Orleans Jockey club to a finish. The quarrel between Corrihan and Brown is of long standing. This may end the race war in New Orleans. Summaries:

First Race.—Remington, first; Holloway, second; Mahogany, third. Second Race.—Glen Gallant, first; Payne, second; Arsenal, third. Third Race.—Macheth, first; Torchelito, second; Mr. Jack, third. Fourth Race.—Maister, first; Collector Jessup, second; Peter Paul, third. Fifth Race.—Jack Lory, first; Bourke Cokeran, second; Edward Hale, third. Sixth Race.—Augur, first; Fra Phillips, second; Dance Music, third.

Gold Zone Ran Awry. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—Cold and disagreeable weather did not affect the sport at City park. Favorites and nonfavorites divided the card, but all the winners were well backed. J. G. Brown's Gold Zone threw his rider and ran away a mile after the horses had gone to the post for the first race. Neither boy nor horse was injured, and the horse was excused under the rules, and twenty minutes were allowed for a new book.

Beats Carried to His Corner.

BAITMOIRE, Dec. 16.—Kid Sullivan of Washington last night defeated Kid Stein of Philadelphia, the seconds of the latter throwing up the sponge in the eighth of what was to have been a fifteen round fight before the Eureka Athletic club. Stein was almost out in the second round and in the eighth felt a hard right hander, and a moment after he regained his feet Sullivan shot a straight left to the jaw, and Stein's seconds threw up the sponge and carried their man to his corner.

Traded Four For Shekard.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Pat Donovan, the new manager of the Brooklyn National League Baseball club, has agreed upon by the Brooklyn and Chicago clubs. Captain Shekard of the Brooklyn has been exchanged for Outfielders Maloney and McCarthy, Third Baseman Casey and Pitcher Briggs of the Chicago Nationals.

Opponents Prohibit Football.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The city council has formally prohibited the playing of football here until the game has been radically modified. Football was denounced in the council proceedings as hazardous in the extreme, and it was declared it could not be made a proper sport until rules eliminating all chance for brutality are adopted generally.

Good Hunting Season in Maine.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 16.—The big game hunting season in Maine which closed at midnight has been the best since the remarkable record made in 1902. The total of the game shipped through Bangor is 4,857 deer, 215 moose and 40 bears, an increase of 425 deer over the shipments of 1904, while the number of moose is the same as in 1904.

Gregor K. Won Feature.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Rain fell in torrents at Ingleside. Despite the change in track conditions three favorites and three second choices won. The feature event, a mile dash for three-year-olds, was won by Gregor K., who finished two lengths ahead of St. George. Jr. Toteaway, the favorite, made a poor showing.

Good Luck at Ascot.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 16.—Only two favorites won at Ascot, one being Good Luck, at 1 to 4.

Higgins Should Name Speaker.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Ex-Governor Odell, chairman of the Republican state committee, held no formal conference at state headquarters, but in an interview he said that Governor Higgins ought to name the next speaker of the assembly. He said: "Governor Higgins, as governor of the state, is chiefly responsible for the government of the state. He should be permitted to name the next speaker of the assembly, and I think that the man he may name will be elected."

Snow in Three States.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Snow fell in southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and in the greater portion of southern New Jersey for the first time this winter. The fall in this city amounted to about two and a half inches. A high wind accompanied the storm. At Atlantic City, Cape May, the Delaware breakwater and other points along the coast a heavy rain and sleet fell. The wind at the breakwater reached a velocity of nearly fifty miles an hour.

Signal's Fleet For Mediterranean. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—It has been decided that Admiral Signal's cruiser squadron shall go from New York directly to the Mediterranean.

MASSACRE MOSLEMS

Sultan Protests to the Ozar Against Tiflis Outrages.

AFFIRM RUSSIANS AIDED SLAUGHTER

Armenians in Transcaucasia Take Advantage of Situation to Sicker Tartar Subjects of the Porte. Mingrelia in Revolt.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A telegram received via Constantinople reports that the Armenians in Tiflis, Russian Transcaucasia, are massacring the Moslems. The Russian authorities are represented as supplying the Armenians with arms and ammunition. Appeals for protection made by the Ottoman consul have been disregarded. A telegram from Batum says that Tartars have burned the bazaar at Tiflis and that the province of Mingrelia, Russian Transcaucasia, is in revolt.

Dispatches from St. Petersburg through East Prussia say that the leaders of the post telegraph strike at Moscow declare they will never surrender until Interior Minister Durnovo and M. Sevastianoff, superintendent of posts and telegraphs, are dismissed and their demands satisfied.

M. Gringnoth, editor of a reactionary paper at Moscow, was forcibly ejected from the public baths by the attendants, who declared that a man of his views could not enter. The emperor's name day, Dec. 19, will be signalized by an important peasant manifesto and the publication of the election law.

The Turkish ambassador at St. Petersburg has been instructed to draw Russia's attention to the serious situation at Tiflis, Caucasia, where it is alleged the Russian authorities are distributing arms to the Armenians and tacitly them to massacre the Tartars. The Armenians, with the assistance of troops, have taken full advantage of the opportunity and invaded Musulman residences, including those of Turkish subjects, slaughtering the women and children as well as the men.

MRS. MUNCKTON'S DEFENSE.

Prisoner on Trial For Husband's Murder Tells Story of Tragedy. BALESTON, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Hatie Munckton, on trial for the murder of her husband, told to the jury her story of the killing. Mrs. Munckton fainted once during her recital, and it was some minutes before she could be revived sufficiently to continue her interrupted testimony. The defendant related many acts of cruelty her husband is alleged to have practiced toward her, dwelling particularly upon his treatment of her the night of the tragedy. In the early hours of the morning, she declared, she resented what Munckton had done and threatened to have him arrested. She says her husband replied that she would never live to do it. It was then, she said, that she took the poison to her room.

Later she heard a noise and going to the kitchen declares she found Munckton armed with an ax. After threatening her, she says, Munckton threw her down and attempted to gash her throat. She struggled away and securing the gun fired at him. Mrs. Munckton told the jury she had not intended killing her husband. She fired at his feet in self defense, hoping to maim him and thus protect herself from his attacks.

After Three in Brower Case.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Dec. 16.—Search for three of the persons who could tell a great deal about the last hours of Mrs. Frank Brower, who died at Toms River under what her relatives consider suspicious circumstances, revealed the fact that their whereabouts is now a matter of considerable mystery. These three persons are Dr. H. H. Cate of Lakewood, who signed the certificate assigning Bright's disease as Mrs. Brower's mortal illness, since disputed by at least one other physician in the case; Miss Dudley, a trained nurse recently connected with the Long Branch Memorial hospital, who attended Mrs. Brower in the first stage of her short illness; and Miss Horlock of the Hahemann hospital of Philadelphia, who was the only person, besides Dr. Brower, the woman's husband, with the woman when she died.

King Oscar Assisted Him.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 16.—Information that the Norwegian explorer, Captain R. Amundson, who discovered the northwest passage while working under Nansen, was assisted by King Oscar, the London Royal Geographical society and many men of prominence in both Norway and Sweden was conveyed to this city in a cablegram addressed to Major W. A. Glassford and signed by Captain Hartman of the signal corps at Valdez.

A New Treaty With Cuba.

HAVANA, Dec. 16.—An attempt is being made to revive the project for a new commercial treaty with the United States. The joint commission appointed Oct. 17 by the several industrial, commercial and agricultural associations of Cuba to carry out the project has been headless since the resignation of its president, Louis Galban, who is a leading importer and president of the Havana chamber of commerce.

Johann Hoeh to Hang.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The supreme court of the state has affirmed the verdict in the case of "Bluebeard" Johann Hoeh, now under sentence of death for wife murder. Hoeh will be hanged on Feb. 23.

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