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Berthe Claiche Case Unveils Police Rascality.

UNFORTUNATES TAXED WEEKLY.

District Attorney All Secrets of

Agreements Between Officers and Women of Her Class. NEW YORK, March 8. - Berthe Olaiche, convicted of manslaughter for

the shooting of Emil Gerdron, made a lengthy confession involving four policemen formerly stationed in the Tenderioin precinct to Assistant District Attorney Ely. Witnesses have been secured who will corroborate her statements. Some corroboration has already been obtained in the shape of testimony given at her trial.

The girl under oath said it was her rustom and the custom of all the women of her class in the Tenderloin precinet to contribute \$2 a week toward a fund for four policemen whom she named. This fund, she said, was divided between them. Her statement is long and circumstantial. She said that in her acquaintance were fifty or sixty women who contributed \$2 a week to this fund and that undoubtedly there were others whom she did not know.

The agreement was that this payment was to secure the contributors from sudden arrest. At stated intervals they were expected to submit to arrest. The policemen guaranteed to so arrange the cases that the fine in the police court would not exceed \$5. The arrests went to the credit of the men making them on the station house

Other women named by Berthe Claiche have promised to testify, giving dates and places of payments to policemen. A big sensation is imminent

Prior to his conference with the Claiche girl Mr. Ely, in company with Abraham Levy, visited headquarters and talked with Commissioner Bingham. The district attorney and police commissioner are working together to uncover the conditions described by Berthe Claiche.

So amazing are the disclosures of Berthe Claiche that District Attorney Ely is likely to probe deeper than into the actions of the four policemen directly implicated by the girl. She has heard of other policemen who were grafting and has given lines by which they may be reached.

The result of her confession may be the exposure of the whole system of police graft upon the Tenderioin unfortunates. Berthe Claiche's story applies only to women who ply their rade on the streets.

Because of her deep seated conviction that she would be acquitted by the jury Berthe Claiche is not quite satisfied with her plea. Well meaning but overtrained enthusiasts and sympathizers assured her no jury on earth would ever convict her of murdering Gerdron-that they would set her free

St. Louis Has Police Graft. ST. LOUIS, March 8.—The names of the four police officers indicted by the grand jury on charges of bribery are Sergeant J. J. Connors and Patrolnen Edward Cantillon, William J. Haberstroh and Theodore Vollmer. Sergeant Connors and Patrolman Cantillon are under arrest and were immediately suspended from their official positions. Patrolmen Haberstrob and Volimer did not report for duty, and a diligent search for them by police was fruitless. The indictments resulted from the grand jury investigations into charges of grafting in the police

Ravages of Dogash and Sharks. WASHINGTON, March 8.-The ravages of the dogtish and sharks among the fisheries of Massachusetts was discussed by the president with the committee appointed by the governor of ravages being so extensive as to affect the fishing industry, especially mackerel and cod.

Distinguished Chinese at Detroit. the largest manufacturing plants of riots.

President Had to Decline. WASHINGTON, March 8.-Repre sentative Lafean of Pennsylvania presented to the president a delegation from York, Pa., which came to Washington to invite him to attend the anqual encompment of the Sons of Veterans to be held in York next June. The president was compelled to decline the invitation.

Sehwab Was Feeling Fine. TORRENCE, N. M., March 8,-Charles M. Schwab was sitting up when the train passed here, and he declared that he was "feeling fine." The also report that there is no apparent alarm on the train as to Mr. Schwab's

Centing Station at Chiengo Burned. CHICAGO, March 8.-Fire has de troyed the coaling station of the Chieet and California avenue. he damage to the station is \$50,000. | the less being estimated at \$5,000.

LAKE GEORGE SPECIAL WRECKED

fine Enmond of Gansevoort Killed at Saratoga, N. Y.

SARATOGA, N. Y., March 8 .- A rear end collision on the Delaware and Hudson railroad here resulted in one death and severe injuries to several passengers who were on the train known as the Lake George special.

Miss Esmond, aged sixteen years, of Gansevoort, was instantly killed. Her mother, Mrs. Charles Esmond, received ujuries that are likely to prove fatal. Frank Sindeense of Buffalo, a traveling salesman, suffered the loss of a leg. Frank Cardes of Albany was injured internally. Nelson M. Varney of Sandy Hill had his right hand and arm

crushed and received internal injuries. Miss Gertrude Esmond's skull was crushed when the car in which she was a passenger was telescoped by the coach behind. Her mother, Mrs. Charles Esmond, forty years of age, received internal injuries which, it is said, will prove fatal.

George Foster Peabody was on the from his Lake George home. He escaped injury and after the accident went to the home of Spencer Track in this city.

All of the passengers injured and the girl who was killed were in the forward coach of the local train from Glens Falls, which was held up on account of a derailed freight train abead. The freight had left the track near the Saratoga depot, completely blocking traffic.

The Glens Falls train bad been at a standstill for some time when the Montreal express came into view. The engineer of the express claims that he saw the danger and applied the emergency brakes. The rails were slippery, bowever, and at very little if any diminished- speed the Montreal filer crashed into the standing local, telescoping it. The Esmond girl was caught between the first coach and the baggage car. The other passengers were pinned down by wreckage and were rescued with much difficulty after police reserves and fire apparatus had been called to the scene

That the list of killed and injured is so small is attributed to the fact that many persons in the local train had and had left the train to walk to the

End of Hooker Charges In Sight. ALBANY, N. Y., March 8 .- What is generally regarded as the end of the effort to secure the removal of Warren B. Hooker of Fredonia from the supreme court beach in the Third judicial district on the long discussed charges of improper conduct in connection with appointments and rental transactions concerning the postoffices at Fredonia, Dunkirk and Fort Plain came when the state assembly by a vote of 87 mays to 50 yeas defeated a motion of Assemblyman Tompkins, Democrat, of New York to take from the judiciary committee his resolution directing that committee to repeal the investigation of those charges.

His Body Lodged In a Tree. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 8. ploded near Williamston, this county, two weeks ago H. D. Kerr was driving the wagon in which it was being carried. All that could be found immediately after the explosion were a few pleces of flesh, and these were shipped to Ohio for burial upon the supposition that they were all that was left of Kerr. Last evening, however, his body, somewhat lacerated, was found in a tree 700 feet from the scene of the explosion. The body had apparently been thrown through the air and lodged in the tree.

Ens Received Into Roman Church. SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, March S. Princess Ena of Battenberg, King Alfonso's flancee, was formally received into the Catholic church. The ceremony took place in the library of the royal palace of Miramaz, the apartment having been transformed into a temporary chapel. The princess received the baptismal name of Victoria. Massachusetts to come here for that ed Princess Henry of Battenberg. Those present at the ceremony includourpose. The sharks and dogfish are King Alfonso, Downger Queen Cristina, Premier Moret and the Duke of Alba

Witness Confessed He Was a Rioter. SPRINGFIELD, O., March 8.-In the riot cases Roscoe Ridgway created a DETROIT, Mich., March 8.-Ten dis- sensation by going on the stand and tinguished visitors from China, the declaring under oath that he was one party headed by Prince Tsai Tso of the rioters. He picked out several which is touring the United States on of the defendants as members of the a visit of inspection, are guests of this mob and declared that they were with city. Mayor George P. Codd and Po- him. Ridgway is the man who was lice Commissioner Fred W. Smith, fined \$200 last week for carrying conwith a local entertainment committee, cealed weapons, having been arrested took the visitors in automobiles to visit during the excitement attending the

Protecting Our Sponge Industry. WASHINGTON, March 8.-The senate committee on foreign relations has authorized a favorable report on Senstor Taliaferro's bill to prohibit allens from taking sponges in waters of the United States. The bill is designed to prevent natives of the West Indies and other groups of islands off the southeast coast from trespassing on an industry that has grown to be one of the most important in the state of Florida.

Harbor Facilities For Barge Canal. -ALBANY, N. Y., March 8 .- A conferthe board of barge canal advisory enrailroad officials at the general offices gineers and Mayor Cutier and the city engineer of Rochester relative to the barbor facilities which that city will have for shipping after the barge canal has been constructed.

SARATOGA, N. Y., March 8.—The afternoon with a member of his fam-department store of Adalbert Snyder ily. Near by lies body of General Phil Sheridan, and to the westward

Rouvier Cabinet Is Defeated After Church Riots Debate.

DISPUTE AS TO CARRYING OUT LAWS

News Came as Bolt Out of a Blue Sky to Country and May Influence the Result of the Moroccan Conference.

PARIS, March 8.-Like a boit from a clear sky the Rouvier ministry was defeated in the chamber of deputies last night and immediately resigned. The cabluet crisis comes at a most dramatic moment, when the Franco-German contest has reached a decisive stage, and may exert an important adverse influence on the Algeciras conference and on European affairs.

The defeat of the government came on a comparatively minor debate over wrecked train on his way to New York the church disorders. The government succeeded in holding only 234 votes, while the various elements in opposition-Clericals, Socialists and Nationalists-united and polled 267 votes, thus placing the ministry in a minority of 33

Premier Rouvier, with all of his colleagues, immediately proceeded to the foreign office, where a joint letter of resignation was prepared. Later M. Rouvier presented this letter to President Fallieres, who accepted the resignations. The president announced his intention of consulting the presidents of the senate and chamber of deputies today relative to the formaion of a new cabinet.

The debate in the chamber of depuluring the inventory of a church in the village of Boeschepe, resulting in the death of a manifestant. Various J., the favorite, was left at the post. orators severely criticised the government's course, asserting that it threatened to precipitate a religious warfare. Premier Rouvier responded:

The government has the duty to apply the law. It will apply it without weakness, but also with the prudence, tact and wisdom consistent with pubbecome tired out from the long wait lic tranquillity. I ask the adoption of a resolution approving these declaraions of the government.

The resolution was thereupon put to a vote and defeated. The result was due to a combination of opposition influences. The vote was more expressive of personal antagonism to the ministry than of opposition to church inventories.

The decision resulted from a disparity of the opinions expressed in the chamber of deputies relative to the method of carrying out the law providing for the separation of church and state. Had the chamber voted a motion of confidence in the government the cabinet would have been compelled to continue to apply the law; but, the downfall of the ministry having clearly occurred through disapproval of the lent and on the other side as too indul-When a quantity of nitroglycerin ex. gent, M. Rouvier and his colleagues furnace plants at Cornwall, Colebrook covers work quite apart from their thought it better to discontinue the en-

forcement of the law. Prior to the cabinet crisis the Franco-German controversy over Moroccan control seemed to be in the balance, with the inclination strongly toward an agreement. All depended upon Berlin's last word. The foreign office has stated the situation as follows:

"The reported German concession has not yet been communicated to us. but one thing can be stated with absolute positiveness-namely, if the German concession on the police question is conditioned upon international supervision it will not be accepted." This statement preceded the cabinet

crisis

Status of Isle of Pines WASHINGTON, March 8.-Senators Spooner and Bacon have reached an agreement concerning an amendment to the Isle of Pines treaty intended to protect American Interests. It provides that the island shall be regarded as a separate province within the meaning of the Cuban constitution. This would give it local self government and a representative in the Cuban congress when its population warrants such representation. As the Americans are in the majority, it is understood that the proposed amendment will be satisfactory to them.

District Attorney Removed. WASHINGTON, March 8.-President Roosevelt removed from office Horace Speed, the United States district attorney for Oklahoma, as a result of charges preferred against him. These charges were to the effect that be had entered into a contract with a certain county commissioner to render legal service and that he had paid improperly to that commissioner certain sums of money in connection with that employment

Mitchell Tells Miners to Wait. PITTSBURG, March 8.-The striking niners held a meeting last evening to receive a reply from President John Mitchell for advice and relief. He was told that a number of men were discharged for joining the union. Mr. Mitchell replied that he could do nothing until after the Indianapolis meeting, and it was agreed to wait until ence was held between the members of that time before any action was taken.

Schoffeld Lies Near to Sheridan, WASHINGTON, March 8.-General Schofield's body was laid to rest in the National cemetery at Arlington in a beautiful spot on the eastern slope selected by General Schofield more than fifteen years ago as he stood there one Phil Sheridan, and to the weatward Flerke and Charles Kriebman received rises the Temple of Fame.

PUBLIC LOST TEN THOUSAND.

Form Players Received Big Bump

NEW ORLEANS, March 8. - The form players received their usual bump from the books when Perfect, the favorite, was badly beaten by a 13 to 1 shot in the three-year-old maid- COMMISSION MUST HAVE FULL POWER en race.

The general public lost about \$10,-000 on the race, and the "wise" money played Oriflamme down from 8 to 1 to to 1. This one was even more badly beaten, and about \$5,000 went up on

E. W. Lagerroth's Philador, which was unplayed, at 13 to 1, won the

Van Ness and James Reddick proved the only winning first choices. A light rain fell all day, and the track was muddy. Summarles:

First Race .- Philador, first; Catherine R., second; Quaint, third. Second Race .- Our Own, first; Big Store, second; Gold Circle, third.

Third Race,-Van Ness, first; Deux emps, second; Mohave, third. Fourth Race.-James Reddick, first: Rainland, second; Macy, Jr., third. Fifth Race.-R. F. Williams, first; Sonoma Belle, second; Judge Himes,

Sixth Race .- Arabo, first; Enverite. second; Celebration, third.

Jack Young at Hot Springs. HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 8.-The Owners' handicap at a mile and seventy yards, the feature of the card at Oaklawn, was won in easy fashion by Jack Young. The track was heavy,

and Jack Young reveled in the going. Lubin defeated Barbaros, the favorite, for the place. Jockey Cherry 'carried ties was upon the bloody riot yesterday winning with Excitement, Jack Young off the riding honors of the day by and Broomhandle. Broomhandle won his race without contention, as Aaron

> Soutriere Won a Thomand SAN FRANCISCO, March 8 .- A \$1,-000 handlesp, the feature event at Oakland, was won by Soufriere. At liminary reports of these investigathe head of the stretch A. Muskodny tions. came like a flash and got the place from Nealon. The opening race afforded a close contest between E. M. Brattain and Sad Sam, the former winning at 10 to 1. Another surprise was Christine A., which won the second event at 6 to 1.

Zinda Only Winning Favorite. NEW ORLEANS, March 8 .- Zinda, which far outclassed her field, was the only winning favorite at City park track, though Boserrian and Tom Doian were equal choices in the first race. Pursuing their investigation into the stewards ruled off Abe Robertson, a rubber in the amploy of J. H. McCormick, owner of the horse.

Strike Breakers Fled For Safety. LEBANON, Pa., March 8.-Despite methods hitherto adopted, which on mines with a working force of sixty one side were considered as too viru- imported laborers the workings are the attendance of witnesses in making and North Lebanou, which plants receive their supply of ore from the Cornwall mines. The sixty laborers sent here by the Pernsylvania Steel company started work, but an hour later, on the approach of a large body of strikers, they fled from the place, deserting their picks and shovels and running to the other side of the deep cuts in the mines for safety.

Japanese Officers Court Martialed. TOKYO, March 8.-Lleutenant Commander Mizoguchi and other officers of the transport Kinshiu, sunk by the Russian Vladivostok squadron at the beginning of the war, are undergoing trial by court martial here for alleged cowardice in surrendering to the enemy. Extended accounts were given in Japanese newspapers of how Lleutenant Commander Mizoguchi and other officers committed hara kirl, but the officers returned among the prisoners from Russia.

Will Fight Cordage Trust. ST. PAUL, Minn., March 8 .- Governor John A. Johnson announced that he will recommend to the next Minnesota legislature the waging of an aggressive fight against the so called cordage trust. The twine plant at the state prison, which supplies 13,000,000 pounds of twine to Minnesota farmers yearly at practically cost, is threatened with extinction by the combination which is putting in a plant at St. Paul to manufacture flax twine by a new process.

Ordered to Kill Roosevelt. NEW ORLEANS, March 8 .- Declaring that her life will be taken unless she assassinates President Roosevelt, as ordered by a gang of anarchists, a woman who gave her name as Mrs. W. B. Lewaller of Philadelphia applied at central police headquarters for protection. She spoke rationally on all general subjects, but the police and coroner decided to detain her for an examination

Miles Will Review Cadets. URBANA, Ills., March 8.-Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., retired, will take part in the special features of military and Decoration day at the University of Illinois. He will review the university cadet regiment and make an address before the student body on "The Training of the Citizen Soldier"

Elevator Acaldent at Buffalo. BUFFALO, N. Y., March & - George Ehrman was instantly killed and two other men were seriously injured when a freight elevator in the plant of the Dold Packing company fell. Ehrman was terribly crushed, and Michael internal injuries.

President's Message Regarding Coal and Oil Rates.

Joint Resolution Instructing Interstate Commerce Board Does Not Go Far Enough and Needs Further Enactment of Laws.

WASHINGTON, March 8.- The president sent the following message to congress:

"I have signed the joint resolution 'instructing the interstate commerce commission to make examinations into the subject of railroad discrimina tions and monopolies in coal and oil and report on the same from time to

"I have signed it with hesitation, because in the form in which it was passed it achieves very little and may achieve nothing, and it is highly unde-sirable that a resolution of this kind shall become law in such form as to give the impression of insinceritythat is, of pretending to do something which really is not done. But after the resolution because its defects can broidery for shirt waists, etc. bereby ask for, and it must be under stood that unless this subsequent legislation is granted the present resolution must be mainly and may be entirely inoperative.

"Before specifying what this legislation is I wish to call attention to one or two preliminary facts. A part of the investigation requested by the house of representatives in the resolution adopted on Feb. 15, 1905, relating to the oil industry and a further part having to do with the anthracite coal industry have been for some time under investigation by the department of commerce and labor. These investigations, I am informed, are approaching completion, and before congress adjourns I shall submit to you the pre-

"Until these reports are completed the interstate commerce commission could not endeavor to carry out so much of the resolution of congress as refers to the ground it already covers without running the risk of seeing the two investigations conflict and therefore render each one more or less nugatory.

"I recommend to congress the serious consideration of just what they wish the commission to do and how far they wish it to go, having in view the possible incompatibility of conducting an investigation like this and of also drugging of the horse Grenade, the proceeding criminally in a court of law and furthermore that a sufficient sum, say \$50,000, be at once added to the current appropriation for the commission so as to enable them to do the work indicated in a thorough and complete manner, while at the same time an attempt to operate the Cornwall ore the power is explicitly conferred upon them to administer oaths and compel still idle and a shutdown menaces the the investigation in question, which shadow, eyelet, blind and baby

usual duties. "It seems unwise to require an in vestigation by the commission and not to furnish either the full power or the money, both of which are necessary to render the investigation effective."

The reading of the president's mer sage to congress announcing his signature to the Tillman-Gillespie resolution, in which he referred to the inac tion of congress, was received with merriment in the senate. It suggested the days when President Cleveland was in the White House and occasionally pointed out in his messages where in congress had failed to meet his expectations.

Kentucky Looking After Insurance. FRANKFORT, Ky., March 8.-The Kentucky house of representatives by unanimous vote passed a bill providing for an annual accounting and distribution by all life insurance companies doing business in the state of Kentucky. The bill provides that an accounting of profit or surplus shall be made to policy holders on or before the third anniversary of the policy and apportionment and distribution annually after that time during the life of the policy.

Move to Save Charles L. Tucker. BOSTON, March 8 .- Particular in terest attached to the statehouse hearing on the question of abolishing capital punishment because of the pending execution of Charles L. Tucker, convicted of the murder of Mabel Page. The movement in favor of the abolition of the death penalty was led by Representative Thomas L. Davis of Salem, assisted by Mrs. Florence Spooner, Rabbi Charles Fleischer and Herbert L. Baker.

An Antipass and Franking Bill. WASHINGTON, March 8 .- The Ransdell autipass bill was reported in amended form to the entire house committee on judiciary by a subcommittee and was made a special order for to morrow morning, when the full committee will consider it. The bill pre vents all federal officers from accept ing railway or Pullman car passes and also forbids their acceptance of franks from telegraph, telephone or express companies.

Navahoe Still Hard and Fast. WILMINGTON, N. C., March 8. The Clyde steamer Navahoe, ashore at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, has slightly shifted her position during high tide, but she is still hard and fast, and work continues on lightering the cargo.

For Mexican War Veterans. WASHINGTON, March 8.-Senator Stone has introduced a bill increasing the pensions of survivors of the Mexiean war from \$12 to \$20 per month.

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