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REYNOLDS DENIES

Tells Why Parr, Sugar Trust Prober, Was Moved.

AT REQUEST OF U. S. ATTORNEY

He Intimates That Special Agent Is Claimant For Part of Trust \$2,000,000 Penalty as Reward.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The administration is aroused thoroughly over the continued exposure of the sugar trust frauds at the New York custom house, involving as it does allegations that question the integrity of persons important in the government service and strike at the very foundation of the treasury management.

James Burton Reynolds, former assistant secretary of the treasury, in charge of customs and now a member of the tariff board, gave out a prepared statement in answer to the allegations made by Richard Parr, deputy surveyor of customs, in charge of weighing at the New York custom house. Mr. Reynolds made a specific denial of some of the allegations of Mr. Parr and a general denial of the allegation that Mr. Reynolds while assistant secretary of the treasury was under the influence of the sugar trust.

In his statement Mr. Reynolds puts forward the suggestion that Mr. Parr is angered with him because Mr. Reynolds issued an order that employees of the customs service shall not be entitled to receive the rewards provided by law for ferreting out frauds against the customs.

Under this order Parr is prevented from getting a portion of the money recovered from the sugar trust to which otherwise he would be entitled if he could prove that his conviction of frauds was due to his efforts, and Mr. Reynolds intimates that Mr. Parr's statements to the press are intended to call attention to Mr. Parr's part in the prosecution of the sugar trust in order that he will stand a better chance of getting some of the reward money. Mr. Parr, he said, had been for some time a claimant for a share of the sum refunded to the government by the sugar trust, amounting to more than \$2,000,000.

As to Mr. Parr's allegation that when he became active in ferreting out sugar trust frauds at New York Mr. Reynolds ordered him to Cuba, but subsequently directed him to go to San Francisco, Mr. Reynolds says that this action was taken at the request of former District Attorney Stimson, who was prosecuting the sugar trust.

In support of this statement Mr. Reynolds produces a letter dated Dec. 8, 1908, from Winfred T. Denison, Mr. Stimson's assistant in the prosecution of the sugar trust, withdrawing a previous request of Mr. Stimson's that Mr. Parr be ordered to Cuba to investigate certain matters connected with the sugar trust prosecution and requesting that he be sent to San Francisco to compare sugar entries there with those involved in the pending suit at New York against the trust.

Another thing involving Mr. Reynolds which was put forward by Mr. Parr in the way of accusation concerned the release of the ship Strathyre, loaded with raw sugar, after it had been seized by order of Mr. Parr, then engaged in investigating sugar frauds. Mr. Reynolds says that the fraud in the weight of the sugar carried by the vessel was discovered after the sugar had been unloaded and that the officers of the vessel were in no way connected with the fraud. For that reason the vessel itself was released by order of the treasury department, but suit was filed for the recovery of the value of the sugar, and judgment was obtained.

Of Mr. Parr's charge that Mr. Bates was assigned to the sugar frauds investigation in opposition to Mr. Parr's wishes Mr. Reynolds says he has no information on the subject, as he was in Europe at the time. In conclusion Mr. Reynolds denies that his office was in league with or under the influence of the sugar trust.

WARRINER INDICTED.

Grand Jury Accepts Charges of Embezzlement and Grand Larceny. Cincinnati, Nov. 16.—Charles L. Warriner, former treasurer of the Big Four railroad, was indicted by the Hamilton county grand jury on charges of embezzlement and grand larceny.

Warriner, it is alleged, stole \$648,000.

ASTOR YACHT MISSING.

Fears For the Nourmahal With Colonel Astor and His Son Aboard.

New York, Nov. 16.—The steam yacht Nourmahal, owned by John Jacob Astor and flying the flag of the New York Yacht club, which sailed from Port Antonio on Monday, Nov. 8, for San Juan, Porto Rico, has not since been reported.

Colonel Astor, who has been cruising in the West Indies for some time to escape the notoriety consequent upon his wife's suit for divorce, had with him on the yacht his son Vincent.

The yacht was undoubtedly in the West Indian storm, and the lack of reports of her whereabouts has caused great anxiety to Colonel Astor's friends.

The Nourmahal was built in 1884 by Harlan & Hollingsworth at Wilmington and is of 769 gross and 522 net tonnage. Her dimensions are 247 feet over all, 227 feet on the water line, 30 feet beam, 20 feet depth of hold and 14 feet 6 inches draft. Her engines are of the compound inverted type, having two cylinders.

She was originally barkentine rigged, but a few years ago Colonel Astor had the rig changed, and she now has three pole masts.

This yacht was built for Colonel Astor's father, William Astor, and when the colonel was married she was overhauled and redecored, and Colonel Astor and his bride spent their honeymoon on a cruise in southern waters.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

President Taft Makes Thursday, Nov. 25, Nation's Day of Gratitude.

Washington, Nov. 16.—President Taft signed the following Thanksgiving proclamation, which was issued by Secretary of State Knox:

The season of the year has returned when, in accordance with the reverent custom established by our forefathers, the people of the United States are wont to meet in their usual places of worship on a day of thanksgiving appointed by the civil magistrate to return thanks to God for the great mercies and benefits which they have enjoyed.

During this past year we have been highly blessed. No great calamities of flood or tempest or epidemic sickness have befallen us. We have lived in quietness, undisturbed by wars or rumors of wars. Peace and the plenty of bounteous crops and great industrial production animate a cheerful and happy people to all the renewed energies of beneficent industry and material and moral progress.

It is altogether fitting that we should humbly and gratefully acknowledge the divine source of these blessings.

Therefore I hereby appoint Thursday, the 25th day of November, as a day of general thanksgiving, and I call upon the people on that day to lay aside their usual vocations, to repair to their churches and unite in appropriate services of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God.

NEW FIRE STOPS RESCUERS.

No Hops of Reaching the 384 Men Entombed in Mine.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 16.—Fire, fanned to fury by the mistaken efforts of rescuers, consumed what little oxygen remained in the St. Paul mine and carried certain death to such of the 384 entombed men as may have been alive.

Rescuers were forced from the shafts by the flames, and the mine is sealed at every opening. Seventy-two hours have passed since the mine was first closed, and it will probably be days before searchers can go below.

Lack of water rendered futile the efforts of the fire fighters who had ventured into the mine. No pumps were on hand, and in desperation the experts ordered every opening closed.

METHODIST MISSIONS.

General Missionary Committee Adjourns After Appropriating \$1,036,288.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 16.—The Methodist general missionary committee adjourned its session here after appropriating \$1,036,288 for foreign missionary work. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Baltimore.

The discussion over the proposition to combine the foreign and home missionary magazines, World Wide Mission and Christian Republic, was settled by putting the matter up to the two boards, with the recommendation that they devise means for cutting down expenses.

NEW SPLIT IN IRISH PARTY.

William O'Brien, It is Said, Will Lead Faction Hostile to Dillon.

Belfast, Nov. 16.—William O'Brien, the former Irish leader, is about to re-enter political life. Twenty members of the Irish party have promised him their support, and a number of seats now held by followers of John Dillon will be contested.

The followers of O'Brien say they believe that indignation over the budget, combined with what they call the subserviency of the Nationalist party to the Liberals, will assure their

STUDENTS IN RIOT

Paddling and Ducking For Ex-Football Player.

PUBLISHED LETTER RESENTED.

Brown University Youths Take Offense at Note Alleging Favoritism to Fraternity Men on the Team.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 16.—President Faunce of Brown university is angry over the riotous conduct of nearly the whole student body, who paddled and ducked under the college pump Vernon E. Babington, a student and recent member of the university football team.

President Faunce says that the affair will be investigated and punishment meted out.

The cause of the riot was the writing of a letter to a newspaper in which he declared that "the fraternity evil is the real reason for Brown's bad showing on the gridiron this fall." He bemoaned the fact that the coaches favored men from sanctioned fraternities and gave the cold shoulder to others who belonged to the less powerful organizations or, "worse still, to none at all."

Suspicion fastened on Babington at the start. He was on the football squad at the beginning of the season, but was dropped. He had been overheard to remark that he had "been done dirt" and that Gammons had failed to keep his promise to him after Brent Smith, the big guard, was hurt in the Amherst game.

A delegation of seniors asked Babington if he wrote the letter. He refused to answer at first, then acknowledged that he was the writer and wanted to know what was going to be done about it.

Babington's case was submitted to the student body, and the verdict was that the accused should go under the pump, and the quicker the better. Whereupon several of the biggest men in college ran across the middle campus and up to Babington's room.

Babington was overpowered and carried downstairs, where the multitude was waiting in silence. With Babington and his captors leading the procession moved over to the pump behind Hope college.

Once close up to the spout, Babington was offered an opportunity to tell why he had written the letter and to show cause why he should not be ducked. Captain Regnier, Trainer Charlie Huggins and other members of the football team stood in the front row.

"I didn't get a fair show on the squad," said Babington in his own defense. "I went out to the field and worked every day, but poorer men than I were shoved in ahead of me. Gammons promised to put me in the team after Smith was hurt, and then he went and gave Corp the place."

"You were chased from the squad because you were not in condition," asserted Captain Regnier. And Charlie Huggins backed the captain up in his statement.

"Which shall it be?" asked the leaders, "the word of Kit Regnier or the word of Babington?" With one accord the students shouted for Kit.

Whereupon some one produced a paddle, and kicking and squirming, Babington went under the spout while a freshman worked the handle as if his life depended on it. In about three minutes the thumbs of the students went up, and Babington was sent off to his room to a ringing farewell from the paddle.

Market Reports. BUTTER—Steady to firm; receipts, 5,070 packages; creamery, specials, 1c.; extras, 3c.; thirds to firsts, 25c.25c.; state dairy, common to finest, 25c.25c.; process, firsts to specials, 25c.25c.; western, factory, seconds to firsts, 23c.25c.; imitation creamery, 23c.25c.

CHEESE—Firm; receipts, 1,069 boxes; state, new, full cream, special, 15c.17c.; September, fancy, 16c.; October, best, 15c.; common to good, 14c.15c.; skins, full to specials, 14c.14c.

EGGS—Irrregular; receipts, 8,533 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, hennery, white, 46c.35c.; gathered, white, 25c.40c.; hennery, brown and mixed, fancy, 35c.40c.; gathered, brown, fair to prime, 30c.35c.; western, extra firsts, 21c.23c.; firsts, 23c.25c.; seconds, 20c.21c.; refrigerator special marks, fancy, 24c.25c.; firsts, 22c.24c.; seconds, 21c.22c.

POTATOES—Steady; Maine, per sack, \$1.50.1.55; state and western, \$1.40.1.45; Long Island, \$1.50.1.55; sweets, Jersey, No. 1, per basket, 90c.1.10; per bbl., \$1.25.1.35; southern, per bbl., \$1.15.1.20.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, nearby, 22c.24c.; selected western, dry pickled, 19c.; scalded, 18c.18c.; fair to prime western, 18c.18c.; broilers, western, dry pickled, milk fed, 12c.; corn fed, 17c.18c.; scalded, 16c.17c.; roasting chickens, nearby, fancy, 18c.20c.; corn fed, fancy, 17c.; mixed weight chickens, nearby, fancy, 18c.20c.; dry pickled, corn fed, average best, 14c.; scalded, average best, 13c.14c.; fowls, dry pickled, 16c.17c.; food, dry pickled, 16c.17c.; old roosters, 12c.

SHERIFF SHIPP GOES TO JAIL.

Together With His Deputy and Others For Allowing Lynching.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The supreme court imposed sentences of ninety days imprisonment for contempt upon Sheriff Joseph E. Shipp of Memphis and Luther Williams and Nick Nolan, citizens of that town, who were members of the mob which lynched Ed Johnson, a negro, in 1906, and of sixty days upon Deputy Sheriff Jeremiah B. Gibson, Henry Padgett and William Mays, the latter also members of the mob.

The scene in the court when sentence was passed was almost without precedent in the history of that body. Only once before has the court inflicted punishment for contempt. That was in 1869, when John Chiles of Texas was fined \$250 for disobeying an order of the court by directing the holders in England of certain indemnity bonds issued by the state of Texas in aid of the Confederate cause not to deliver them up to the state authorities for cancellation, as the decision prescribed.

DIVORCE FOR MRS. RAYMOND.

Chief Justice Gummers' Daughter Testifies to Brutal Treatment.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 16.—Bennett Van Syckel, as special master, filed a report in the court of chancery here recommending that there be granted to Mrs. Elizabeth G. Raymond, daughter of Chief Justice Gummers of the supreme court, a divorce from her husband, Thomas L. Raymond, first assistant prosecutor of Essex county.

Mrs. Raymond testified that her husband had treated her cruelly and in some instances brutally. She said that on one occasion he threw her downstairs. At another time, she testified, he seized her wrists and arms, inflicting injuries which discolored the latter for several days.

Although they occupied the same house from the time of their marriage in 1903 until last May, when she returned to her father's home, Mrs. Raymond said that her husband had never treated her as he should.

BERESFORD WOULD BE M. P.

Admiral Who Criticized British Navy Seeks Election in Portsmouth.

London, Nov. 16.—Admiral Lord Charles Beresford will contest the bye-election at Portsmouth in the Conservative interest.

At the last general election the two successful Liberal candidates in this division received 10,500 and 10,236 votes respectively, while their Conservative opponents polled 7,970 and 7,752 votes. The labor candidates polled 8,172 votes.

As Admiral Lord Beresford has been in a warm fight with the present government over the alleged weakness of the British navy, the election will doubtless prove very interesting.

GOMPERS MAY GO TO JAIL.

District Court of Appeals Denies Application For a Stay.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The court of appeals of the District of Columbia denied the application of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, whose jail sentences were recently upheld by the court to stay the mandate of the court for execution of the sentences.

The court did take under advisement, however, a request for two weeks' delay and will make known its decision before Friday next, when under the rules of the court the mandate will go down unless the supreme court of the United States intervenes.

MUSICIAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 16.—Professor Adolph Heichelheim, one of the best known musicians in Texas, killed himself at his home here by cutting his throat. He was sixty-one years old.

JAPAN BUYS EAST CHINA R. R.

\$15,000,000 to Be Paid to Russia, Which Retains Military Rights.

Tokyo, Nov. 16.—M. Kokovtsov, the Russian minister of finance, who went to Manchuria to negotiate with Japan about railways and who was at Harbin when Prince Ito was killed, has sold the East China railway to Japan for \$15,000,000.

Russia reserves the right to use a portion of the line for the conveyance of troops.

MOORISH WAR ENDING.

General Marina Reports That the Kabyles Have Surrendered.

Madrid, Nov. 16.—General Marina, commanding the Spanish forces in Morocco, telegraphed to the government from Nador that the hostile Kabyles there have surrendered unconditionally.

The news, which was quite unexpected here, has been received with the greatest satisfaction in all quarters, as it is believed to signalize the end of the war, which has caused the cabinet such concern for several months.

MRS. EDDY ACTS.

Stops Trial of Her Ally In New York Church.

LETTER COMES JUST IN TIME

Founder of Christian Science Cult Urges, With All Her Soul, Union With and Obedience to Her Authority.

New York, Nov. 16.—Mary Baker Eddy stopped the congregational meeting of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, after 1,200 members of the congregation had gathered to vote on the proposed removal of First Reader Virgil O. Strickler on charges preferred by all of the trustees of the church but one.

The meeting was declared adjourned, the trustees' charges were dropped without even a vote, and the first reader, who is Mrs. Eddy's friend and partisan, was left secure in his position.

A personal message from the leader of the church herself was delivered to the chairman of the board of trustees by special messenger. The trustees construed the message as a command, and when the first reader opened the meeting, which had been presumed to be the crucial test of the belligerent factions that have split the First church on the issue of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson's orthodoxy, Chairman Hatfield read the following note: To the Board of Trustees, First Church of Christ, Scientist:

Beloved Brethren—In consideration of the present momentous question at issue in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, I am constrained to say if I can settle this church difficulty amicably by a few words, as many students think I can, I herewith cheerfully subscribe these words of love.

My beloved brethren in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York city, I advise you, with all my soul, to support the directors of the mother church and unite with those in your church who are supporting the mother church directors. Abide in fellowship with and obedience to the mother church, and in this way God will bless and prosper you. This I know, for he has proved it to me forty years in succession. Lovingly yours, MARY BAKER EDDY.

A sibilant catching of the breath sounded through the body of the church, and each member looked half startled at his neighbor. The first reader was on his feet in an instant.

"A motion to adjourn is in order," said he, "but if it is passed I will ask you to remain in your seats until we sing a hymn."

A gray haired man to the right of the main aisle put the motion, and second sounded from several quarters. The first reader put the question, and there was a weak chorus of "yeas." There were no "nays," and Mr. Strickler declared the motion carried.

The congregation joined full throated in the three verses of Mrs. Eddy's hymn, then slowly dissolved. Many lingered about the platform, where an informal levee was held in Mr. Strickler's honor. They kept him shaking hands for a half hour in the church and then followed over to his house.

Before the congregational meeting had opened a brief meeting of the trustees had been held to consider the message, and at that meeting it had been agreed that the word from Mrs. Eddy precluded further action against Mr. Strickler.

"It is hardly necessary to add that the trustees have at all times fully complied with the advice of Mrs. Eddy and will now comply with her advice," Chairman Hatfield said. "The charges against Mr. Strickler are dismissed, and as a matter of course the call for a congregational meeting on Nov. 23 to discuss the resignation of the present board of trustees will be withdrawn."

Mr. Hatfield was asked what action might be taken by Mrs. Stetson's supporters in the First church in case she should be excommunicated as the result of her present examination by the directors of the mother church.

"Even if Mrs. Stetson is excommunicated we will all abide by the decision of the board of directors in Boston and stay by the church," Mr. Hatfield replied. "Mrs. Eddy's word is law with us all."

Mrs. Stetson, the deposed leader of the church, is now on trial in Boston on charges of using malicious animal magnetism, and her excommunication is said to be a foregone conclusion.

PRINCE THROWN WHILE HUNTING.

Vienna, Nov. 16.—Prince Alexander of Thurn and Taxis was thrown from his horse while hunting near Parduitz, suffering fractures of several ribs and a broken arm.

Severe Weather in Colorado. Denver, Nov. 16.—Very cold weather prevails in the mountain districts of Colorado. A heavy snow has fallen, and a temperature ranging from zero to 17 below is reported.

HASKEY MUST STAND TRIAL

Court Upholds Indictment Against Oklahoma Governor.

Chickasha, Okla., Nov. 16.—Federal Judge Marshall overruled demurrers to the indictments against Governor Haskell and others for alleged fraud in the Muskogee town lot cases and gave Haskell and his codefendants until next Saturday in which to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty.

An objection upon which the court placed the most serious consideration was that the overt acts were not in their nature such as tend to effect the objects of conspiracy. Such acts as filing for record deeds from the schedule of lots to the conspirators and the signing of deeds to a subsequent grantee are held insufficient, but the court holds that the object of the conspiracy was to obtain title to the lots, and when this was accomplished the conspiracy was executed.

"Until this was done," said the court, "any act by one of the conspirators tending to its accomplishment was the overt act required by the statute to be punishable."

"I am of the opinion that the fraudulent character of the conspiracy did not depend on the condition of the lots as to being improved or unimproved."

MME. STEINHILL SECLUDED.

She is in a Sanitarium, Calling For Her Daughter.

Paris, Nov. 16.—Mme. Steinhill is now in a sanitarium at Vesinet, near Paris, where she goes under the name of Mme. Dumont. Dr. Raffegean, head of the sanitarium, says that she needs a complete rest, and all visits to her are forbidden.

Mme. Steinhill has not seen her daughter Marthe for two weeks. "Condemned, I would go to see her every Sunday," said the young girl; "acquitted, I would be invisible for her."

Marthe lives concealed in a religious boarding school. The silence of her daughter is a terrible verdict upon Mme. Steinhill, who is in despair over it.

"I will live retired," said she. "No one will hear me spoken of. I will live only for my daughter. I will be a mother—a mother uniquely unhappy."

Sobbing, she asks vainly after Marthe.

ALASKAN COURT CORRUPT.

Grand Jury Urges Further Investigation of Charges Against Judge Reid.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 16.—The federal grand jury at Valdez ordered by the attorney general to investigate charges of malfeasance in office made against ex-Judge Silas N. Reid has reported to the court as follows:

"There is good ground to believe that the grossest corruption, conspiracy, malfeasance and malfeasance in office have been practiced in the administration of the district court at Fairbanks, Alaska, prior to the removal of Judge Silas H. Reid and that evidence of the same can be obtained at Fairbanks, Alaska.

"We recommend that a special grand jury be impaneled to diligently inquire into all matters pertaining to the corruption, conspiracy, malfeasance and malfeasance charged against Judge Reid and his associates during their incumbency of office."

Judge Reid was appointed by President Roosevelt from Oklahoma.

EX-WIFE SUES EX-ARCHDUKE.

Wilhelmina Wants Alimony From Wolfing, Once Leopold's Son.

Vienna, Nov. 16.—Wilhelmina Adamovics, the divorced actress wife of the former Archduke Leopold Salvator, now known as Leopold Wolfing, has a suit on trial in the Austrian courts for alimony.

After the couple had lived together about four years Wilhelmina joined an "Adomite" religious sect in Switzerland, whose tenets caused her to live in a practically undraped condition.

Leopold then got a divorce and married Maria Magdalena Ritter, a Swiss innkeeper's daughter.

Wilhelmina attempted suicide and was confined in a Swiss lunatic asylum. In the present suit her attorneys allege that owing to her treatment by her husband she is a mental and physical wreck. It was while she was in a private asylum that the divorce was granted.

ARRESTED FOR SNORING.

Prisoner Accused of Making a Noise at Port Richmond Ferry.

Bayonne, N. J., Nov. 16.—Stephen Gent of West Hoboken was before Recorder Mara here, charged with having disturbed the peace by his snoring.

Policeman Rigney was on duty at the Port Richmond ferry entrance when he heard the snore. He traced the big noise to the rear of a fruit stand, where he found Gent fast asleep and snoring very loudly.

Recorder Mara remanded him.