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DEMOCRATIC SENATORS VOTE TO REJECT TAX COMMISSIONER CORBIN

Lively Caucus Results in Vote First of 10 to 8, Then of 5 to 3 to Refuse to Confirm Governor's Nomination

Secret Session Is Said to Have Been Marked by Considerable Debate—Senators Decide That Nomination Should Be Made Party Matter—All to Stand by Caucus

Hartford, March 20.—The nomination by Governor Sarwin of State Tax Commissioner William M. Corbin to be his own successor will be rejected by the Democratic Senate. This was indicated by the caucus of those Senators held this morning. As soon as the Senate was called to order, Senator McDonough asked for the courtship of a recess in order that the Democrats might go into caucus.

Fifteen minutes had been set as a time for the caucus, but it stretched out considerably over that period. After it was over, it was known that the Democrats had voted 10 to 8 to reject the name of Mr. Corbin. It was further understood that by a vote of 15 to 3 the caucus had been requested to stand by the vote of the caucus. Among those who stood by the Governor in his nomination was Senator Miner, of New London, who afterwards said that his intention to stand by the caucus action.

Very little was said by the Democrats after the caucus, but it was known that the caucus decided to make the nomination a party matter and then to insist that a Democrat be named for the office of tax commissioner. The caucus was held in the Senate ante-room which is reached through a door which has a ground glass panel. Against this panel was frequently a figure in silhouette. It was presumed that a lively argument was conducted over Mr. Corbin's nomination.

Senator Landers, president of the Senate and chairman of the committee on Executive Nominations, one of the three who voted against making the tax commissioner a party matter, said late this afternoon that he had not made up his mind as yet whether he would stand by the caucus of the Democratic Senators.

A bill was reported in the Senate yesterday for the licensing of barbers with the State Board of Health and abolishing the present barbers' commission. Among the favorable reports were the following:

Revising and extending the rights and privileges granted the Meriden, Middletown and Guilford Railway Company; amending the charter of the Lordship Park Association, providing that fire escapes shall be placed on all public buildings, this bill including also school houses for fire escapes for which there was appropriation and which was advocated by the women of the Norwalk; appropriating \$3,000 for the Henry Whitfield House at Guilford; on a petition extending the time for constructing the Danbury and Bethel Street Railway Company. Other unfavorable reports were on a bill paying heavy fines for intimidation of employees and compelling employers to display on their advertising signs the name of the college from which they were graduated.

IN THE HOUSE

A war on the mosquito pest is promoted by the reporting in the House today of two bills drawn by Dr. Carmalt, of New Haven, providing that health officers shall abolish the breeding places of the pest; that health officers to investigate and abolish breeding places in towns, and the other provides that boards of health may abate the same nuisance on swamps and other places that give opportunity to the pest to breed.

The excise committee reported unfavorably a bill to change the law governing the granting of certificates after conviction of a law violator. The amendment provides that no certificate should be issued if the violation was willful or intentional. The bill was rejected.

The bill excepting shell nuts, confectionery, temperance drinks and bottled beer from the penalties of the package act was reported unfavorably.

Among other bills reported favorably were the following:

From the excise committee forbidding the employment of minors in about saloons; authorizing the Westville school district to lay a tax for school purposes; amending the law relating to the sale of personal property in certain instances; to give to Holly Conklin a title for a piece of land situated in a lake in Chatham; providing that the acts of the General Assembly shall take effect unless otherwise provided for on Aug. 3.

The following amendment to the paper law was reported favorably:

"Every town incurring any necessary expense for a pauper belonging to another town may recover from the said town providing said town incurring the expense shall render to the town liable therefore an itemized statement of expense so incurred once in six months during the period in which such expense was being incurred."

The House abolished free lunches in

WHELAN DRIVEN FROM HOME; WANTS HIS HOUSE BACK

Claiming he was not provided with a home according to agreement, Martin Whelan of this city has brought suit against Etta L. Heery of this city seeking \$1,000 damages and reconveyance of property on Wheeler avenue.

Whelan declares that on October 12, 1911 he and his wife, who has since died, entered into an agreement with the defendant. He conveyed the property mentioned above to Etta Heery upon condition that she would provide the plaintiff and his wife with a home, food and clothing and in case of illness would provide medical attendance. If the defendant refused or neglected to carry out the agreement, the property was to revert to the plaintiff or his wife.

Whelan's wife died on October 12, 1911. After that it is alleged that the defendant failed to provide for Whelan's needs, that they had several disputes and he finally was compelled to leave the house. Etta Heery refused to reconvey the property, the writ states. The action is returnable to the April term of court.

Athens, March 20.—King Constantine arrived in the Greek capital today. He traveled to this city in an automobile from the port of Phaleron, where he landed.

CAPITOL COMMENT OF INTEREST HERE

(By Our Staff Corres.)

Hartford, March 20.—Before the Appropriations committee this afternoon, there was a hearing on the bills asking the appropriation of \$75,000 each to the Bridgeport and St. Vincent's Hospital. Representing the Bridgeport Hospital were Supt. Jones and A. E. Lavery. Representing St. Vincent's were Attorney F. A. Bartlett, Attorney George F. Mara, Drs. J. Murray Johnson, W. C. Cahoon, D. C. DeWolfe, E. F. McGovern and J. J. McCarthy. United States Marshal S. E. Hawley, Senator Joseph H. Whitcomb and Representatives Wilson and McCurray spoke in favor of both appropriations.

Timothy A. Flanagan, of Bridgeport, President of the State Federation of Labor, and the executive board were actively present today at the final hearing on the workmen's compensation bill.

The hearing on the bill, annexing to Bridgeport a part of the Clapp-Spooner estate in Fairfield, was postponed for one week, when it came before the committee on new towns and probate districts today.

The House today, in concurrence with the Senate, passed a bill, amending the charter of the City of Bridgeport, to allow an increase in salary from \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year for Health Officer E. A. McEllan. The increase will become effective when the governor signs the bill.

Following an adverse report by the judicial committee, Senator McNeill today succeeded in getting favorable action in the Senate on his resolution, recommending to the Connecticut delegation in Congress that they investigate and favor the government ownership of mines. The vote was 15 to 14. In opposing the passage of the resolution, Senator McDonough said he thought presumptuous of the Senate to attempt to dictate to the congressional delegation in a matter which the latter were fully capable of deciding for themselves.

MANY EMPLOYES BURIED IN RUINS

Medicine Hat, Alberta, March 20.—Workmen today continued their efforts to recover bodies believed to have been buried beneath the wreckage of the Malcolm Canning Company's main building when it was destroyed by fire and a gas explosion late yesterday. Up to an early hour today only five bodies had been found. Persistent rumors have been circulated that there were 30 in the building.

The property loss is estimated at \$100,000.

TRACKS TORN UP ON NORTHAMPTON ROAD

New Haven, March 20.—By the breaking of a flange on a wheel three cars of a freight train were derailed on the Northampton line of the New Haven road at the stockyard in Hamden, last night, and several rail lengths of track torn up. No one was hurt. The tracks were relaid and the line opened for traffic early today.

SUFFRAGETTES BURN MANSION

Militant Arson Squads Have Busy Night in London

Lady White's Residence and Fashionable Golf Links Consigned to Flames

London, March 20.—Arson squads of militant suffragettes were busy last night. The fine country residence of Lady Amy White, widow of Field Marshal Sir George White, the hero of Ladysmith during the Transvaal war, and the buildings on the golf links at Weston-Super-Mare, the fashionable watering place of Somersetshire, were burned.

Lady White's house was a big mansion in spacious grounds at Englefield Green, near the River Thames. When fire was discovered at 1 o'clock, this morning the flames had got such a good hold of the building that it was entirely gutted in spite of the efforts of the local fire brigade. Traces of oil and inflammable materials were found scattered about the house, while stuck on prominent spots outside the grounds were papers inscribed with the words, "Stop torturing our comrades in prison," "Votes for women," "By kind permission of Charles Hobhouse." This last being a reference to the Duke of Lancaster, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, uttered earlier in the campaign, that women lacked the real revolutionary spirit of men who burned and sacked in support of their cause.

Two women on bicycles were seen in the neighborhood half an hour before the fire was discovered, but all took to their heels when they saw the house was unoccupied. The incendiaries of the golf pavilions also escaped. There are many suffragettes now in that city where Viscount Baldane, Lord High Chancellor, is scheduled to deliver an address before the National Teachers Conference.

Olive Hocken, who was charged with attempting to set fire to a pavilion on the Roehampton Golf Links, was arraigned in police court again today, and remanded another week after counsel for the treasurer had opened the case for the prosecution. Miss Hocken appeared to glory in the notoriety she has achieved. She stood in the prisoners' enclosure wearing a garland of red and white ribbons in the suffragette colors and smiled contentedly as counsel detailed her alleged activities in the field of arson, the destruction of letters in the public mail boxes, etc.

The articles found in the militant suffragette arsenal in the Kensington district of London on March 13, consisting of telegraph wire, paraffin, paraffin, bottles of corrosive fluid, hammers, flints, tools for breaking windows, false identification tags for automobiles, ropes and pole climbers and other paraphernalia, cotton, oil, fire lighters, candles, etc., found in the grip sack alleged to have been dropped by Olive Hocken on the Roehampton Golf Links, were prominently displayed in court.

Counsel for the treasury described Miss Hocken's studio in Camden Hill Gardens, Kensington, as a "depot where people flocked, armed and prepared for any particular marauding outrage on hand, with the full knowledge and connivance of the accused."

Among Miss Hocken's correspondence, he added, was a letter from Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, openly urging her to acts of lawlessness and outrages.

ONLY ONE BIDDER FOR CITY'S JOBS

Culvert and Dock Work Brings Response from Lone Firm

C. A. Sibley of New Haven was the only bidder to work on or to be awarded by the Board of Contract and Supply for a new culvert on Third street, and the replanking of the city dock at the foot of West street. Sibley's bid for the culvert was \$1,165, and for the dock work, \$1,175.

It is probable that new bids will be asked by the board. No meeting has been held today. Clerk George Catlin opening the only bid submitted.

WANT STAFFORD'S LICENSE REVOKED

Efforts will be made by the Stratford authorities to have the liquor license held by Dudley J. Stafford of the Stratford Inn, revoked by the county commissioners. Stafford will appear before the county commissioners next Monday on the charge of violating the liquor law.

It is charged that Stafford sold liquor before the legal hour of closing. The Stratford authorities, if Stafford is found guilty, will ask the court not to grant a certificate to the inn proprietor. In such a case the commissioners will revoke the license.

ARREST WIDOW, ADMIRAL EATON

Taken Into Custody at Her Home on Murder Charge

Hero of Santiago Battle Died Suddenly of Poison and Buried Without Honors

Hingham, Mass., March 20.—Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, U. S. N., retired, died of poisoning and his widow is charged with murder. Mrs. Eaton was taken into custody at her home in Norwell, today, and brought to this place where she was arrested by Judge Pratt, who has conducted the inquiry into the admiral's sudden demise. She pleaded not guilty and was committed to jail without bail for a further hearing on March 28. When she came here, this morning, accompanied by officers, it was supposed that the widow would be a witness when the inquiry was resumed and the fact that she was a prisoner was not made known until the announcement was made a little before noon by District Attorney Barker.

In a formal statement the district attorney stated that Prof. Whittier, of Harvard Medical School, who had made a chemical analysis of the contents of the admiral's stomach, following the autopsy, had reported the discovery of poison, leading to the conclusion that the admiral had not died a natural death.

The arrest of Mrs. Eaton is the outcome of a serious investigation by the police and not only the cause of his death but regarding the family life of the Eatons.

Admiral Eaton died suddenly on the morning of March 8. He was 64 years of age and had been in good health. Two days later the body was buried at Dracut, his former home.

There was no service at the grave and besides the undertaker and newspapermen, only the widow and her daughter by an earlier marriage, witnessed the interment. There were no military honors.

The admiral had seen 39 years' service in the navy. He commanded the transport Resolute at Santiago and received a medal of honor for his share in that battle. He was born at Danbury, Conn., and was twice married.

The present Mrs. Eaton was the admiral's second wife and was formerly the wife of D. A. Ainsworth, once a member of the United States Senate. Her father was George Harrison and the family home was at Alexandria, Pa. She is 40 years of age.

The investigation developed that her married life had not been altogether happy and her explanation that her husband had died from an attack of indigestion did not satisfy the medical examiners who after conferring with the family physician delayed the preparation of the body for burial until a post mortem had been made. Mrs. Eaton had two daughters by her first marriage, Mrs. June Ainsworth Keyes, of Boston, and Dorothy Ainsworth who lived with her.

TRUSTEES OF ODD FELLOWS HOME ELECT OFFICERS

New Haven, March 20.—Officers were elected at the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Odd Fellows' Home here late yesterday, as follows:

President, Selah G. Blakeman, of Shelton; vice presidents, Frank R. Upson, of Southington, Theodore Kaessenbrook and Marcus L. Reynolds, of Shelton; Walter S. Johnson, of New London; treasurer, Leopold De Leuw, of Hartford; chaplain, Rev. Charles H. Smith, of Barre, Mass.; board of managers, William S. Johnson, of Danbury; Charles E. Gates, Hugo L. Patzold, Frank E. Green, Algot Johnson and N. J. Hirsch, of New London; Rebecca Auxiliary, William H. Marigold and Henry Stevenson, of Bridgeport; Marion E. Davis, of Groton and Loren Davis. It was voted to lay a tax of 15 cents per capita.

CATTLEMEN WANT REVISED TARIFF RATES HEARING

El Paso, March 20.—A joint request for a hearing on the Matland cattle rates for the proposed revised tariff was signed and forwarded to Senator Simmons, of the Finance committee of the Senate, late last night, by President Jastro of the National Livestock Association; E. A. L. McFadden, of the Cattlemen's Association of Texas; and W. B. Slaughter, of the Panhandle & Southwestern Cattlemen's Association. The associations are in joint convention here.

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Late President's Gift Will Total About \$125,000

ESTATE IS INVENTORIED AT OVER HALF A MILLION

Report of Appraisers, Filed in Probate Court Today, Shows Vast Holdings in Bonds and Stocks of Many Corporations—State to Get \$25,000 Inheritance Taxes

Under the terms of the will of the late Deacon Edward W. Marsh, for many years treasurer of the People's Savings bank, the Bridgeport hospital association, of which he was president will receive approximately \$125,000. This bequest is figured from the inventory of the estate, filed today in the Probate court, which showed that Deacon Marsh was worth well over half a million dollars at the time of his death. The bequest, along with the bequest of the hospital association, is not payable however, until after the death of Deacon Marsh's widow, Mrs. Fannie F. Marsh.

The extent of Deacon Marsh's estate was most surprising to even those who were closely associated with him. By the terms of the will, his widow received \$50,000 outright and an annuity of \$5,000. To other relatives was left \$4,000, and to public institutions of this and other cities there was bequeathed \$61,000.

The remainder of the estate, upon the death of the widow, is to be divided into 100 parts, of which the Bridgeport Hospital Association is to get 44 shares. Roughly figured, this will amount to \$125,000, and will be the largest single bequest that institution has received. A number of Congressional churches here and elsewhere will be benefited under the distribution of the remainder of the estate.

The inheritance taxes to be paid the state will approximate \$25,000. According to the inventory filed today by the appraisers, Deacon Marsh's estate was valued at \$212,922.31. The estate is mainly personal property, consisting of extensive stocks and bond holdings.

The inventory filed by Appraisers M. B. Beardley, W. H. Lyon and D. Fairchild Wheeler, shows that Deacon Marsh amassed a fortune by shrewd investments and at the time of his death held stock in some of the biggest dividend returning enterprises in the country. The inventory also shows that Deacon Marsh accumulated during his life considerable stocks in various enterprises that are now valueless. Holdings in as many as fifteen companies are listed as worthless in the inventory.

The summary of the inventory follows:

REAL ESTATE	
Homestead, in Fairfield Ave., \$15,000	
Property, 745, 750, 754, 758 State St.	14,000
	\$29,000
PERSONAL ESTATE	
Bonds	\$ 50,014.00
Railroad stocks	205,780.00
Miscellaneous stocks	149,941.00
Bank stocks	52,255.00
Real estate mortgages	9,269.12
Savings bank bonds	2,245.26
Cash on hand and on deposit	10,606.49
Life insurance	3,326.30
Personal notes, etc.	6,454.89
Total	\$492,962.21

Most of the bond holdings are in western railroads and other public utilities corporations. Deacon Marsh held stock in 17 railroads, his largest investments being:

500 shares, New York, Lackawanna and Western, par value \$100, \$59,000; 400 shares Morris & Essex railway, par value \$50, \$20,000; 100 shares United New Jersey Railway and Canal Company, par value \$100, \$23,000; 80 shares Albany & Susquehanna, par value \$100, \$22,000; 100 shares Connecticut Railway & Lighting, \$7,400. Deacon Marsh held stock valued at \$15,000 in the Spring Perch company of this city; \$14,018 of the Pullman company stock, \$25,270, American Telephone and Telegraph company; \$16,614, General Electric company.

His bank stocks were in banks of Connecticut and New York state. He held 100 shares of the Bridgeport Trust company, valued at \$15,000, and 70 shares of the First National National bank, valued at \$15,000.

Cash deposits in Bridgeport banks were: Bridgeport Trust company, \$2,671.39; First Bridgeport National bank, \$6,920.66.

FAIRFIELD ON HUNT FOR DEMONSTRATED MAN

Fairfield is looking for a man who yesterday frightened Catherine Fagan and other girls residing near the center of the town. Last evening a fair-sized posse of citizens scoured the beach, but could find no trace of the man who is believed to be demonstrated. Today, "Mayor" John E. Boyle found that the Bayside cottage had been broken into and believes the man spent the night there. The search will be continued this evening.

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