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LARRY GILL IN DARK CELL ON CONVICT SHIP

Promises, Under Duress, to Quit Politics to Gain Freedom

Mayor Wilson, Who Also Occupied Cell, Formally Opens Exhibition of Historic Vessel.

They locked Larry Gill in a black cell aboard the Convict ship Success, today and kept him there until under duress he shouted to John F. Brady that he'd keep up for politics until—

Then Captain E. W. Nottingham, navigating officer of the ship, released the rental prisoner. A little later they got Mayor Wilson in another black cell, but Captain D. H. Smith, the commander, would not consent to keep the executive there more than a minute or two.

This happened this forenoon when Mayor Wilson and a large party of city officials were guests of Commander Smith on a tour of inspection through the historic vessel. Moored at the Straford avenue Steeplechase dock, at the east end of the Lower bridge, the gaily decorated, ancient-looking barkentine was crowded with spectators, following its formal opening at 10:30. Hundreds visited her throughout the afternoon. From the success of the opening day it appears likely that the ship will enjoy a large attendance throughout its limited stay here.

The Success, built in 1790 for a trading vessel, and a year after ward bought by the British government for use as a transport and prison ship, is a veritable treasure house of romance, and it takes but a little stretch of the imagination for the animation of the realistic wax figures behind the iron gratings, and for the episodes graphically described, and partially depicted by scenes in various parts of the gloomy bulk.

Captain Smith and his crew received a large party of notable at 10:30 when the gates were thrown open for the guests. The visitors were divided into squads and taken in tow by the various officers who escorted them about the vessel and described interestingly the uses of the equipment of the prison ship.

Of historical value are many implements used for the punishment of refractory prisoners. Shackles of almost every conceivable sort, manacles, leg irons, pillories, stocks, stocks with "worse cat-o-nine-tails, the compulsory bath, the wheel, the ball-and-chain, and many another device of brains seemingly set on conceiving and torturing are displayed and kept ranged in their customary places on the ship.

The upper deck is a paradise compared to the two lower compartments. Below are cells containing completely around the ship, and still further down the hold is another cell deck. It is in the lowest deck that the black cells are found. Here prisoners were confined in practically no more than 30 days on bread and water, ironed to the sloping hull, unable to stand or sit, with barely room to move, and with absolutely no ray of light, and with naught but a few miserable companions in adjoining torture chambers to keep them from going mad with despair.

The lecturer explained to the visitors that the Success has been equipped only in a very few minor details. One of the original spars of teakwood remains apparently as strong as if brand new, and the hull itself has been changed in practically no detail in the year past of the copper lining was taken from the hull, and replaced, and the old metal was melted. From it were cast many souvenirs, and one of these, the handsome ash tray, was presented today to the mayor with the compliments of Captain Smith when the mayor had written in the guest book his signature and the comment, "Very interesting."

Captain Smith was congratulated by his guests on the admirable arrangement he has made for the exhibition of the vessel, and for the interesting interest that attached to the exhibit, thanks to his skill in its exploitation.

There are scores of stories to be told of the various men, many of them indeed, who were prisoners on the Success. Captain Nottingham told of the "Six Men of Dorchester," who were thrust into the Success for terms of seven years for having led a strike of farm laborers for a daily wage of \$1.75 per week, of their having served four years until there was such a popular clamor throughout England that they were pardoned. Figures of these men, in the cells in which they were kept, attracted great interest.

He told of the careers of men who had left the ship, some of them living today. One is a successful merchant in Australia, 80 years of age. He visited the ship, told of his life aboard her, but disapproved of the wax figure used to impersonate him. In Providence, he was a successful business man, but less than a fortnight ago in New York city there appeared a man who had been a prisoner.

Wax figures depict the tragic murder of Captain Jones of the Success, when he went ashore to investigate complaint of food among the prisoners. Another group shows the Kelly group fighting the conspiracy.

Every nook and corner of the vessel holds relics of tragedy. Unnumbered suicides and murders are told of the unfortunate prisoners. There were five such ships, all of them known as floating hells, but none was so notorious as the Success.

Among the guests on the Success today were Mayor Wilson, Assessor J. Gill and Frank J. Hughes, Captain J. William Lewis and Charles J. Byrne, of the board of relief; William E. Lieberum, president, and Dr. W. H. Ryan and John F. Brady, of the board of education; Dr. David M. Tre-

CONNECTICUT MANUFACTURERS REFUTE CALAMITY CLAIMS OF U. S. SENATOR M'LEAN

Letters Read in Senate By Stone of Missouri, Indicate Real Sentiment in Mills of Eastern Connecticut—Penrose's Statement Torn to Shreds by Authenticated Testimony.

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, Aug. 6.—That Senator McLean of Connecticut was playing politics and "grandstanding" on the floor of the Senate last week when he intimated the progress of the tariff makers by making a long speech, picturing the wolves at the door of the home of every Connecticut workman, was indicated yesterday by Senator Stone of Missouri. The Senator read a letter from Mr. R. K. Boggs of Seltico, Conn., which was as follows: "Hon. William J. Stone, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir:—In his recent tariff speech Senator McLean, of this state, is reported to have intimated upon the Democratic party point of view, in which two large woolen concerns are said to find themselves. If the Senator is consistent, he should give credit to the same cause for the prosperity of other concerns in the state now enjoy. In the last session of the Congress which preceded the presidential election letters were read and afterwards printed in the Congressional Record, bearing upon the wool situation. Among the letters there was one from the president of the wool situation, Manufacturing Co. of Somerville, Ct. The president of that company, George E. Keeney, one of the old time Republican leaders of the state, was so opposed to any change in Schedule K that he threatened the night before election to close down his mills if his employees helped in any way to bring about a Democratic victory. Today the Somerville Manufacturing Co. is so rushed with orders that part of the season the plant has been running night and day. Even now they would run the same way, only the help are not anxious to be exhausted filling the orders.
The mill at Thompstonville, there is the plant of the Hartford Carpet Co. It is said that this company has orders on hand to keep the whole plant busy for the next twelve months. The superintendent says that if the tariff is settled at once it will not affect the carpet people in the least.
The point is: If two mills suffer, and the tariff is traced back to the Democratic tariff legislation, why should not the prosperity of all the other successful companies be attributed to the tariff?
Senator Stone, besides showing up the Connecticut Senator's calamity howl, paid his respects briefly to other attempts of the Reactionaries in the Senate in which he said:

STRIKERS FROM FOSS PLANTS STORM STATE HOUSE AT HUB TODAY

Demand For Hearing Turned Down By Board Of Arbitration And Committee Then Proceeds To Governor, Who Says He Has No Authority To Act

In Parade of Strikers Up Beacon Hill in Boston, Young Women Bearing American Flags, Head the Line—Others Carry Signs Reading, "We Want a Living Wage," "We Want Justice," "We Are the Foss Strikers From Hyde Park."

Boston, Aug. 6.—Two hundred strikers from two Hyde Park manufacturing plants controlled by Governor Eugene N. Foss stormed the state house today, demanding an immediate hearing of their grievances by the state board of conciliation and arbitration. Chairman Willard Howland refused to receive the party, explaining that the board was occupied with other matters.

The strikers, demanding a public hearing, said: "It will not be granted," the chairman replied, "and, further, we are now considering other matters which have been set down for hearing today. Usually, when there is a desire for a public hearing, those interested show us the courtesy of asking for a formal date."

The chairman then withdrew and the committee left the board's office and proceeded to the governor's chamber.

Patron presented a letter from the strikers addressed to the governor in which insistence was made that the executive instruct the board of conciliation to grant the strikers an immediate hearing. A few minutes later the committee withdrew and, followed by the rest of the strikers, marched to a hotel in the vicinity.

Later, Gov. Foss announced that he had no right to instruct the state board to do anything. He would welcome a public hearing, he added, but under no consideration would he change his attitude regarding the matter of wages.

Today's demonstration was the result of the recent refusal of the state board to set a date, this month, for a public hearing on the claims of the strikers.

The strikers arrived at the south station late in the forenoon, and paraded up Beacon Hill. A few young women bearing American flags headed the line. Others carried signs reading, "We Want a Living Wage," "We Want Justice," and "We Are the Foss Strikers From Hyde Park." Perfect order was preserved.

The coming of the men whose quarrel with the governor has been bitter since they went out several weeks ago had been heralded and when they arrived at the capital they found police men stationed at all the entrances. So they halted under the archway.

A moment later Sergeant-at-Arms Pedrick, of the state house staff, appeared and warned the strikers that they must not block the archway. He added, however, that all who could be vouched for as strikers at the Foss

DWYER, SCORNING FAVOR FROM SENATOR M'NEIL'S HAND, GIVES RESIGNATION TO THE GOVERNOR

Refuses to Serve As Trustee Of Connecticut School For Boys Because Senator Boasted of Appointment

Democratic Town Chairman Declares He Should Not Have Been Dragged Into Mr. McNeil's Personal Controversy With Mr. O'Rourke, and Charges Senator With Underground Alliance With Double Machine.

Democratic Town Chairman M. J. Dwyer resigned from the office of trustee of the Connecticut School for Boys today, giving as a reason that Senator Archibald McNeil had publicly boasted that he procured it for him.

Chairman Dwyer, in stating his reasons for this action, says that Senator McNeil has long been actively allied with the Walker-Russell-Boucher group in the Democratic party, and that the senator's activities in Hartford were devoted to strengthening the position of the Republican office holders, and so called "Double Machine" in city hall.

Mr. Dwyer's letter to Governor Baldwin is as follows:

Bridgeport, Aug. 6, 1913.
Hon. Simeon E. Baldwin, Governor of Connecticut, Hartford, Conn.
Dear Sir:—I hereby respectfully tender my resignation as a trustee of the Connecticut School for Boys.

In presenting this resignation, I desire to express my appreciation of the compliment paid me by your appointment and I beg to assure you of my deep regard and sincere admiration for you.

In explaining his unexpected action Mr. Dwyer said, this morning: "My purpose in resigning as a trustee of the Connecticut School for Boys is to show my estimate of the value of the political favor which Senator Archibald McNeil, Jr. claims to have done for me. By this statement, I do not in any way intend to belittle the dignity or importance of the position of the trustee of the school. It is an appointment which never suggested itself to me and one which I would never seek.

"I did not ask Senator McNeil to intercede with you in obtaining this honor for me. He now seeks to justify his desertion of the men who have always been his loyal and consistent friends by politics by the Walker-Russell-Boucher faction. He favors those who are familiar with the inner workings of the local political situation.

"Ever since the breach in the party occurred he has been secretly using his influence and spending his money in strengthening that faction, although pretending on the surface to continue his friendly relations with me and the men who were with me when we were always honest, sincerely and unselfishly stood with him and made his success in politics possible.

"I do not want to have him mislead any one in the belief that I am under political obligations to him, because I am under none. In his published interviews, he tells the public what he has done for me by making me a trustee of the school. But I know that he did not do it for me, and I did not know that Senator McNeil was contemplating presenting my name to the governor. The appointment of me as trustee is not only a political favor to me, but it is a reflection on the intelligence of any man for Mr. McNeil to feel that he could get away with it.

"As I have said, I did not ask Senator McNeil to do anything for me. I did not want his assistance. I did ask him, however, to assist a young attorney in his selection for the position of trustee in the city court. This request he failed to recognize, because his servile devotion to the Walker-Russell-Boucher faction would not allow him to do it. In his interview, he says that he assisted Mayor Mulvihill to be made a county commissioner and ex-Mayor Buckingham one of the commissioners under the workmen's compensation act. I am credibly informed that his assistance to ex-Mayor Mulvihill was hypocritical and done only to carry out his game of deception. He voted for Mr. Mulvihill in the same way that he has taken for county commissioners.

"A prominent Republican leader of the House has stated that as soon as the ballot was taken in the Senate and the Democratic nominees, including Mr. Mulvihill, were elected, Senator McNeil hurried over to the House of Representatives and said substantially this: 'The Republican leader, Mr. Mulvihill, has just been elected in the Senate and I had to vote for him in order to save my face for the people, but when the dust has come in here, be sure and call him. This Republican leader soon repeated this conversation to a senator and in repeating it asked him what he thought of this hypocrisy on the part of Senator McNeil.

"As for his assistance to Mayor Buckingham, it is well known, and Senator McNeil cannot deny it, that he, Senator McNeil, went to the governor and asked for the appointment of Senator Newman as a commissioner under the workmen's compensation act. When he found that Senator Newman could not be appointed and received inside information that Buckingham was to be the man, he wrote a letter to the governor endorsing Mr. Buckingham. He did not go to the governor in the interest of Mayor Buckingham, but he did go in the

CABLE BOY RUN DOWN BY MOTOR

Melrose Held In \$1,500 Bail to Await Outcome

Lad May Have Fractured Skull—Accused Issues Statement

William Dobbs, better known as "Bert Melrose," one of the famous trouble-makers of the underworld, was a member of the "Montrose family" which appeared recently at Poli's theatre, was held in the city court today under bonds of \$1,500 to wait the outcome of a trial to be held seven years old Ernest Cable, 137 Brooks street, run down by his car on Barnum avenue late yesterday afternoon. The boy was taken to Bridgeport hospital suffering from severe head lacerations about the face and body is said to be resting comfortably today though there is a possibility that the skull has been fractured at the base.

Dobbs who yesterday gave himself up to the police at once made statements of the affair which resulted in his being held for investigation and through the police he was taken to the police station where the account given by the driver, Attorney Lawrence Finkelstein secured his client's release upon bonds of \$1,500. In the meantime no specific charge has been placed against Dobbs and the accident is being investigated by detectives assigned to ascertain the facts in the case.

Through his attorney the accused who resides at 1430 Main street, issued a statement to the effect that with a male companion he was driving slowly east on Barnum avenue on his way to New Haven. He saw the boy standing on the sidewalk and he honked his horn and sounded a large Klaxon horn when about 20 feet distant. The boy stepped from the curb and directly in front of the machine which struck him with the right hand guard.

In an effort to save the boy Dobbs alleges that he risked his own life and partially wrecked the machine and fence of the Wheeler & Wilson factory as he swung the machine sharply to the right and upon the sidewalk.

Gov. Tener Remembers Old Friend; Gives Wood Permanent \$2,000 Job

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 6.—Gov. John J. Tener today gave a substantial reward to a comrade of his old baseball days when he appointed George Wood, once a member of the Philadelphia National League team and a mighty outfielder and hitter, marshal of the

MRS. SHERWIN KNOWS WHERE TO GET HELP

Pursuing Her Alimony She Seeks Political Leader's Influence

NAME OF M'NEIL JR. TO REMAIN ON PRIMARY LIST

Protest Likely to Be Renewed Against Right to Vote in Seventh District

PEOPLE WE KNOW

There was a most enjoyable birthday dinner given last evening by Mrs. Dunnington at her cottage at Myrtle Beach in honor of her son, "Bud." There were thirty new dealers present to enjoy her hospitality. Mr. Dunnington was suitably remembered by his friends by being presented a generous purse. Mr. W. A. Tomlinson rendered several solos which were much appreciated. Music was furnished by the Ocean orchestra. Perhaps the feature of the evening was the break-down at danced by Mrs. Dunnington with Walter Snyder. The guests departed without "Bud" continued good health and prosperity.

Miss Catherine C. Mullins, of 1075 Noble avenue, is spending her vacation in Newtontown.

Col. T. J. Murphy, Philip Onkey, Major J. Broderick and Michael J. Clabby, assistant superintendent of the Post Manufacturing Co., left this morning for a four-day auto trip to Narragansett Pier, Providence and Boston. They will dine at the Gladstone hotel at the Pier today and are scheduled to reach Providence tonight, where they will stay at the Narragansett hotel. Attend the Hibernal convention, Boston will be their last stop.

CITY ATTORNEY SAYS VOTERS MAY ENROLL FOR PRIMARIES ORALLY OR BY APPLICATION

Mr. Pullman Takes View of Law Expressed By Attorney General John H. Light In Opinions to Representative Lynn Wilson

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PROGRESSIVES STILL WITHIN G. O. P. EXPECT TO MEET WEAKENED MACHINE

Few Progressives have enrolled on party primary lists. It is said this is largely due to the purpose of some leading progressives to seize the Republican organization in the coming primaries.

There are some Progressives who are actively enrolled on the Progressive club of Bridgeport. There are many more who are still connected with the Republican party in all but spirit.

It is among the leading spirits in the latter group that the movement to seize the Republican machine is brewing.

One of the men who is in favor of this action said today: "More Republicans voted the Progressive ticket last fall than voted the Republican ticket. Those men, hundreds of them, are on the Republican party lists. Victory ought to be easy."

It is also said that the Progressives still within the Republican party expect to find the machine end of their party weakened by numerous transfers made to help one of the Democratic factions, in the so called double machine. The view is taken that a Republican who will leave his party list to help the Democratic faction, is about the strongest kind of a machine man and that the loss of his vote will tell strongly against the machine when it contests its own primaries.

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