

ROGUERY, SAYS GROUT. BAD COAL FOR ARMORIES.

Strained Relations Between President Wells and the Controller.

Controller Grout yesterday summoned to his office Assistant District Attorney Clarke and turned over to him documents and vouchers which, according to the Controller, and to use his own words, savor of "damnable roguery."

At the same time that the charges were made public there were stories about the City Hall of "strained relations" between Controller Grout and James L. Wells, president of the Tax Board and vice-chairman of the Armory Board.

Shortly after this Mr. Wells, who sometimes is abrupt in speech, visited the Finance Department and asked why certain bills had been held up.

"Mr. McKinney, you can't dictate to me. You're playing politics. You're McLaughlin's candidate for Controller."

"Oh, I am, am I?" McKinney is said to have answered.

TURNED IT OVER TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY. Controller Grout started the newspaper men by allowing it to be circulated yesterday afternoon that he had uncovered a big scandal, and that he had turned the matter over to the District Attorney.

John P. Gustavson, as secretary of the Armory Board, in December bought from Samuel Lewis, a speculator, about 283 tons of coal, which now is alleged to have been largely culm and slate, at about \$9 a ton.

The other charge is that Henry Gustavson impudently Henry Day & Co., who recently furnished some repair work on the New-Hampshire.

"Is that your name?" he was asked by the Controller.

"Yes, that is my real name, but I do business under the name of Henry Day & Co.," said he.

Henry Day & Co. was not registered in the County Clerk's office until yesterday.

In a letter to President Wells, who asked for an explanation of the coal buying transaction, John P. Gustavson says that in December he found that some of the armories were out of coal, and he tried to renew the supply.

He says that Mr. Wells will remember that Mayor Low insisted that coal be obtained for the armories, and suggested that Commissioner De Forest of the Tenement House Department, as counsel of the New-Jersey Central, might be able to make a useful suggestion as to how to get it.

GUSTAVSON'S STATEMENT. When Mr. Gustavson was seen last night he said:

"I haven't done anything crooked, and I'm not afraid of anything that Mr. Grout and his staff have turned up. I've got a brother who is a carpenter. As secretary of the Armory Board I have kept him busy part of the time at odd jobs, because he was about the only carpenter I knew who was not on strike."

QUEER ORIGIN FOR FIRE. Jersey Doctor Thinks Imperfect Glass Focussed Sun on Hay.

Succasunna, N. J., May 15.—Dr. H. Adsit thinks he has found out how the fire that destroyed his fine new barn last Sunday started.

When President Wells of the Tax Board was seen last night he said:

"I am investigating the transactions of the 'Gustavson brothers,' said Assistant District Attorney Clarke last night. 'As yet I have not found much that would warrant bringing a criminal action. We have not had time to go through all the papers.'"

DINING CAR SERVICE. THE REID MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

SAVES A DAY. The Twentieth Century Limited over the New York Central and Lake Shore, the 2-hour train between New York and Chicago.—Adv.

PRESIDENT IN YOSEMITE. AMONG THE BIG TREES.

The Party to Remain in the Park Until Monday.

Wawona, Cal., May 15.—President Roosevelt arrived at the Mariposa Big Tree Grove late this afternoon. He made an early start for the Yosemite this morning. His special train, without the two sleeping cars and the baggage car, which were left at Berenda, on account of the heavy grade, arrived at Raymond at 7:30 o'clock.

After partaking of luncheon the President began to ascend the mountains. The day was bright and clear, and as he went higher and higher he saw the plains of the San Joaquin stretching to the far distant Coast Range.

ALLEGED PLOT TO KILL PRESIDENT. Anonymous Letter Caused Unusual Precautions To Be Taken in Oakland.

Oakland, Cal., May 15.—The extreme diligence which was exercised by the local police in guarding President Roosevelt on his journey through and his brief visit in Oakland was the subject of much comment yesterday, and the extraordinary precautions are now explained by the fact, not heretofore known to the public, that information was received by the authorities of a plot which, if carried out, would have meant the assassination of President Roosevelt in this city.

Late Wednesday night Mayor Olney received a communication signed "K. N.," saying that two men, named Charles Girardo and Antonio Polivino, the latter an Italian who tried to kill the Emperor of Austria before St. Stephen's Church, in Vienna, on May 13, 1867, had agreed to meet at Girardo's house to discuss the killing of the President. The writer added:

SIX MONTHS FOR VENERER. Man Who Tried to Stop U. S. Steel Bond Conversion.

Springfield, Ill., May 15.—Judge Humphrey, in the United States Circuit Court, this afternoon adjudged Clarence H. Venerer, of Boston, guilty of contempt of court, fined him \$1,000 and costs, and, in addition, ordered him committed to the Sangamon County Jail for six months.

VENNER'S STATEMENT. Judge Humphrey denied Venerer's application for an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and also refused to admit him to bail, or to stay the execution.

VENNER'S STATEMENT. Venerer was allowed to spend the night at the Leland Hotel in custody of an officer, and he will decide to-morrow what course to pursue.

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VENNER'S STATEMENT. The action in which the order of Judge Humphrey was entered to-day was that of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, of New-York, against the New-England Water Works Company, of Boston, the Boston Water Works Company, and the Alton Water Works Company to foreclose on a mortgage trust deed for \$200,000, given by the Alton Water Works Company to the trust company.

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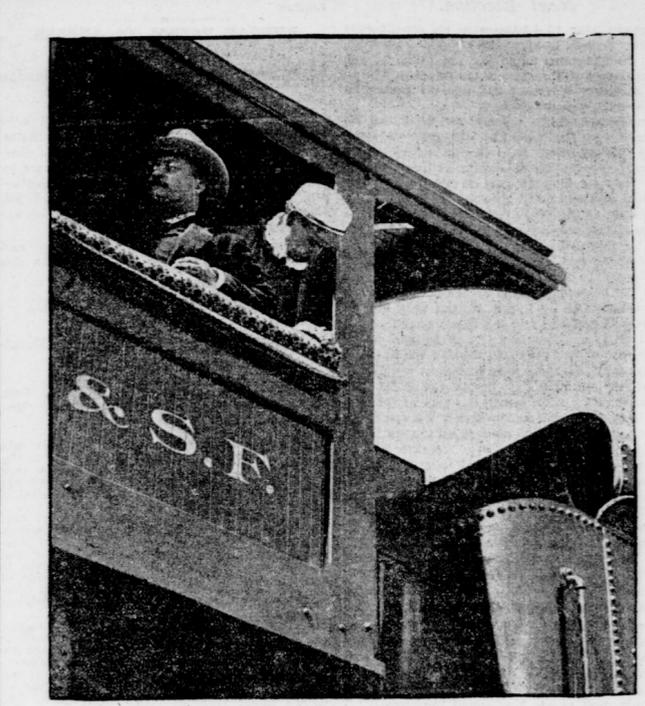
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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT RIDING IN RAILROAD CAB THROUGH CALIFORNIA.

NO BEECHER PARK. City Officials Afraid It Would Establish a Precedent.

Official opposition to the proposed Beecher memorial park on Brooklyn Heights is likely to compel an abandonment of the scheme to lay out a public park around old Plymouth Church.

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RIOT CALL IN NEWPORT. Mayor Summons Police and Firemen to Prevent Track Laying.

Newport, R. I., May 15.—Mayor Boyle declared the city of Newport to be in a state of riot at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, as the climax of trouble between the police stationed in Broadway and a gang of track layers employed by the Old Colony Street Railway, who intended to lay a switch in the face of an order not to do so.

The riot call was sounded on the fire bells, the Fire Department was placed in readiness to help the police, and Mayor Boyle, as the commanding officer, had arranged to have the Newport Artillery and the Newport company of the Naval Reserves called out.

While things looked threatening for two hours, the danger from an actual riot to break out was not great, for the reason that the fifty workmen were scared by overwhelming numbers, fully five thousand persons, the greater number being men, standing ready to back up Mayor Boyle and the police.

THE OLD COLONY STREET RAILWAY COMPANY HAS A SINGLE TRACK FRANCHISE TO RUN THROUGH BROADWAY. Recently the new Newport and Providence Railway secured a one track franchise in the same street. The city wants the companies to make joint use of the two tracks.

THE POLICE MADE SOME ARRESTS YESTERDAY IN CONSEQUENCE OF TROUBLE BETWEEN LABORERS AND STRIKERS. Frank Battalio was working at One-hundred-and-eighty-fourth-st. and the Kingsbridge road when Italian strikers tried to induce him to stop.

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STREETCAR STRIKE IN BRIDGEPORT. Bridgeport, Conn., May 15.—The conductors and motormen employed by the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company here went on strike this morning, tying up all the lines in the city. This action followed a two hours' session of the Troley Men's Union, held in the early morning, at which the proposition made by the company in response to the demands of the men was rejected.

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EMPLOYERS UNITE FOR FIGHT. NEARLY EIGHT HUNDRED MEN, REPRESENTING HALF BILLION DOLLARS, AT MASS MEETING.

Brooklyn Builders Likewise Form a League to Resist Demands of Unions That They Say Are Unbearable.

NO WALKING DELEGATES. CALL ON JEROME TO ACT. Brooklyn Builders Will Not Permit Them in Shops. Ask Him to Suppress Blackmailers in the Unions.

THE EMPLOYERS' LEAGUE, which has among its members men who employ large numbers of men in various capacities in Brooklyn, was organized last night in the Mechanics and Traders' Exchange, No. 350 Fulton-st., that borough.

WHEREAS, While we admit the right of all men to organize for mutual protection, and to appoint such officers as they may desire, to act for them, we do not admit their right to act for employers and to dictate how they shall conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, Arbitrary and unreasonable demands have been made by the labor organizations of this city which, as individuals, we were compelled to accede to in the past, and these demands becoming more intolerant and unreasonable, the Employers' League of the Borough of Brooklyn, have combined for the mutual benefit of ourselves and our employees; and

WHEREAS, A system of coercion practiced upon the employees by the labor organizations is obviously as objectionable to them as it is to our association; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Employers' League of the Borough of Brooklyn, will permit no interference with our business by any individual or organization, and that no walking delegate or business agent shall be allowed to enter any shop or upon any of our work during working hours.

THE OFFICERS ELECTED WERE: John McNamee, president; P. J. Carlin, first vice-president; J. Sherlock Davis, second vice-president; W. B. Crawford, treasurer and secretary; directors, John Thatcher, Wash Buckley, W. L. Castle, E. D. Newman, Guy Loomis, ex-Senator William H. Reynolds.

AMONG THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING WERE: C. S. Bland, J. Green, J. J. Clark, John Gulliflow, Thomas Krekeler, Edward Clark, E. C. Miller, Barth C. Cronin, William H. Boles, Conrad Carlston, John McKeown, Matthew Koch and J. M. Grace.

MORE MEN IN SUBWAY. Arrests Made in Disputes of Strikers and Laborers.

TEAMSTERS' COMPLAINT MET. The work in the subway was continued yesterday by an increased number of men, and the contractors said it was evident that the strike was broken and that there would be no further serious delay in the work.

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