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NEW ANGLE IN BITTER COURT TILT

Crown Point Comes to Terms With Valparaiso in Effort to Get a Continuous Court, and Another Measure Is Introduced.

GARY PAPER'S STORY BRANDED AS UNTRUE

Crown Point Lawyers Are Tending Strictly to Their Own Knitting and Are Not Antagonistic to Hammond's Bill, But Are Well Content With Progress They Made.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Feb. 8.—While the Hammond and Gary court factions are preparing for their final struggle in the legislature this week, to rush their court bills through the house, a new phase in the court fight has developed at this place which may result in the stinging up of all the court bills for the time being.

Valparaiso and Michigan City have now got into the court fight and this week will see boosters from Porter and LaPorte counties busy at Indianapolis.

Say It Is Not True.

The information has been given out in a certain hide-bound Gary paper from time to time that the Crown Point bill was lost in the rush of other legislative matters, and that the Crown Point attorneys had laid down. This is not the true situation at Crown Point. The county seat court boosters have not been asleep by any means. A Times man in an interview with several of the leading practitioners in this city learned today that have been very wide awake.

When the two court bills, prepared by the Crown Point Bar association were taken to the legislature a few weeks ago, it was seen at once that they met with decided opposition by the Porter and LaPorte county attorneys. The idea for a continuous court at Crown Point and the forming of a circuit of the Porter and LaPorte courts was not just to the liking of the attorneys of Valparaiso, Michigan City and LaPorte. "Get well enough alone" was the slogan of the two neighboring county attorneys and they put every stumbling block into the way of the Crown Point bill at Indianapolis.

Faulkner Responsible.

J. B. Faulkner, editor of the Michigan City Dispatch, and a representative in the house, is given the credit for delaying the Crown Point bill. Mr.

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TARIFF IS BIG BANE AT PRESENT

Buoyancy Among Hammond Manufacturers Is Lacking Because of Unsettled Ideas as to What Congress Will Do With Tariff.

Hammond is feeling the result of the uncertainty over the tariff question and it is apparent now that there will be no great activity in the various industries over the region until next fall when it is believed the tariff question will be settled.

The Simplex Railway Appliance company's plant is running on short time, and its officials state that there is no immediate prospect of a boom until the tariff question is settled.

Of course, there will not be a shut down or any alarming condition of affairs, but it is not expected that there will be any commercial buoyancy until the steel manufacturers know just what they may expect from the government in the way of protection.

"The Standard Steel Car company is experiencing the same difficulties. The orders are not coming in as fast as they should, and the officials of the Hammond plant do not expect much of an improvement until next fall.

Tariff Is Now Bane.

It was admitted that the tariff was having a great deal to do with the reluctance of the railroads to order cars. The hope is that the lumberman, the wool-growers, the coal miners and a score of other industries are affected by the uncertainty of the situation.

They begin the retrenchment and it is soon felt by the railroads and all along the line. A while ago it was the election and now that the republican party stands committed to tariff reform it is the uncertainty about what congress will do.

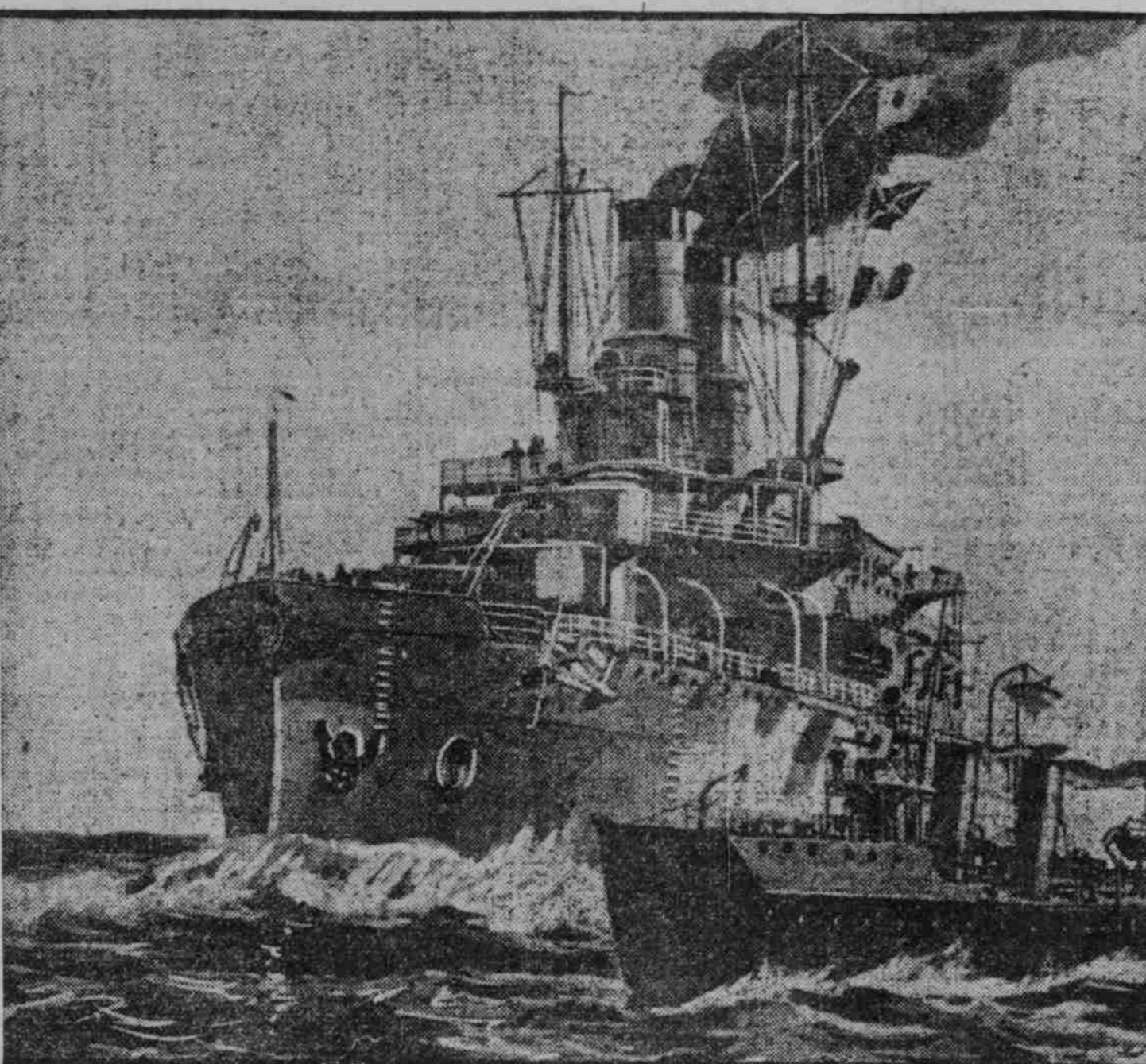
One Hammond man, who is pretty close to the powers in the financial and business world, stated in his opinion part of the difficulty was caused by the desire on the part of the captains of finance and industry to discredit Roosevelt to the very end of his administration.

They are trying to make an example of the first president in recent times, who has dared to defy vested interests. This Hammond man prophesies that after Roosevelt is out and congress comes to an understanding with the commercial world about the tariff conditions will improve.

Attended Lincoln's Funeral.

As the date of the centennial of Lincoln's birth approaches, the souvenir collectors bring out various articles that had something to do with the life of Abraham Lincoln. Dr. B. W. Childlaw has a pocket piece which was circulated in 1864 which reads: "Vote for Abraham Lincoln"; and Judge B. W. Cheney of East Chicago carries a badge, which he wore when he attended Lincoln's funeral, over forty years ago.

New American Warship, World's Biggest, Launched Saturday



BATTLESHIP DELAWARE.

The 20,000-ton battleship Delaware, launched at Newport News, Va., on Saturday, has a displacement of 2100 tons greater than the British Dreadnaught and 750 tons greater than Britain's newest monster, the Vanguard. It is the greatest battleship in the world and makes the United States' position as a world power still greater.

PAXTON TO INVEST IN WESTERN LANDS

Hammond Lumber Dealer Will Buy Land in Famous St. Louis Valley.

Taking Horace Greeley's advice, even at this late date, W. G. Paxton of the Paxton Lumber company of this city will go west a week from tomorrow to grow up with the country. He will not leave Hammond permanently, but intends to make an investment, which in the course of time will repay him handsomely. Mr. Paxton believes that the proposition that he is going after is the best that has ever been offered in the west, and has decided to take quick action, for the reason that the first purchaser will get the choice of location in the first 20,000 acres.

In the St. Louis Valley.
Mr. Paxton will buy in the St. Louis valley in the southern part of Colorado. Six hundred thousand acres are to be opened and all is said to be desirable. They are part of the irrigated lands, which the west has become famous.

With the title to the land goes a permanent irrigation right. Mr. Paxton was out west some time, where he studied the condition, and when he came across this opportunity he decided to snatch it up, the price being \$35.50 an acre. Mr. Paxton, seeing a profit in the deal for him, is more than willing to give any information to his friends in Hammond who are interested in the irrigated lands. He has set his time for departure for next Tuesday, for the reason that special homeseekers' rates will be given.

DIFFICULTIES ARE NOT YET SETTLED

Trustee Becker Still Insists He Will Use Evictive Procedure.

The difficulties between Township Trustee John C. Becker and Township Assessor B. E. Escher are still far from being settled. Becker is still using the corridor of the court house for an office and is carrying his business around in his head, and Escher is still holding fort in the office formerly occupied by Richard Schaaf Jr.

Becker states that if he is not provided with another office soon he will take steps to have all of the present occupants of the court house evicted. Mr. Becker realizes that the police department, the township trustee and the township assessor might just as well occupy the rooms that would stand idle if they did not use them, but he does not propose to be discriminated against.

There is another empty room in the court house, which was formerly used by the clerk of the United States court, and it is understood that Becker can have this if he wants it. So far the question is no nearer a solution than it was before.

STRONG ASSOCIATION WANTS PURE WATER

Chicago Branch of National Organizations Lends a Hand.

LEGISLATION IS DESIRED

Hammond Still at Sea as to Where Help Will Come From For Purer Water.

The Chicago branch of the National Association of Commerce has promised to lend its prestige for the purification of Lake Michigan's drinking water, and the indications are that it will get busy in the present assembly of Indiana and Illinois.

Dr. W. A. Evans of the Chicago health department, as president of the Lake Michigan pure water commission, recently ascertained that sewage was being poured into Lake Michigan by cities on both the Indiana and Illinois shores. State Chemist Barnard of Indiana declares that four-fifths of the drinking water of the cities of Hammond and Whiting has been composed of the sewage of these cities, and to this fact he ascribed the epidemic of typhoid fever found in that region.

Will Ask Legislation.

The National Association of Commerce will be requested to prepare bills for presentation to the legislatures of Indiana and Illinois, demanding the construction of a general disposal plant, a general water-intake and providing for the regulation of a Chicago sanitary district.

As far as Hammond is concerned it is still at sea, whether relief must come from the state or whether it will have to work out its own solution. In the light of Dr. W. D. Weis' statements before the Wednesday Night club, even a sanitary district in northern Indiana would not solve the problem, for the reason that the water is contaminated and will remain so for years to come. The feasibility of extending the Hammond intake is offset by the fact that the currents from the mouth of the Calumet river would wash sewage into the intake even if it were to be extended for another mile or two.

F. R. SCHAAF IS RECOVERING NICELY

Hammond Postmaster-Elect Will Be Able to Leave Hospital Soon.

F. Richard Schaaf, Hammond's next postmaster, is making a fine recovery after his serious illness from typhoid fever. He was seen by some of his most intimate Hammond friends at the Alexina Bros' hospital yesterday and seemed very cheerful.

He says he is gaining steadily and has gained at least ten pounds in the last two weeks. Excepting the fact that his face is a little pallid and that he is somewhat emaciated it is not apparent that he has been through a bad siege of sickness.

Mr. Schaaf receives his mail and reads the papers every day. He says that not since the campaign has he felt as well as he does now. He is in the care of the best doctors in Chicago and their skill in handling the case is apparent.

Gets Many Tokens.

Mr. Schaaf is in receipt of many tokens of friendship from acquaintances all over Lake county and the state. "One letter is from United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge, who seems very solicitous as to Mr. Schaaf's welfare. The senator has some very fine things to say to the Hammond man, and the letter served to cheer Mr. Schaaf considerably.

It will be some time before the republican county chairman will be able to receive his Hammond friends in any great numbers, as he desires to make as rapid a recovery as possible. He expects to be in the hospital for at least three weeks longer, and then he plans to take a long trip to California, where he will have an opportunity to thoroughly recuperate.

NEW FARE MAKES HIT

Pompeian Room in Hotel Majestic Scores on Saturday Night.

The Pompeian room in the Hotel Majestic was crowded Saturday evening, and proved so popular that Proprietor Glennon ran out of some of the articles on his bill of fare.

He is preparing, however, for the handling of larger crowds and he states that if the people continue to patronize his place as they did Sunday he will make improvements from time to time that will make it as attractive as any in Chicago.

The orchestra music was very good, and considering the fact that the crowds were large the service was all that could be expected. The Pompeian room promises to be a popular pleasure resort and several of Hammond's most prominent business men have endorsed Mr. Glennon's plan as one which will serve to keep hundreds of dollars at home, which would ordinarily be spent in Chicago.

SHE WANTS THE COUNTY BULWARK

Gary Real Estate Dealer Says That City, Flushed With Success, Will Try to Take Lake County Seat Away From Crown Point.

"Now that we have got a superior court for Gary we are going after the county seat," said T. W. Englehart, one of the most aggressive and enterprising of the Gary boosters.

Mr. Englehart was in Hammond yesterday, and said that the people of Gary are elated over their success. "Gary is the logical place for the county seat," said he, "and you mark my word there will be another fight one of these days, which will make the recent scrap at Indianapolis look like horse play.

Expresses His Opinion.

"The outcome of it all will be that Gary will be made the county seat of Lake county. We will win in spite of the fact that the court house at Crown Point has just been remodeled and that a new jail has been built there at a cost of \$50,000.

"If necessary we will build a \$500,000 court house and jail in order to locate the county seat in Gary. Gary will then be the center of population in Lake county and why shouldn't we have the county seat?"

BOWSER HAS NEW BILL

Senator Wants to Make It Easy for Hammond and Gary to Unite.

Well, what do you think about this? In view of the future possibility of Gary and Hammond desiring to unite as one city, a bill to facilitate such action will be introduced by Senator Shafer at the next roll call. The bill will be an amendment to the present law, which requires a four-fifths vote before any annexation or the merger of two cities can be made. The bill seeks to amend that law to provide that only a two-thirds vote is required for annexation.

The bill was prepared by Senator Bowser, but as he is ill he gave it to Senator Shafer to introduce in his absence, says the Indianapolis Star.

Criticism Coach Allee.

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ATHLETIC RELATIONS SEVERED

Hammond Basket-Ball Five, Beaten at Crown Point, Quits Game After Playing One Half and Finding the Score Against It.

CROWN POINT CUTS THE GORDIAN KNOT

Hammond High School Gets Fearful Roasting at Hands of County Seat Team For What Is Declared To Be "Most Unsportsmanlike Conduct Imaginable."

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Feb. 8.—All athletic relations between the Crown Point high school and the Hammond high school are liable to be completely severed in the future, owing to the unsportsmanlike attitude assumed by the Hammond basket-ball team and its management last Saturday night. Crown Point has been up again all kinds of propositions, from an athletic standpoint, during the course of its existence, but it remained for the Hammond team to establish a reputation for unsportsmanlike conduct that had never been witnessed in the county seat.

Crowd Was Disgusted.

The crowd assembled to witness a contest between the two principal high schools of the county was rewarded for their efforts and loyalty to the county schools by seeing the Hammond bunch throw up the sponge after they had been indignantly defeated by the five and the much-vaunted reputation of the former school as sportsman and gentlemen was completely reversed and the appellation of "quitters" stood out in glaring letters when the Hammond five refused to finish the game. True enough, the hall that the Crown Point team provided was not up to standard or regulation size, but truer still it was noticed that the Hammond bunch never registered a kick until Crown Point's lead was such that it would be hard to overcome. True again, the baskets were only eight feet from the ground but it was noticed before the contest that most of the Hammond players were adept enough to put the ball in at will.

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AMERIKANISCHE GESANGSVOEGEL IN SAENGERBUND EINGEFUEHRT

Herr G. Locklin Sagte: "Mir Sitzt Zu Veil Schleim Auf Der Brust Es Thut Mir Sehr Leid Dass Ich Nicht Singen Kann."

German saenger-lust, English dignity, Irish wit and American good fellowship, were blended last evening at a reception given last evening by the old members of the Hammond Saengerbund-Fidella to the new members.

The stage was held at Roth's hall, and the midnight hour found some still celebrating in honor of the new members.

The recruits came up to the expectation of the old members, and bore themselves admirably in their new surroundings.

The big feature of the evening was the banquet, at which F. C. Miller presided as toastmaster. He addressed his audience in German, and was followed by Otto Kiemperer, who spoke in English. Among the other speakers were: George Locklin of the Enterprise Bed company, Attorney John F. Riley, Dr. W. F. Howatt, Dr. E. M. Shanklin and E. F. Johnston. All were enthusiastic about the consolidated organization, which grew out of the Hammond Saengerbund and the Fidella, of which they are now members.

Locklin Studying German.

Mr. Locklin assured his hearers that now since he is thrown in among the Germans he has made arrangements with a German tutor in order to make himself more proficient in the language of the Fatherland. The remarks by the others were equally well put and many a laugh was brought forth. The outlook for the new club-house

is most promising, and all the members are now anxious to see the actual beginning of the work.

The plans and preparations are still in the formative period, and the possibilities are that no definite steps will be taken until the membership is complete.

Owls Meet Shively.

Dan Shuck returned from South Bend today, where he attended a convention of the Order of Owls. Mr. Shuck says that he met Senator Shively there and that the senator was a guest of the Owls at a banquet. Dan Shuck is very well impressed with South Bend and says that Hammond has got to go some before it can ever be the city that South Bend is.

Dies of Pneumonia.

Vasella Straga, 28 years old, died last night at the local hospital from typhoid-pneumonia. Straga lived at Indiana Harbor and had been ill for some time. His funeral will be held tomorrow.

Baby Clayton Dead.

Rose Clayton, the two months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Clayton, died last night at the Gibson home. The funeral has been arranged for tomorrow afternoon, interment to be at Oak Hill cemetery.