

THE AFTER-HOUSE

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price of the elimination of Huerta?"

"Dispute the situation or belated the issue as you may, there is no escaping from the naked truth that for the first time the people of this great nation are urged to surrender under pressure," declared Mr. Knowland in the House. "I entertain a high regard for the President of the United States. His patriotism and honesty of purpose I would not attempt to question. However, like all members of the human family, he is apt to err. In this instance an apparent error in judgment in handling the Mexican situation has necessitated the latest move, at least his message so hints. The most characteristic thing to say is that he has been imposed upon."

That national honor should be placed before party platform was the declaration of Representative Thompson of Illinois, a Progressive, in support of the recent resolution. He was one of the few Bull Moosemen who have openly supported the President's policy.

"Although the Progressive party platform contains a plank for free trade, I have not been able to escape the conviction that the situation is in violation of the plain terms of the treaty," Thompson stated. "I believe our national honor is involved."

The Progressive, however, disputed President Wilson's statement that the United States is the only Government interpreting the treaty in favor of authority to exempt American citizens.

Both campaigns were held by both sides at "councils of war" before the House convened. It was expected that the twenty hours' debate allowed would terminate late Tuesday afternoon. The President's managers attempted to rush through the debate to a vote Tuesday, to prevent a postponement until Thursday over "controversial" matters.

As a dramatic climax and effort to "win" the House, the opposition planned to have Speaker Clark make the closing speech Tuesday. The President's managers knew of and planned against this move. They proclaimed confidence that such a move by the Speaker would solidly reveal that alienate Democrats who voted yesterday with the President.

Clark, however, is declared to have made up his mind to attack the measure and possibly widen the breach which he has created between President Wilson and himself.

TEACHER SLAIN, HER BODY FOUND HIDDEN IN BUSHES

Mystery in Fate of Young Woman Attacked After She Left Home on Errand.

LETTIE PALLA, N. Y., March 28.—The body of Miss Lydia Beecher, a high school teacher at Poland, Herkules County, was found in a clump of bushes on the outskirts of this village to-day. She had been murdered with a knife, apparently after having been attacked.

The young woman left her boarding-house last night to mail a letter at the village post-office. When she did not return search for her was begun, but it was not until to-day that Henry Fitch, a farmer, driving along the road, sighted the body.

Miss Beecher was twenty-one years old and formerly lived at Seneca, N. Y. She had taught school at Poland for two years. The authorities took a man in custody to-day as a suspect.

The prisoner's name is Gamali, and he is said to have been recently expelled from school by Miss Beecher. His associates say that he was seen talking with the young woman last night. He could not be found at his home, but was traced to Newport, four miles from the scene of the crime.

Poland is a village of three hundred persons, and the school in which Miss Beecher taught drew its pupils from the Herkules County region of the Adirondacks.

The county has not been so stirred by any other crime since the murder of Grace Brown by Chester Dillip in this section eight years ago.

150 FALL WITH STAND AS BOAT CREWS RACE

LONDON, March 28.—A barge platform on the Thames River on which 150 spectators were standing collapsed during the Cambridge-Oxford boat race to-day and all were thrown into the hold of the barge. Fourteen persons were injured, most of them sustaining broken legs.

LESTER ORR ALONE GO-RESPONDENT IN STONEBREAKER SUIT

Referee Finds for Husband, It Is Said, and Report Is in Court.

EVIDENCE KEPT SECRET.

Neither "Big Bill" Edwards Nor B. Clifford Kline, Once Named, Were Called.

E. Oving Towne, attorney for Joseph R. Stonebreaker, filed a motion in the Supreme Court before Justice Bijur to-day to confirm the report of Referee Enos S. Booth, recommending a divorce, it is understood, in favor of Stonebreaker. The case evoked wide interest a few weeks ago because of the number of prominent men mentioned by the husband's attorneys as friends of the wife.

The hearings have been held with much secrecy before Referee Booth. Early in the inquiry the lawyers, Mr. Towne for the husband, and Joseph R. Truesdale and Walter Russell for the wife, found it necessary to confine the testimony to one correspondent, who happened to be Lester Orr of the Moon Hopkins Hilling Machine Company. The limitation of the evidence against Mrs. Stonebreaker was made because the husband's attorneys said that they would offer testimony to one or two of the men mentioned. Orr happened to be the unlucky man, one of the lawyers said.

It was also estimated to-day by B. Clifford Kline, brother of the former Mayor, against whom the husband's charges were withdrawn after the complaint was filed, was represented by an attorney at the hearings. Mr. Kline's name, however, was not mentioned before the referee. None of the numerous other men spoken of before the trial, including "Big Bill" Edwards, former Commissioner of Street Cleaning, attended the hearings, although Mr. Edwards was served as a witness in the case when it was on the calendar of Part III. of the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Stonebreaker did not offer the resistance to the husband's plea for a divorce which early developments in the sensational case promised. Her lawyers rigorously cross-examined the husband's witnesses, but did not enter evidence to support the referee that there was no legal cause for Stonebreaker's suit.

Under the terms of the proposed decree it is said the children, Joseph R. J., aged five years, and Nancy Calvert, two years, will be awarded to the parents of Mrs. Stonebreaker, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stillwell, who reside in Baltimore, the present home of the husband, and of Mrs. Stonebreaker before she relinquished the duties of a leading young society girl to come to New York as Stonebreaker's wife.

It was also estimated to-day by The Evening World's informant that a lively contest is likely between the husband and wife over the custody of the two children.

Early to-day Mrs. Stonebreaker to-day at the home of her friend, Mrs. Anna Lee, at No. 741 West End avenue, failed. Mrs. Lee stated Mrs. Stonebreaker was away automobiling and had not been at her home in weeks.

HELD IN \$4,000 BAIL FOR THREATENING WOMAN

John Burt, an ex-Convict, is Accused by Miss Virginia M. Foreman.

John Burt, who has been in prison for picking pockets, was held by Magistrate Nolan in Yorkville Court to-day in \$4,000 bail on the charge of threatening a woman, a milliner of No. 601 Madison avenue, that he attempted to extort money from her.

Miss Foreman complained to the police that Burt had written her a letter in which he demanded \$1,000 to "fix" a charge against him for which he is on bail. If she did not send the money, he said, he would blow up her shop.

Every day after March 23, when the letter was sent, Miss Foreman said that Burt called her on the telephone.

"Do I get that money?" he always asked. The milliner said she had known the man and could not be mistaken in the voice.

Detectives Haines and Oswald of the East Fifth-street station told her to make an appointment to meet Burt last evening. They arrested him as soon as he appeared. Burt, a friend of Burt, was held in \$4,000 bail for disorderly conduct.

Miss Foreman declined to tell the detectives how she became acquainted with Burt, saying that there was no way in which he could harm her reputation.

Woman in Divorce Case in Which Evidence Is Kept Secret



LOOT WORTH \$8,000 SEIZED AND BRONX GANG RUN DOWN

End of the Flat Robberies Thought Certain With Alleged "Fence" Caught.

Honors have come thick and fast upon George M. S. Schulz, whom Gov. Glynn has just appointed Public Service Commissioner of the First District to succeed John E. Eustis. He was appointed Surrogate of the Bronx last November and now in March is presented with a five-year job at \$15,000 a year.

"Until half past 9 last night I hadn't an idea that my name was even being considered for the Public Service Commission," he said to-day. "I am told that I was not chosen until 3 o'clock this morning."

"No official announcement of the appointment has been sent to me. So just at present I'm Surrogate of the Bronx, engaged in the task of signing decrees admitting wills to probate."

Of course, there was great rejoicing at No. 1410 Crotona Park East. That's where the Surrogate and Mrs. Schulz live. Until the morning papers arrived there he had no idea that Gov. Glynn had appointed him. But the telephone began to ring at about the time the papers were delivered, and the sun shone in the house even if it didn't outdoors.

What was Mr. Commissioner Schulz's first semi-official act as Public Service Commissioner? It was to take Mrs. Schulz in his arm and walk from their house to the court in all the rain.

"And it was just like having the villagers come out to greet you," he said later in his office. "I think I met almost every man I know in the Bronx and every one of them had a congratulatory hand stuck out for me and Mrs. Schulz. Then when I reached the office the telegrams began to arrive—also the telephone messages which had failed to find me at home."

There was a batch of telegrams and notes on Mr. Schulz's desk. Among them were messages from Col. Jacob Ruppert, Assemblyman Thomas J. Lane, Coroner William J. Flynn of the Bronx, Harry Robitzer, the Alderman, and many others, including the various bodies in the Property Owners' Association, in whose behalf Mr. Schulz has long been an active worker.

Mr. Schulz is forty-three years old and was born in this city. After an attendance at the public schools he entered the College of the City of New York and was graduated from it in 1892, having been president and orator of his class. Two years later he was graduated from the New York Law School, and in the same year, 1894, was admitted to the bar.

In 1907-08 he was a member of the Assembly and in 1908-10 a State Senator representing the Twenty-second Senate District.

Woman Trice to End Life. Augusta Koplener, forty-nine years old, of No. 78 Clinton street, Maspeth, L. I., attempted suicide this morning by cutting her throat. She was found by her husband, Martin, at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Koplener was taken to St. John's Hospital at Hunter's Point. Her chances for recovery are slight. Her husband told the police he knew of no reason for her act.

VILLA IN TORREON IS BEATING BACK FEDERAL TROOPS

Gaining City Block by Block, While Facing Shells From Guns on Housetops.

HAND TO HAND CLASH.

Huerta Troops Make Desperate Stand to Hold the City—Dead Lie in Heaps.

(By United Press.) GOMEZ PALACIO, Durango, March 28.—Although fully three-quarters of the city is already in control of Gen. Francisco Villa's Constitutional army and the outcome is no longer in doubt, Torreon has not yet surrendered. Hand to hand fighting of the most desperate character has been in progress in the streets all night but at an early hour to-day Gen. Refugio Velasco, the commander of the Federal forces, had not abandoned hope and had not ceased to fight.

He told his men that he would never abandon the stronghold entrusted to his care until the last man of his garrison is gone and his own life has been forfeited. Despite this display of spirit, the Constitutional forces are so overwhelming in number and equipment that it is believed the final crushing blow of Gen. Villa's Torreon campaign cannot be delayed longer than noon to-day.

This was the signal for Villa, and he immediately ordered his troops, who had been resting all day in preparation for the battle, to attack. The rebel artillery fire, which had continued without intermission all night, was increased. Villa's rebel troops advanced at the double-quick and poured a galling rifle fire into the defenders' ranks.

The resistance of the Federalists at the northern outskirts was weaker than had been anticipated and Villa was able to get into Torreon proper without difficulty.

To-day's fighting is proceeding in the midst of most harrowing scenes. So incessant has been the bombardment of Torreon since last Sunday that Velasco has not had time to dispose of his dead. The streets of Torreon are strewn with human corpses and carcasses of horses. The weather is intensely hot.

THIRTEEN BIG JOBS GIVEN OUT BY GLYNN, FAVORING TAMMANY.

Public Service Commissioner, First District—GEORGE M. S. SCHULZ of the Bronx, to succeed John E. Eustis. Salary \$15,000 a year.

Public Service Commissioner, Second District—WILLIAM TEMPLE HENNET of Westchester County, to succeed James E. Sagne, and FRANK IRVING of Ithaca, to succeed Curtis N. Douglas, term expired. Salary \$15,000 a year.

Conservation Commissioner—FREDERICK E. MCABE of Albany, to succeed James W. Fleming, whose term will expire Dec. 1, 1914. Salary \$10,000 a year.

Superintendent of Insurance—FRANK HASSBROUCK of Foughkeeps, to succeed William Temple Emmet, resigned; salary \$10,000 a year.

Superintendent of Banks—EUGENE LAMB RICHARDS of New Brighton, S. I., to succeed George C. Van Tuijl Jr., whose term is about to expire; salary \$10,000 a year.

Commissioner of the Board of Claims—WILLIAM A. GARDNER of Amsterdam, reappointed.

State Tax Commissioner—THOMAS F. BYRNES of Brooklyn, reappointed. Salary \$6,000 a year.

State Workmen's Compensation Commission—HOWARD TOWNSEND ROBERTS of Rochester, for the term expiring Jan. 1, 1917.

RICHEST PLUMS IN STATE HANDED OVER TO TAMMANY BY GOV. GLYNN

Man's short stay in the Executive Chamber, but switched when Tammany soured on Sulszer and was one of counsel for the prosecution in the impeachment proceedings. He was also counsel to the Frawley Committee, which gathered the evidence on which Sulszer was removed.

Thomas F. Byrnes of Brooklyn, reappointed Tax Commissioner, is a veteran machine Democrat, the personal choice of John F. McCooey and, of course, Charles F. Murphy. Gov. Glynn didn't want to reappoint Byrnes, but he had to placate the McCooey Senators from Kings, who threatened to hold up his other appointments unless he put Byrnes across.

The one fly in the ointment for Murphy. That was lacking to make the Tammany victory complete was the appointment of James J. Hoey as Superintendent of Insurance. Here was an appointment that Murphy wanted.

Mr. Hoey is the deputy superintendent in charge of the New York office. He was after the big job himself and he has organized indorsement but wonderfully strong backing from real estate, financial and insurance interests of New York City. But Hoey is too frankly and openly Tammany and his appointment would have given Tammany Hall about everything in sight, so he was sacrificed to make way for William Church Osborn's man.

So Tammany comes out of this legislative session stronger than it was when it went in. With Mr. Schulz on the First District Public Service Commission, Tammany has control of that body. As for the Legislature, that branch of the Government was so busy playing politics at the close of the session that the business of the State was trampled under foot.

The two Houses fought, wrangled, fenced, fenced, traded, dickered and then quit in petulant anger. The Assembly closed its doors at 2.30 this morning, but the Senate sat on until 5 o'clock, finishing up with routine pet measures.

Having deserted their duty, the Governor will be obliged to call the legislators back at some later day in extra session, in order that business of the State may not be stepped for lack of money. The law does not permit of any expenditure being made without the money having first been provided by a vote of the Legislature.

GLYNN MAKES NOMINATIONS FOR BIG PLACES AT 1.30 A. M. Appropriations are made for the fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1. The departments can go on, therefore, until the end of September on present funds. No announcement has been made of the probable date of the extra session, whether it will be early or very late.

To the extraordinary scenes of legislative disorder in the closing hours Glynn added an executive spectacle by filling some of the most important offices in the State at 1.30 o'clock in the morning after a day of bargaining and dickerings with politicians and bosses.

The Executive Chamber in the Capitol has been the stage of many remarkable political events, but never has it had such a spectacle as was seen in the early hours of this morning. Messengers summoned the newspaper correspondents from the legislative halls to the Governor's office. A dozen or more hastily gathered there.

The hour was 1.30. On a table lay a pile of typewritten sheets containing the list of newly appointed State officers. The Governor stood by.

As the correspondents read over the list their faces betrayed their sentiments. Quickly the Governor spoke. "I ask you to see who the men are before you write your articles," he said. "I think they are high class men. I am not asking any favors as a square deal."

In the Senate, at 1 A. M., the newly made State officials were all confirmed after expression of regret by Senator Brown, Republican leader, that such an extraordinary course should have been followed.

John B. Riley as State Superintendent of Prisons was also confirmed by the Senate. In fact, every nomination made by the Governor was approved by the upper branch of the Legislature.

All day the political leaders had been working on the Governor. Lieut.-Gov. Wagner was there representing Tammany Boss Murphy, assisted by Senator Foley, from Murphy's home district. John H. McCooey, Democratic boss of Brooklyn, and Tammany's ally, was in repeated conferences. The long distance telephone to New York was busy.

William Church Osborn, the new reform State Chairman, was there, too, trying to combat the professional political influence. He fought the Tammany men. He balked at "Packey" McCabe, but Gov. Glynn stood by the men he started out to overthrow.

a committee at 5 o'clock this morning to notify the other House the Senate was ready to adjourn. In solemn state the committee marched to the Assembly chamber and found there only a watchman, sound asleep. He was aroused and the message delivered to him with as much composure as if he had been the Speaker.

Then the committee marched back to the Senate and reported that its duties had been performed.

BUSINESS MANAGER FOR OLEAN BY ITS COMMISSION CHARTER.

ALBANY, March 28.—Among the last bills passed by the Legislature was one granting a commission charter to Olean.

In this bill the Democratic Senate came face to face with the recall feature and refused to pass the measure until the recall section, which would have applied to five commissioners, was removed. The bill then passed after having been held up for almost a week. The Assembly made no objection to the recall.

Supporters of the Olean plan say that when the Governor signs the bill which he intended to do, they will have in operation one of the most modern charter plans in the country. The five commissioners will be selected on a non-partisan ticket and a voter may express his first, second and third choice. They may retain a city manager, who will draw a salary, but no commissioner will be compensated.

Raised to Priesthood. George Zentgraf and George Kreidel of the parish of the Holy Family were raised to the priesthood to-day by the Right Rev. Cusack, Auxiliary Bishop of the New York Archdiocese. Fathers Zentgraf and Kreidel officiated at their first mass in the parish church on April 1.

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