

ALLIES BATTLE TO DRIVE AUSTRIA FROM WAR—TO PROBE HOUSE BRIBE RUMORS

ASSEMBLY TO PROBE CHANGE OF BRIBERY ON OSTEOPATH BILL

Committee of Seven Appointed and Given Authority to Issue Subpoenas for Production of Witnesses and Papers—Governor Confirms Interview With Republican Floor Leader

MOORE SAYS DOCTOR TOLD HIM THAT MUCH MONEY WAS USED

The House of Assembly is to make a thorough investigation into the charges of graft that created such a sensation yesterday afternoon. The seriousness of the charges is realized by the House and a committee has been named to have power to probe the matter searching, issue subpoenas for the production of witnesses and papers and to take testimony under oath to ascertain whether or not improper influences have been used to obtain the passage of Senate bill No. 133.

The name of former Assemblyman Hervey S. Moore, of this city, has been mentioned as one of those from whom the graft charges emanated. For the past seven months Mr. Moore has been the counsel for the New Jersey Osteopath Society, known as "the regulars." Mr. Moore said today that he had made no definite charges against any man. He related the story of an osteopath, one of those in favor of Senate Bill No. 133, who met him in the Assembly Chamber, pointing over to the Republican side of the House, Mr. Moore says, this osteopath said:

"There are some low-down grafters on that side of the House. It cost a lot of money to get that bill through." Mr. Moore absolutely refused to reveal the name of the osteopath who made the remark.

The committee named by Speaker Godfrey to conduct the investigation is as follows: Minority Leader Runyon, of Union, Chairman; Oliphant, of Mercer; Kates, of Camden; Minority Leader Agnew, of Salem; Sullivan, of Hudson; and Schoen, of Essex.

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been a controversy among the osteopaths of the state, with the result that the board has refused to license the graduates of this particular school upon the ground that it was not properly equipped for the purposes of this particular training.

HEARING ON BILL

Governor Fielder today announced a public hearing on the bill for next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The measure is now in his hands awaiting action, having passed both branches of the Legislature.

The newspaper stories contained an interview with Majority Leader Runyon, in which Mr. Runyon was quoted as saying that he had heard of these rumors and thought that they should be investigated. Mr. Barbours said he wanted to have the matter thoroughly investigated and proof furnished, particularly as the leader of the majority was quoted by the press. The Fassaic member said that not only for himself, but for the good name of the House and the State, which was one of the original 13 States of the Union, this matter should be sifted to the bottom.

At this time the only newspaper that had reached the floor of the House was the Trenton Evening Times, and Mr. Barbours presented the following resolution and asked its adoption:

"Resolved, that the editor and other officials of the Trenton Evening Times responsible for the publication and circulation of the paper known as the Trenton Evening Times under date of Thursday, April 8, 1915, be summoned forthwith before the bar of this House of Assembly to give testimony as to the reason for a two-column headline on the front page of that issue, which reads: 'Charge That Money Forced Osteopathy Bill Through House,' and also to produce, if possible, the names of the persons who were named in the article as having been previously appointed by Speaker Godfrey to investigate the charges of bribery in connection with the passage of the Osteopathy Bill."

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SENATE PRESIDENT EDGE (Who Looms Up for Seat in the U. S. Senate.)

EDGE BOOM AGAIN FORCES TO FRONT

Senate President Has Made Progress by Work in the Legislature

Following the successful piloting through the Legislature of the Economy and Efficiency bills, and their signing by Governor Fielder, has come a revival of the boom of President of the Senate Walter E. Edge of Atlantic County, for United States Senator in 1916. Already former Governor Edward C. Stokes and former Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen, have formally launched their candidacies for the Republican nomination, and it is looked upon as a foregone conclusion that former Governor Franklin Murphy will also be in the running. It is also being urged for Governor. He will be the acting Governor while Governor Fielder is in the West during the coming spring months.

Astute political observers of the state see in Edge first-class timber for either Governor or United States Senator, but the United States Senatorship seems to claim more consideration just now. He is energetic, resourceful and every inch a business man; and it is conceded that in this day of direct election of United States Senators the public is giving more consideration to the record of a candidate in private and public business than was given by Legislatures under the old system.

Edge has never been a radical. He has been known in New Jersey politics as one of the younger men who refused to tear down and "big" (Continued on Page Three.)

MILLIONS LEFT TO BRYN MAWR HEAD

Woman Educator Gets Bulk of Mary Garrett Fortune.

BALTIMORE, April 9.—Miss Mary Garrett died Saturday, left the bulk of her estate, estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000, to Miss M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College. There are no children, according to the will proposed.

No intimation of the exact value of the estate was obtainable now and only a nominal sum of \$900 was filed in the Orphans' Court.

The will gives to the Bryn Mawr School for Girls of this city the ground at the southwest corner of Preston and Cathedral Streets, now occupied by it, together with the buildings, furniture, apparatus and equipment, but requires it to maintain a school for girls as a college preparatory school, exclusively preparing girls to enter the college or colleges of the highest grade. It also releases the school from its indebtedness to Miss Garrett which occurred previous to 1902, amounting to about \$65,000.

Miss Garrett then bequeathed to Miss Thomas \$50,000 in trust to invest and pay over the net income to Bryn Mawr College. The trustees are Frances Harrison, during her life, and upon the death of Miss Harrison the trust property fund will fall to the residue of the estate.

JOHNS HOPKINS REMEMBERED. Miss Garrett's residence, southwest corner of Cathedral and Monument Streets, is given for life to Miss Thomas, and after her death the property is to go to Johns Hopkins University, providing it should hold the property or the proceeds of sale as part of the permanent endowment of the medical school of the university. The will provides that, in (Continued on Page Three.)

Overheard Last Night

Frogs "singing" in canal and nearby ponds, heralding advent of spring.

DROP FOLLOWS ANOTHER JUMP IN BETHLEHEM

Stock Goes to 115 Soon After Opening, But Quickly Falls Back to 103

WILD RUMORS AS TO MANY FLUCTUATIONS

Reports of Squeeze of Shorts in "Corner," "Melon-Cutting" and Threatened Probe of Manipulations Put Traders on Edge, and Some Refuse to Accept Any Margin Deals

NEW YORK, April 9.—Bethlehem Steel promises another wild day in the Stock Market today. Closing at 105 yesterday, after having leaped from 88 to 117, it went to 115 in the first few hours today and then back to 103.

Interest of all traders was centered in the industrial specialty because of its wild fluctuations of the last few days.

The wildest rumors were in circulation regarding the stock before the opening gong sounded today. Reports of a squeeze of shorts in a "corner" of the stock, a "melon cutting" in the form of a 100 per cent stock dividend and a threatened investigation of the manipulations by the exchange's board of governors put the traders on edge. Some brokers refused to accept any margin deals, in it today, declaring it was "dynamic."

It was pointed out that the rise from 88 to 117 yesterday and reaction to 105 at the close in a stock that has never paid a dividend and none in prospect officially made it a dangerous industrial for margin speculation. Old timers in the street said the Bethlehem rise resembled the bull campaign of Governor Flower in Brooklyn Rapid Transit stock 16 years ago, when it was pushed up to 137 without it having paid a dividend.

ENDEAVOR TO SAVE CONDEMNED SLAYER

Friends of Italian, Sentenced to Death Here, to Petition Pardons Court

Friends of Altino Fiorelli, the Italian condemned to death for killing his wife some months ago, are endeavoring to save the man's life. Members of the Italian colony are circulating petitions which are to be presented to the Board of Pardons, asking that the sentence be made life imprisonment instead of death.

They claim that the murder was due to the wife's behavior. Fiorelli was condemned to be executed next week of May 3 and his friends are now actively engaged with the circulation of petitions to be presented to the Pardons Court asking that the life of the man be spared.

FLYING MARTINS ARRIVE SAFELY IN ENGLAND

A cable message was received this morning announcing the safe arrival in London of the Flying Martins, the three Trenton aerialists who sailed several days ago to open an engagement in Europe. They were on the Rotterdam, of the Holland-American Line.

MARKED BOOM IN BUSINESS IS SHOWN THROUGHOUT NATION BY REPORTS OF BANK EXAMINERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—Business conditions throughout the country are showing marked improvement in almost all lines, according to reports from national banks made public last night by the Treasury Department. Eighty of the 90 examiners in the United States reported a permanent improvement in business and 40 reported that business continues especially active.

These reports are announced to be the result of careful observations, and supplemental to the regular reports on business conditions made each month to the Comptroller of the Currency.



MRS. JOHN T. D. BLACKBURN (Who Will Speak Here Tonight on Civic Garden Work.)

URGE ALL TO HEAR CIVIC GARDEN TALKS

Important Meeting This Evening in Chamber of Commerce Auditorium

Every resident of Trenton interested in the movement to secure a monster civic garden system is urged to attend the meeting to be held this evening at 8 o'clock, in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium, Broad Street Bank Building. The meeting is under the auspices of the Garden Club, the committee in charge being Miss Hall, Miss McMillan, and Miss Breece.

Mayor Donnelly, who has evidenced great interest in the project will preside. The principal speaker of the evening will be Mrs. John T. D. Blackburn, chairman of the Garden Club of Albany, N. Y. Mrs. Blackburn is thoroughly acquainted with and interested in the work. She has had wide experience and is a most pleasing speaker. Miss Wood, of the faculty of the Carroll Robbins School, who has taken a great interest in the gardening scheme for schools will also speak.

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"The New England and Middle Atlantic States and portions of the Central West, although generally reporting an improvement, seem to feel the past depression to the greatest extent. Farmers, however, generally have had satisfactory results; but manufacturing, with the exception of that to fill foreign orders, is feeling the improvement to the least extent. There is improvement, however, in most lines.

PILES OF DEAD HAMPER BATTLE; ALLIES NOW CRUSHING AUSTRIA; GERMANS TORPEDO BARK IN TOW

VILLISTA AGENCY DENYING DEFEAT

Say Fighting Only Commencing—Visit of Huerta Another U. S. Problem

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Claims of a sweeping Carranzista victory at Celaya, State of Queretaro, over a force commanded by General Villa in person, met with denial from the Villista agency today. It was stated that fighting there has only commenced.

At Tampico famine prevails and foreigners are believed to be in danger. Rear Admiral Caperton has been directed to keep a warship near Celaya, but officials still refuse comment on General Huerta's expected arrival in New York next Saturday. The State Department's legal experts are reported to have decided there is no way he can be kept out of the country. Carranza, it is said, will ask that admission be refused on the ground that Huerta plans to violate American neutrality by organizing a new revolution within its boundaries. If he can prove this, the department could act, but it is not believed he has any concrete proof.

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FEARS AGAIN OF FIGHT ON BORDER

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., April 9.—Alarm given here today that Villista forces intend attacking Matamoros from the south. This means bullets and shells will fall into this city. American troops are keeping close guard in the section where bullets spluttered this week.

Figures today place the Villista forces as outnumbering the Carranzista garrison 2 to 1.

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Submarine Attacks Tug and Then Sinks Other Vessel After Barely Escaping Disaster—Russians and French Co-operating in Great Drive Against Franz Josef's Forces

PARIS, April 9.—German trawlers, so choked with mangled German corpses the French troops were unable to occupy them, and woods full of dead and dying, were described in official dispatches today, telling of the terrible battles now raging around St. Mihiel.

So frightful has become the loss of life in the savage attacks against the German positions between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson and Etain that military operations actually are being halted by the piles of dead bodies. The battles are being waged with such fury that neither army has had time to go to the aid of its wounded, much less to bury the dead.

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SAY AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LOSSES IN FIGHTING REACH TO 300,000

LONDON, April 9.—On two great battlefields, 700 miles apart, the Allies are co-operating in a mighty attempt to crush Franz Josef's army and force Austria-Hungary to sue for peace.

Official and unofficial dispatches received here today indicated that the Allies are moving slowly to success. The Russians are pressing forward for this campaign with the Austro-Germans in retreat of nearly 100 miles. The fierce drives of the French around St. Mihiel have caused the Germans to send reinforcements originally ordered to smother the Russian onslaught in the Carpathians. Various reports indicate that Hungary is in a state of terror over the Austro-German advance and demanding that the dual monarchy ask a separate peace.

A Bucharest dispatch estimated that Austro-Hungarian losses in the defense of Hungary from invasion totaled more than 300,000. At least 100,000 of these were prisoners, according to the statement.

The Berlin claim that France's sudden offensive around St. Mihiel was directly linked with the Russian advance on the Carpathian passes is generally accepted here. Though aiming to smash the St. Mihiel wedge by the savage attacks of the French armies south of Verdun are believed to form part of a great plan of campaign worked out at Petrograd, Paris and London, General Joffre is sending the Kaiser too busy to send more aid to the retreating Austrians.

The same strategy according to the French, is being used by the British in the Mauthausen Lakes. While the Slavs were falling back out of East Prussia in a disordered retreat, their French allies began swift smashes against the German trenches in the Champagne. Von Hindenburg cried for reinforcements for a grand assault on Warsaw. The German General Staff has now to gear up every man available was plunging the German line around Perthes.

LONDON, April 9.—Sinking of a French bark laden with grain and an attack upon the Blue Funnel liner Theseus, from Liverpool to Java, were German submarine activities reported here today.

The British minister at South Shields, reported that while towing the French bark Colonel Foonis, off St. Catherine's Point yesterday, she sighted a German submarine rushing down upon her through a heavy fog. The Homer cut loose from the bark and attempted to ram the submarine, but missed by a margin of

LORD KITCHENER'S SPOKESMAN, DRAWING LESSONS FROM WAR, SAYS U. S. ARMY PLAN IS BEST

(NOTE—The Right Honorable Harold J. Tennant, Home Parliamentary Under-Secretary of War, is Lord Kitchener's official spokesman in the House of Commons. The following interview is the first since it indicates Tennant's approval of the American system of a volunteer army.)

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD (Copyrighted, 1915, by the United Press. Copyrighted in Great Britain.)

LONDON, April 9.—America is right in not having a great standing army, made up of men forced into service. America is right in demanding that all her young men should give the best years of their lives to military service. America is right in going on about her business, depending upon the expectation that when war does come her voluntary system can be expanded upon.

These are the conclusions that Americans may draw from this statement from the British war office made to the United Press today: "Unprecedented strains have been put upon the voluntary system in this war, and it has triumphantly withstood the ordeal." England and America are the only two first-class powers in the world that follow the voluntary system—the system of keeping militarism in the back ground and depending, in a pinch, on having their citizens come forward voluntarily to serve the country.

The statement was given me by the Right Hon. Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, the official spokesman for Lord Kitchener on the floor of the House of Commons. When you ask Harold J. Tennant questions about the war and war department you are meeting him on his home ground. He is the minister whose duty it is to tackle the oratorical questions that are asked by members of the Commons; Lord Kitchener answers questions in the House of Lords. "My people are thoroughly satisfied with the time and opportunity for action."