

LELAND STARTS INVESTIGATION

Coroner's Jury Views Bodies of the Victims of Sunday's Street Car Accident

RULES ARE VIOLATED

Statement by the Company Asserts That Brakes on Car Were in Perfect Condition

An official investigation of the street-car accident on Sunday at Clement street and Eighth avenue, in which Frederick Pensten and Harry Curran were killed and twelve others injured, was begun yesterday afternoon under the direction of Coroner Leland. The jury selected to determine the responsibility for the casualty, after viewing the remains of the unfortunate victims, visited the scene of the accident. A visit to the car barn and an inspection of the car followed. The inquest will be held Thursday, when all the witnesses will be examined.

Coroner Leland's Chief Deputy McCormack accompanied the jury, which is composed of the following citizens: M. V. Radovich, R. Hellwell, A. G. Nelson, C. Karski, Samuel Piercy, S. Pampinelli, E. J. Nye, H. G. Barkley and G. Gail.

Mrs. Laura J. McKenzie, 250 Jersey street, was among those seriously injured in the accident. She suffered a fracture of the left leg near the ankle.

REGRETS THE ACCIDENT.

The company regrets more than it can express the serious accident of yesterday at Eighth avenue and Clement street. A careful examination has been made of the matter, from which the following facts appear:

The line on which the accident occurred, namely the so-called Eddy and Fulton streets line, has its terminus at the Chutes opposite the Eleventh-avenue entrance to the park. This point is the outer terminus of the McAllister-street line.

On Sundays and on other days of increased travel the cars of the McAllister-street line arrive at and depart from the above terminus at intervals of two and one-quarter minutes, and there are always from two to four cars waiting to receive passengers bound for the city, while at the same time the cars of the Eddy and Fulton streets line arrive and depart from this terminus at intervals of three minutes, and there are never less than two of these cars waiting to receive passengers bound for the city.

On July 12 last the company withdrew from the line the small single-truck used thereon and substituted therefor large double-truck cars, thus increasing the carrying capacity of the line by fifty per cent. It may be added that no reduction has been made in the number of cars operated nor in the headway thereon on either of these lines. The result being as above stated, that the cars of the Eddy and Fulton streets line, the line on which the accident occurred, provide accommodations for fully fifty per cent more passengers than prior to July 12 last.

RULES ARE IMPERATIVE.

The rules of the company are imperative that all cars before crossing the tracks of an intersecting line must be brought to a full stop.

The accident in question occurred at an intersecting point.

The rules of the company also provide that cars must not run on curves at a speed greater than four miles per hour, and also that cars must not pass on curves unless sure of safe clearance.

The car in question, No. 1017, was released with increased braking rigging within a month, and when tested on several grades was stopped without difficulty at any desired point on such grades. Since the accident this car has been again severely tested with the same results.

Exceeding the curve where the accident occurred the car in question was compelled to ascend a slight grade for about a block, which, of course, would tend to overcome the momentum of the car.

The car in question was crowded, a condition which the company seems at times unable to prevent, for no matter how many cars may be waiting at a terminal where large crowds of passengers are assembled, passengers will invariably rush to the first outgoing car.

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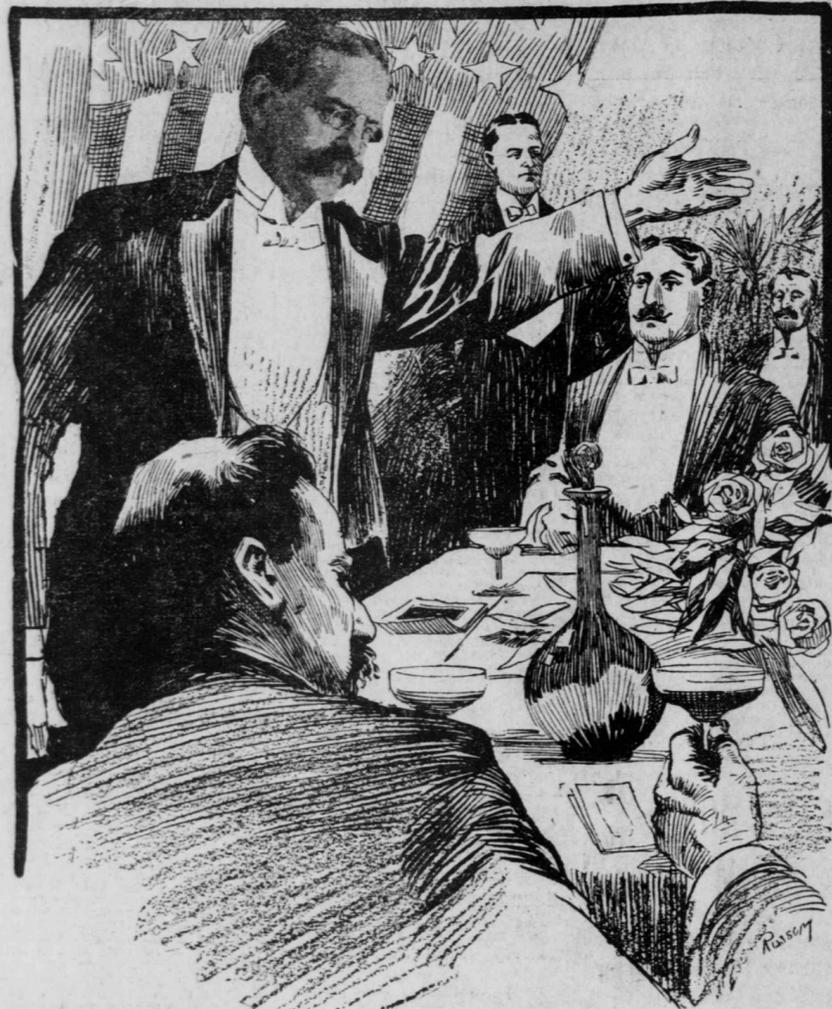
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CELEBRATES COMMISSIONING OF BATTLESHIP WITH FEAST



W. H. JORDAN, WHO PRESIDED AT THE BANQUET GIVEN LAST NIGHT IN THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL BY THE OHIO SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA ON THE OCCASION OF COMMISSIONING THE BATTLESHIP NAMED IN HONOR OF THE BUCKEYE STATE.

Ohio Society Gives Banquet at St. Francis in Honor of New Acquisition to the Navy.

The banquet of the Ohio Society of California last night at the St. Francis Hotel was a brilliant success. The occasion was to mark the commissioning of the battleship Ohio. The presence of Senator Fairbanks added to the interest of the occasion, and this, coupled with the presentation of a stand of colors and a loving cup to the battleship Ohio, made the occasion a memorable one.

The presence of a large number of wives and lady friends of the members of the society also added to the general joyousness of the occasion. The women were all beautifully arrayed in handsome evening gowns. The decorations were simple, but of artistic arrangement. Over 200 participated in the entertainment. Music, both vocal and instrumental, were leading features.

Hon. W. H. Jordan was toastmaster. Following was the program: Address and presentation of colors, toastmaster; response, Captain C. L. Logan, U. S. N.; presentation of loving cup, Bishop M. C. Harris; response, Captain C. L. Logan, U. S. N.; "Our True Greatness," Hon. D. M. Delmas; "The Contributions of Ohio to the Political History of the Nineteenth Century," Professor Henry Morse Stephens; presentation to battleship Ohio; stand of colors, by Ohio Society of California; loving cup, by Miss Helen, Drestler of Columbus, Ohio.

This was carried out to a most successful issue. Naturally the arrival of Senator Fairbanks created a great display of enthusiasm. The entire company arose, cheered and waved handkerchiefs as the Republican candidate for Vice President of the United States entered the banquet hall, during which the orchestra played "Hail to the Chief." When the applause had subsided, Richard J. Jose, the well known singer, rendered three songs in his inimitable style. They were: "Time and Tide," "Belle Brandon" and "With All Her Faults."

EULOGIZES MCKINLEY.

Senator Fairbanks said in part: "I feel at home among you here to-night. The same goodfellowship that exists in Ohio exists in this grand golden State of yours. I say 'yours' because although the majority of you here to-night were born in Ohio, you have become sons and daughters of this State by adoption."

"One great thing that distinguishes Ohio is the high character of her citizens. We are proud of the great battleship that is named for our State, but our strength is not in the navy or the army; it is in the hearts of the American people. (Great applause.) Three names of great men arise before one who comes from the Buckeye State. They are Sherman, Grant and McKinley. (Great cheering.) One of

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the greatest of these was McKinley. Years will come and go, but the influence of his name will never fade. It is coupled with that of Lincoln and Washington."

At the conclusion of his remarks Senator Fairbanks begged to be excused and with a warm expression of his regrets that the time limit prevented him from a further enjoyment of the Society of Ohio, he left the banquet hall, the guests all standing as he departed. The presentation of the magnificent American flag that is to float on the battleship Ohio was a handsome ceremony. The emblem was raised aloft in front of the balcony and the entire company rose and sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

Captain Logan in behalf of the ship, accepted it in fitting terms. His remarks were frequently punctuated with applause.

He also received the silver loving cup presented to the Ohio by Miss Helen Drestler of Columbus, Ohio, and read a copy of a letter he had written to her on behalf of the ship and the State in accepting the beautiful gift. He closed his remarks by inviting the members of the Ohio Society to visit his vessel on the 15th inst. as the guests of himself and the officers in command.

CONQUESTS FOR FRIENDSHIP.

The remarks of Hon. D. M. Delmas were listened to with profound attention. The purport of his speech was to the effect that the strength of America laid upon the influence of her sense of justice, an dthat her conquests should be made by friendship.

The banquet came to a close by all present arising and joining in a grand chorus in singing "America."

The following were present: Senator Fairbanks, Admiral Henry Glass, Admiral Merrill Miller, Bishop M. C. Harris, Capt. C. L. Logan, U. S. N.; Lieut. Commander W. W. Buchanan, U. S. N.; Lieut. Commander M. A. Anderson, U. S. N.; Lieut. C. M. Stone, U. S. N.; Surgeon W. C. Braisted, U. S. N.; Lieut. W. T. Pollock, U. S. N.; Lieut. McKean, U. S. N.; Capt. J. T. Bootes, U. S. M. C.; Paymaster Jonathan Brooks, U. S. N.; Lieut. C. S. Owen, U. S. M. C.; Midshipman E. M. Robinson, U. S. N.; Midshipman M. K. Metcalf, U. S. N.; D. M. Delmas, Henry Morse Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jose, Admiral McCalla, John McNaught, David Bush, A. T. Corbus, Edward L. Baldwin, A. F. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Scheer, Mr. and Mrs. Maule, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Payot, Dr. Brandley Plymire and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Klein, Mr. and Mrs. B. Treat, Addie L. Ballou, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dollar, Melville Dollar, Louis P. McCarty, Amy McCarty, R. J. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Arter, Sarah F. Goss, John H. Ware, Mrs. J. de Bonnet, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Polard, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Crim, Dr. T. E. Moore and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Law, B. Warner Rice, W. K. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. W. Blackwell, J. F. Lott, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Reiser, Grove F. Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickinson, E. H. Mozart, Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe, Dr. C. C. Wadsworth, Dr. C. W. Bronson, Dr. Rupert Blue, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Koster, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Flint, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whiteside, F. W. G. Moebus, Sarah E. Houlton, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Pettus, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ring, Dr. A. W. Kirk and wife, F. Kingsbury, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Niggle, Edwin G. Fulton, E. J. Clinton, John M. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Andrews, George D. Metcalf, J. A. Bachelor, Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Baker, Olive Baker, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davenport, Mrs. Arville Moffer, Mrs. G. H. Fish, Mrs. J. P. Woodbury, Mr. and Mrs. B. Nason, George McCallon, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brenner, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Day, Horace Apple-

CHILD DROPS REVOLVER AND IS BADLY WOUNDED

Bullet Pierces Lung of Four-Year-Old Washington Girl and Strikes Her Grandmother.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 3.—Maud Farris, aged 4 years, while removing a revolver from a buggy in which the family had returned from a visit yesterday, allowed the weapon to drop and the impact exploded the cartridge, which was of large caliber. The ball passed into the right side of the child's waist, left the body below the left arm, sped on and struck the child's grandmother, Mrs. William Farris, in the head, inflicting a severe scalp wound.

Physicians report that the bullet severed the child's liver and penetrated one lung. Their first diagnosis led no hope for the child's recovery. Now they say little Maud will live unless complications set in. The Farris family live near Asotin, Wash.

Two Killed in Explosion.

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 3.—The corning mill of the Dupont Powder Company near Peckville blew up and killed Richard Halsey and Walter Alworth, employes. Other buildings nearby were set afire and the flames are still burning fiercely.

A pack train of twenty-five horses, with all of their accoutrements, will be one of the novelties at the World's Fair. The unusual spectacle will be sent by the citizens of Wyoming to mark Wyoming day.

LOOK FORWARD TO INDICTMENT

Commissioners of Election Under Fire for Changes in the Precinct Boards

STEFFENS A FUGITIVE

Police Believe He Has Fled. Judge Sloss Hears the Petition to Free Wyman

The Election Commissioners are now on the rack in connection with the frauds at the primary election. The five members of the board, A. W. Voorsanger, E. C. Leffingwell, J. A. Devoto, Thomas Maguire and R. W. Roberts, were before the Grand Jury last evening, and it looked for a while as if they would be indicted forthwith for failure to observe the law as to the appointment of election officers. After deliberation the jurors decided to make further investigation, and when they adjourned the statement was given out that definite action may be taken next Thursday afternoon, when another meeting will be held.

Each of the Commissioners, when called before the jury last evening, was asked the following questions: "Are you aware of the equipment of the law that election officers must be taxpayers?" "Are you aware that an election officer must have been a resident of the precinct in which he serves for at least thirty days?"

The answers in each case were in the affirmative, and when explanation was attempted that in the opinion of the Commissioners the statute was unconstitutional in that it requires a property qualification for a person to hold public office, Chairman Lilienfeld promptly called a halt and excused the witnesses.

The Commissioners were willing to admit that they had not obeyed the statute, and this fact appeared to be sufficient for the Grand Jury. But when the matter was thrashed out later by the jurors the basis for accusation did not appear so clear to them as when the testimony was being taken.

The night before the primaries a number of changes in boards of election officers were made in the Registrar's office. In the Eighth and "Alms-house" precinct only one officer served of those originally appointed. The five substitutes were appointed at the eleventh hour and were not residents of the precinct. In precincts 73 and 103 there were similar changes at the last moment.

WERE SUMMARILY DISPLACED.

It is common report that a number of those who had been regularly appointed desired to serve as election officers but were not allowed to do so, being displaced by the midnight appointments. The rosters show much fraud in these precincts and the attention of the Grand Jury was therefore drawn to the actions of the Election Commissioners.

The Commissioners declare that the substitute appointments at the eleventh hour were made because those who had been regularly appointed signified their inability to serve. They assert that resignations are on file in the Registrar's office from every election officer who was displaced. The members of the board are certain that they will be called upon to answer indictments, and are loud in the declaration that the grand jurors are unscrupulously "doing politics."

The Grand Jury also took testimony regarding the conduct of the election in precinct 103, the roster of which reveals illegal voting on an extensive scale. The witnesses examined were Joe Hayes, J. R. Pringle, Curtis Hillier, M. C. Davis, Policeman Henry J. Pyle, Police Sergeant William Williams and Detective J. F. Dinan. Hayes, Pringle and Hillier told of the misconduct they saw on the part of alleged staffers. The incident was inquired into of the man who attempted to vote another's name and ran away when he was challenged.

NO TRACE OF STEFFENS.

Captain of Detectives Burnett took steps last night to institute an energetic hunt for Adolf Steffens, who was indicted by the Grand Jury for illegally voting the name of C. C. Crew at the primary election. The captain gave it as his opinion that Steffens had fled the city. No trace has been found of him since the bench warrant was issued. He was last seen on Thursday night.

The petition of Charles Wyman to be freed of the charge of ballot-box stuffing on the ground that the primary law is unconstitutional was heard by Judge Sloss of the Superior Court yesterday, the defendant being in court on habeas corpus proceedings instituted last Friday while his preliminary examination was in progress before Police Judge Cabanis.

It is not regarded as likely that Judge Sloss will upset the primary law. In any event he will not permit any delay of the case so far as he is concerned, for he made the announcement that he would render his decision at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

At 11 o'clock the examination before Judge Cabanis is to be resumed, and Judge Sloss will relieve any uncertainty in time for the proceeding in the court.

The whole day was consumed by the attorneys in their arguments yesterday, R. H. Countryman pleading for the defendant and John A. Hosmer, special prosecutor, employed by the Merchants' Association, for the people. The chief point advanced by the petitioner was that the requirement that a party shall have cast 3 per cent of the total vote at the preceding election to entitle it to hold a convention and obtain place on the official ballot is in conflict with the provisions of both the State and United States constitutions as to discrimination in privileges. He pointed out that a party that is a national factor and substantially organized might in some communities be declared, under the law, from participation in an election.

To this contention Hosmer urged that there must be regulation and that the 3 per cent regulation was not discriminatory. Any body of persons, who could present a petition with 3 per cent of the voters, would be given the same privileges as are granted to established parties. In this manner fair play was assured to all in a reasonable manner.

Egg Inspectors Union Formed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Egg inspectors, also known as egg testers, have organized and now have a union scale of wages here. The organization was named the Egg Inspectors' Union and has received a charter from the American Federation of Labor.

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DA SILVA CASE GOES OVER.

Judge de Haven yesterday continued the arraignment of L. A. Eca da Silva until next Thursday. Da Silva was represented by E. M. Shortridge. Da Silva was indicted with Lee Toy by the Federal Grand Jury for being engaged in the importation of Chinese women for immoral purposes.

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