

INSURANCE MEN MAY BE INDICTED

Merchants' Association Calls on
District Attorney to Ascertain
What Action Can be Taken.

WANTS CIVIL SUIT BROUGHT

Dist. Atty. Jerome to be Asked to Re-
consider His Decision About an Ex-
traordinary Session of Grand Jury.

New York, Oct. 12.—The Merchants' association of New York, through its board of directors, today adopted resolutions calling on the district attorney of New York county to ascertain whether an indictment cannot be found against officers of life insurance companies who have contributed the funds of the companies to the political campaign committees. The association also asks that civil action be instituted by the state attorney-general looking to the restitution of the money so contributed.

In addition to the adoption of the resolutions the Merchants' association announced that Dist. Atty. Jerome would be requested to reconsider his determination not to ask for an extraordinary session of the grand jury to consider the matter at this time.

"Whereas, In the judgment of this board, the excuse offered for these payments violates every sound principle of business morality and would justify the illegal diversion of public and private trust funds of every description; and

"Whereas, This board believes that the interests of the community demand that this misappropriation, if a crime, should be visited with adequate punishment; that law should be enforced irrespective of the station of the offender; and that nothing could be more operative as a check upon corruption than conviction of the offender as a common thief;

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this board, prompt and energetic steps should be taken by the district attorney of the county of New York to ascertain whether an indictment cannot be found against the presidents of such companies and other officers concerned with the payments; and that it is the opinion of this board that the attorney-general of the state should institute civil proceedings for the return of said sums to the treasuries of the respective companies."

Judge Tucker Asked to Resign.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, William D. McKenna, has been requested to resign.

Several months ago charges were pre-

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ferred against Justice Tucker involving his personal conduct as a member of the territorial judiciary. These charges were presented to the president and were referred by him to the department of justice for investigation. The request for the resignation was based upon the findings of that investigation.

W. R. HEARST NAMED FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK

New York, Oct. 12.—William Randolph Hearst was nominated for mayor of New York tonight at a convention of the Municipal Ownership league and allied organizations, held in Carnegie hall. The convention was a popular one, the public generally being invited. The accommodations of the big hall were taxed to the limit and the crowd outside the building was estimated at several thousands.

Mr. Hearst was tendered the nomination several days ago by the committee of 17 of the Municipal Ownership league and accepted, tonight's action being in the nature of a ratification. Judge Samuel Seabury animated Mr. Hearst amid much enthusiasm. The delegates cheered and waved flags, the demonstration continuing for several minutes.

The convention then named former State Senator John Ford for city comptroller and J. G. Phelps Stokes for president of the board of aldermen.

"The platform demands," the immediate establishment and operation by the city of a plant for the sale and distribution of gas to all citizens at half the price now charged; the construction of subways by the city and their operation by the city, and in connection with subways, the construction of adequate pipe galleries, which shall remain the property of the city; an extension of the system of direct employment of labor by the city on public works at the prevailing rate of wages for an eight-hour day; home rule for New York City and protection against abuse of power by the legislature, and that the "government of the city be returned to the people and be exercised for the people of the city."

EMMONS FOUND GUILTY.

Former California Senator Accepted Bribes.

Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 12.—The jury in the case of former Senator E. J. Emmons, charged with accepting a bribe during the last session of the state legislature, returned a verdict of guilty this evening.

When the verdict was rendered Mrs. Emmons, who has been in constant attendance during the trial, threw herself upon her knees and became hysterical. The scene that ensued was a most affecting one.

MURDERED BY THE BLACK HAND

Gaetano Costa a Victim of the
Mafia—Was Killed as Result of
An Old Country Political Plot.

SOUGHT REFUGE IN AMERICA.

All to No Purpose as He and His
Brothers Were Followed and
Assassinated.

New York, Oct. 13.—That Gaetano Costa was murdered in his butcher shop in Brooklyn on Wednesday night, not because he had refused to accede to blackmailing demands for money, but as the result of a political plot inspired in Sicily eighty years ago by the Mafia, executed by its agents in the Black Hand society in this country, and to which at least seven other lives had already been sacrificed, was the remarkable revelation made to the police yesterday.

According to the information given by a fellow countryman and former associate of the dead man, Costa was one of a band of a dozen or more wealthy Sicilians, included among whom were his two brothers, who for daring to oppose a dominant political faction closely allied with the Mafia, were driven across the seas, pursued with a relentlessness that has been hindered by neither time nor distance, and systematically put to death whenever an opportunity to escape detection offered.

Realizing their helplessness against their enemies the leading members of the Costa faction came to this country and settled in various places, some had been compelled to leave all their worldly goods behind them in the haste of flight, and went west to begin life anew. Among these were Costa's two brothers, Giuseppe and Luigi.

With the exodus of the threatened men, however, the Mafia apparently did not drop the matter. Three years later, according to the narrator, the body of Giuseppe Costa was found in Jackson park, Brooklyn, floating in a tub of water. Around the waist was a blue sash, placed there evidently as a warning to other Italians who knew the methods of the Mafia.

About a year after that three Italians were mysteriously murdered at Riverside, Ill. Not long after that Luigi Costa was killed at Geneva, Ill. Finally, a few months after this, the headless body of a man was found at Erie, Pa., also with a blue sash around the waist.

In the light of these events and the peculiar circumstances surrounding the murder of Gaetano Costa, Police Capt. Evans of Brooklyn is convinced he fell a victim to the same vendetta.

COLLINS GETTING ANXIOUS.

He is Ready to Go Back to San Francisco.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 12.—An Ottawa dispatch, says Alexander Smith of Smith & Johnston, had an interview today with the justice department in regard to the case of George D. Collins, who is held at Victoria for extradition to San Francisco for perjury. Collins waives further proceedings and says that he will return to California. He asks for an order to surrender to be forwarded by the department to Victoria. The department refuses to be a party to any consent proceedings.

Collins said in the department of justice does not agree to issue the warrant of delivery pending the decision in the proceedings set for Nov. 1, he will abandon the proceedings now pending.

and a warrant for his delivery can be issued at once upon the adverse decision given by Justice Ouff when appeal was taken before him. He is averse to remaining in Victoria until November as he says his business interests at San Francisco are suffering by reason of his absence. He says his acquittal there is almost a certainty.

FRANCE WILL HAVE JUSTICE OF VENEZUELA

Washington, Oct. 12.—Venezuela was the subject of an important conversation at the state department today between Secy. Root and M. Jusserand, the French ambassador. The latter has been awaiting the arrival here of the report of Mr. Calhoun, the American special commissioner, before recommending to his government a course of action. Mr. Calhoun has reported verbally to the president and the secretary, but he has not yet completed his formal report upon the conditions he found existing in Venezuela.

Enough is known, however, to show the similarity between the grievances of the Paris and Washington governments. Whether this similarity shall find a corollary in a parallel action on the part of the two governments to right their grievances has not yet been decided. France has informed the United States that the course she has shaped is one of extreme patience, but of even greater firmness.

It can be announced that the French government already has considered several courses of action, any one of which, it is believed, would bring President Castro to terms. None will be adopted until Secy. Root and M. Jusserand have conferred. In the meantime both governments will bide their time, letting it be known that both are equally determined to obtain an early justice for their citizens.

IVINS REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK

New York, Oct. 12.—William Mills Ivins who acted as counsel for the Russell legislative committee in 1902 and was a city chamberlain under Mayor Hewitt and Grace, today became the Republican candidate for mayor of New York city.

Mr. Ivins was notified formally of his selection late today and accepted in a brief speech in which he said:

"I have just returned from Europe and know nothing of the history of the campaign prior to the last few days. I have devoted many years to municipal affairs, but had no idea of again taking an active part in political life. But, as I have always been a determined opponent of Tammany Hall and all that it stands for, and if you wish me to lead the fight against the city government, I shall do so energetically and fearlessly, upon the understanding that I am to conduct my own campaign, and that I shall, in the event of election, be absolutely free at all times to administer the government independently of all considerations except that of the public welfare."

Having held office under two Democratic city administrations, Mr. Ivins was asked today if he was a Republican or Democrat in national politics. He laughed and replied:

"I have always voted the Republican ticket except on three occasions, when I voted for Hewitt, Grace and Cleveland. I have been an enrolled Republican for several years."

ELLIS ASSAILANTS.

Man and Woman Who Tried to Murder Him Not Found.

Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 12.—The efforts of the police of this city, Oakland, San Francisco and interior towns to find a trace of William Curtis, alias Bruno, and his wife, who yesterday robbed William C. Ellis, the Australian horseman, after they had almost murdered him, have proven fruitless. They are suspected of being connected with the gang of outlaws, one of whom recently was shot dead by Policeman Leffrand, whom they attempted to rob. However, no definite clue to their identity has yet been obtained.

Ellis now says that he was robbed of only \$500. He accounts for his former

statement that the amount was \$5,000 by saying he was confused when he reported the affair.

MEXICAN CENTRAL STRIKE.

Officials Have Not Succeeded in Resuming Traffic.

Monterrey, Mexico, Oct. 12.—Notwithstanding the furnishing by the governor of a number of troops to act as guards on the engines of the Mexican Central for the protection of any train that the company might secure, the officials have not yet succeeded in resuming traffic. In all probability there will be no change for the next three days, for the state authorities have now taken the matter in hand and have given the firemen the length of time in which to decide to return to work or get out of the city.

GERMANY AROUSED OVER REVELATIONS ABOUT ENGLAND

Berlin, Oct. 12.—Although no positive declarations have been made on the part of the German government, the British government's statement, issued for the retirement of M. Delesclaux, from the ministry of foreign affairs, inspired paragraphs indicate that they have produced a most unpleasant effect among the members of the government.

The manner in which the statements attributed to M. Delesclaux were received in England is far from satisfactory and their prompt repudiation in an informal manner by the British government, which the German government desired, it is expected that when questioned on the subject the British government will deny its participation in the statements.

The British government, it is learned, gave Germany satisfaction, assurances last June that no offensive or defensive alliance existed between Great Britain and France. The German government, however, to the German public is that hope of political cooperation between Germany and France must be given up. It is known that the foreign office says Germany has made no formal communication of any sort to Great Britain on the subject of the statement, but they have been the subject of confidential exchanges between the diplomatic representatives of the two governments.

Cologne, Oct. 12.—The Cologne Gazette today prints an article in which the German government's attitude toward the British government's statement is discussed. The article states that the British government's statement has a prime interest in the clearing up of the matter. It is impossible to crush the British statement, it is pointed out, that the German government assumes that M. Delesclaux believed in good faith that France had great military resources of military assistance for war with Germany and shaped his policy accordingly. Therefore, the dispatch points out, it is impossible to crush the British statement, it is pointed out, that the German government assumes that M. Delesclaux believed in good faith that France had great military resources of military assistance for war with Germany and shaped his policy accordingly.

If M. Delesclaux was self-deluded, the dispatch says, still the practical consequences would have been the same, and war would have resulted from his passionate policy of revenge. M. Delesclaux's lesson to the world is that a politician's position is insufficient and the story cannot be disposed of in this way.

The German view, the dispatch adds, is that the British statement is seriously untrue until the British government gives out a formal statement to fully vindicate the position of Great Britain.

AMERICANS IN AUSTRALIA.

Want Fleet Sent Around so They Can See the Flag.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Orders have been cable to Rear-Admiral Train, commanding the Asiatic station, directing him to detach a ship from his fleet for a cruise in Australian waters some time this fall. There are many Americans in Australia, some of whom have called attention to the fact that the American flag has not appeared in those waters for some time.

Admiral Train has not yet advised the department of his selection for the duty, but as the mission is entirely friendly, the ship sent will not necessarily be a large one.

Lebandy's Balloon Successful.

Toulon, France, Oct. 12.—The huge Lebandy dirigible balloon, constructed under the patronage of the war office, made its first successful ascent today with some chief engineers and a party of officers, who made an extensive reconnaissance of the military defenses.

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