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FRANKLY ADMITS TO THE CONCERN HE STOLE MONEY

Secretary Cain of Richmond
Candy Company Alleges J.
W. West, an Employee, Has
Defrauded Company.

INVESTIGATION NOW IS UNDER PROGRESS

No Arrest Has Been Made and
It Is Not Known What Action
Will Be Taken—Shortage
Not Known.

An investigation of the books of the Richmond Candy company is being made to determine the total amount of the discrepancies of J. W. West, former salesman and shipping clerk of the company, who Monday, when called before C. C. Cain, secretary and treasurer of the company, is alleged to have calmly admitted he had been embezzling small sums from the company's collections for several years. This statement was made by Mr. Cain this afternoon.

So far the investigation of the books has proven that the man is short about \$150, but the investigation only covers the period from early last fall up to date and it is said it is very probable that the discrepancies will be found much larger when the investigation is completed. Mr. Cain stated today that he did not know whether criminal proceedings would be instituted against West.

Still in the City.

Mr. Cain said that West was still in the city. The matter has not been placed in the hands of the police. The man lives with his wife in a flat on North Eighth street, near the company's place of business.

In the fall, the company had suspicions that Mr. West was not conducting himself in the proper manner, Mr. Cain stated. In December the officials' suspicions were confirmed and an investigation was started. On Monday of this week, the subject was brought to Mr. West's attention and in an unconcerned manner, Mr. Cain said, West admitted he had been taking small amounts from their collections.

"Yes, it's true. Well, what are you going to do about it? Arrest me?" West blurted out to Mr. Cain in the office, in front of the office employees, according to Mr. Cain.

Seemed Unconcerned.

Mr. Cain said that West looked him straight in the face and his demeanor was one of total unconcern as to his ultimate fate. Mr. Cain said that West had been a trusted employee.

West was employed about thirteen years ago as shipping clerk and salesman for the company. During that time he has gone into the country one day of each week, sold and distributed candies and made collections. Large sums would thus come into his hands. Mr. Cain said that West told him in his confession that he had been embezzling small sums for several years.

BIG CHICAGO STORM

Chicago, Jan. 13.—A wet snow and sleet storm which began in the night caused a delay to traffic on the surface and elevated lines today. The sleet formed a coating on the third rail and overhead trolleys and threatened to become a serious handicap to the city's transportation facilities before the close of the day. Colder weather was prognosticated by the weather man. Walking was made hazardous on the slippery walks and pavements. Heavily loaded teams frequently blocked the car lines subjecting passengers to delays in reaching their work during the early morning rush hour.

BLAZE COSTLY ONE

(American News Service)
Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 13.—Fire which originated in the upholstering department of the Young Chaffee furniture company's building resulted in a million dollar conflagration last night. The Daily News, Shepard building and Furniture Exchange building were soon a mass of flames and entirely destroyed.

PLAN TWO DANCES

Fake Aeronaut Swindled Germans

"Count" Felix von Bihl (posed in an aeroplane) and his wife, said to be the third duped "Countess." Von Bihl, who is now awaiting deportation, proclaimed himself a great aeronaut and friend of Count Zeppelin, and pretended to organize an aeroplane factory for Brooklyn. He and his wife are from Berlin, Germany and with the arrest of the "count," his wife vanished, and is believed to have returned home.



LIFE IS HANGING IN BALANCE NOW; WILL RIFE LIVE?

It is Expected Ohio Board of
Pardons Will at Its Session
Today Decide Fate of the
Murderer.

GOV. MARSHALL HAS BECOME INTERESTED

He Has Written to Governor
Of Ohio Asking Good Offices
In Commuting Sentence
Given to Rife.

Harry Rife, the Boston, Ind., young man who was condemned to death by the Common Pleas jury of Preble county for the murder of Mrs. Lida Griswold, his sweetheart, will know before night if the appeal of friends for the commutation of his sentence or a stay of execution has been granted by the Ohio Board of pardons, which was in session at Columbus today.

Attorney Wilfred Jessup, who defended Rife, Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley of Liberty, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Saylor of Eaton and Dr. Ryan, a former United States Army chaplain, went to Columbus today in the interests of Mr. Rife.

Marshall Interested.

Gov. Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, who has been interested in the case, has requested of Governor Harmon of Ohio, that the petitioners' request for the commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment be favorably acted upon by the pardon board.

If the pardon board does not deem it wise to commute the sentence, it is probable that a stay of execution for a few days will be granted. It is said, that Rife does not care for a stay of execution. The Common Pleas jury which condemned him fixed the date for his execution on January 19. Ten of these jurors have signed a petition in which they ask the pardon board and Governor Harmon to commute the sentence.

Verdict of Governors.

New York, Jan. 13.—The Governors of the stock exchange today published a statement in explanation of the Rock Island flurry on Dec. 27th, 1909.

The fluctuation in common stock of the Rock Island at opening of market was so violent and unnatural that the governing committee immediately met and appointed a special committee to investigate with the result that the secretary of the exchange preferred charges against Simeon B. Chapin and Fred D. Countiss.

These charges were brought under section 8 of article XVII of the constitution, relating to acts detrimental to the interests and welfare of the exchange.

The secretary charged that said firm had received an order from a customer to buy at opening of the exchange on said day 40,000 shares Rock Island stock and to give orders to twenty different brokers to buy 2,000 shares all at the opening, which orders said

John I. Leonard, a well known young man, is at Reid Memorial hospital, where he was taken for treatment for typhoid fever. His condition is serious.

HAS TYPHOID FEVER

Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, have arranged to give their annual dance at the Pythian temple on February 2. The Bartenders Union will give its dance on Washington's birthday, February 22.

NAME NEW OFFICERS

MIKADO OF JAPAN HONORS DR. HALE FOR HIS SERVICE

At a meeting of the Earlham college athletic association yesterday afternoon, Mark A. Wilson was elected advertising manager of the basketball team and Homer L. Morris, treasurer of the Athletic association. The position of treasurer of the association was recently made vacant by the resignation of Hugh Larrance. His resignation also included the position of manager of the 1910 football team but the association refused to accept the latter. The meeting was one of the poorest attended at the college. When it was called to order there was no quorum present and several students volunteered to go to the dormitory and secure the required number. This was soon done and the business transacted.

MAKE A PROTEST ON APPOINTMENT OF CHAS. FLOOR

Ex-dairy Inspector Stewart
And Dr. George Ferling Appear
Before the State Veterinarian Board.

DR. DAVIS DEFENDS NEW MILK INSPECTOR

He Says That the Office Is Not
Such as Would Require an
Expert Veterinarian to Hold
Down Job.

Dr. George Ferling, a veterinarian and Dr. Mark A. Stewart, former dairy inspector, went to Indianapolis yesterday for the purpose of entering a protest with the State Board of Veterinarians against the appointment of Charles Flook as dairy inspector for this city, on the ground that he is an iron moulder and not a veterinarian and therefore is not competent to act in the capacity of dairy inspector, as he has no knowledge of administering the tuberculin test to cattle. The State Board informed Dr. Ferling and Dr. Stewart that it had nothing to do in the matter and could only certify that Flook was not a veterinarian.

The appointment of Charles Flook as dairy inspector has been the occasion of considerable comment. It is alleged by some that Flook, being an iron moulder, is not acquainted with the duties of dairy inspector and incompetent to fill that position. However, according to Dr. T. Henry Davis, who is secretary of the board of health, the duties of dairy inspector are not such as to require the knowledge of a veterinarian.

What the Law Says.

He states that the law points out plainly that the dairy inspector's duties consist merely in the enforcing of sanitary conditions around the dairies and reporting to the secretary of the local board of health the condition of the health that prevails at each place, and the care of the milk and the collecting of the same for analysis. Dr. Davis states that it was not necessary for the dairy inspector to be familiar with the tuberculin test as the administering of such tests was beyond his jurisdiction and was not required to be done by him according to law.

Dr. Davis declared that the protest that was being raised over the appointment of Flook as dairy inspector was not justified. He pointed out where it was an advantage for the dairy inspector to be unfamiliar with the tuberculin test in that the lack of such knowledge necessitated the employment of a veterinarian from the state board, who would be entirely uninterested from a personal standpoint and might therefore enforce a more rigid inspection and be less inclined to overlook several points which a local veterinarian, who depended largely upon his country customers for his business, would be less apt to do.

The law on the subject is exceedingly vague. The city ordinance does not state that the dairy inspector shall be a veterinarian and neither does it state that he shall make the tuberculin tests. Mayor W. W. Zimmerman stated this morning that the office would be filled right and, as far as he would say on the subject, it is understood that Dr. Ferling is a candidate for the office of dairy inspector and it is also said that Dr. Stewart would very probably have accepted a re-appointment.

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INDIANA—Rain in south; rain or snow in north portion.

Friendly Action of Former Richmond Man During Jap- American Crisis Appreciated by Emperor.

HE LEAVES MINISTRY AT HIS OWN REQUEST

Story That Dr. Hale Had Been
Deposed From Pulpit for
Improper Actions, Is Shown
To Be Untrue.

Dispatches from Boston, Mass., a few days ago announced that William Bayard Hale, a former resident of this city, had been deposed from the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal church. In these dispatches the impression was given that the action of the church was the result of some opposition to Mr. Hale. This, however, is not the case, it has been learned. Dr. Hale personally applied to the proper church officials for his deposition from the ministry and his petition was granted. In a communication from the bishop of Pennsylvania, received by Dr. Hale, it is expressly stated that the petition had been granted, not from any cause effecting the moral character of the applicant. Dr. Hale's "good standing" in the church remains the same, the bishop has assured him in a personal letter.

A Brilliant Career.

The career of this Richmond boy has indeed been a brilliant one. He was so distinguished in the ministry that he twice crossed the Atlantic to preach by invitation before Oxford University.

He founded the Episcopal Parish at Middleborough, Mass., and built there one of the most beautiful stone churches in the country, containing many historic relics sent by the rector's friends abroad.

For the last ten years, though still

formally in the priesthood Dr. Hale

has given all his time to literary and

public work. He has been consecutively

editor of the Cosmopolitan Magazine

and Current Literature; managing editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger and one of the editors of the New York Times.

Friend of Roosevelt.

He is a close personal friend of ex-President Roosevelt and a year or so ago he published a book "A Week in the White House with Theodore Roosevelt."

It was a year ago that the famous

episode of the Kaiser Wilhelm inter-

viewed convulsed the international

world. The full history of that event

that Dr. Hale after spending some

time with the German emperor on his

imperial yacht in Norwegian waters,

prepared, with the emperor's consent

an elaborate article, which the Century Magazine prepared to publish.

The number was actually in its

form and ready to go to press, when

a crisis arose in Germany and many

cablegrams began to pass between

Berlin and New York. Dr. Hale in-

duced the Century to destroy the en-

trepreneur. A new one was printed,

with an article on the tariff by An-

drew Carnegie substituted for the

Kaiser's interview. Dr. Hale's be-

havior was the subject of much fa-

vorite comment; it was generally

said that, at great personal self-sacri-

fice he had probably prevented a war.

Honored by Japan.

This is not the only instance of the

former Richmond man's influence in

world affairs. During the crisis that

followed the anti-Japanese riots in

California, three years ago, Dr. Hale

advised the Japanese embassy at

Washington, with such happy results

that the emperor of Japan compen-

sated him as having been the means

of preserving peace between America

and the Oriental Empire and sent

him a valuable ancient Sama-

Sword. Last summer the emperor

met Dr. Hale, then in Paris, the in-

signia of a Knight Commander of the

Order of the Rising Sun. Dr. Hale

spent all last year in Europe.

In the house, besides the nurse, at

the time she was slain, were the maid,

the little girl and a butler. After

killing Mrs. Bayner, the murderer

went into an adjoining room and

awakened the maid by flashing a light

in her eyes. The maid screamed and

the intruder escaped down the steps.

The butler was awakened and started

in pursuit of the fugitive.

Were in New York.