

SEEN FOR LEAK

Government Attorneys Are Active

TO PROTECT GRAND JURY

One Member Has Already Been Approached.

SYSTEMATIC PLOT SUSPECTED

Many Visitors Are Reported to Be Here to Create Sympathy for Men Rumored to Be Implicated in the Frauds.

Two grave questions now agitating the minds of those interested in the outcome of the consideration of the federal grand jury—where the apparent leak is to be located in the jury room and whether or not those who have been trying for the past few days to reach the jury in order to influence its decision have accomplished their purpose.

It is well-known fact that people are being imported from all parts of the state for no apparent purpose other than to visit in the city. The consensus of opinion is that these people are here to create sympathy for at least three of the most prominent men rumored to be implicated in the frauds being unearthed by the testimony that is being taken before the jury.

It is stated authoritatively that scraps of the testimony and general knowledge of what has been done inside the room has been allowed to get out, but by whom is not known. This has, or would have, no especially serious aspect, however, if it did not tend to show that it seems to be possible to get into communication with the jury.

Offer Made to One Grand Juror.

On the other hand, it is as positively known that an offer has been made to at least one member of the jury. This offer was unsuccessful and the man who made it is known, but the fact that such things are being done is causing uneasiness and forcing the Government to adopt the utmost precautions of secrecy and care in their work. No one other than the Secret Service agents, the Government who are here working with Assistant District Attorney Heney has any knowledge of the programs of the Government or of what course it will adopt in presenting the testimony to go before the jury.

Great pressure would be brought to bear upon the members of the jury if they could be reached in any way. There are men who are now in the city who are known to have a great interest in the outcome of the sessions. They have not apparently come into the foreground as yet, but they know where to go to in the event of the thorough sifting of the frauds that have been perpetrated.

S. B. Ormsby Returns.

S. B. Ormsby, ex-Forest Superintendent of the Cascade Reserve, has returned to the city, or at least has come into the public gaze once more. He was one of the witnesses before the jury. Ormsby has an extensive knowledge of the conditions to be found in some of the districts where the embezzlements were made to Government land as required by law. He is also reported to be entirely on the inside of the circle as far as the doings of the Puter-Watson circle are concerned. No one else is known to have appointed Forest Superintendent by Elmer Hermann and rumor has it that he knows many things which he may tell in order to save himself from what may be in store for him should he keep his information to himself.

C. E. S. Wood, of Portland, was another witness before the jury in the morning. He remained only a short time in his connection with the evidence may be not generally known, but it is supposed he was called to explain title to some of the land transferred from one hand to another.

Miss Marie Ware was one of the first witnesses called by the jury, and her stay was not so long as it was supposed it would be. She was called to the stand rapidly or she did not have much to say at this time.

L. Jacobs, the Detroit stockbroker, who signed one of the bills in the Lewis investigation, was one of the witnesses in the morning session. His testimony in the first trial was of a sensational nature and had much to show the workings of the Puter-McKinley combination. It is supposed that he knows more than was brought out at the time of the trial.

Mrs. Watson is Called.

Mrs. Watson was called by the jury in the afternoon and spent some time in his room. When she returned to the jury room she had the flush only seen but once before, on the occasion when she heard the footsteps of the jury returning with the verdict of guilty against herself and fellow-conspirators.

The jury is working slowly, but seems to be making a clean sweep of its testimony as it proceeds. Jacobs left last night after his session with the body, and other witnesses who have been in the little room are out of the way unless some special point arises which will call them back for a short time.

It is not now thought that any announcements will come from the jury before the end of the week. Thursday night sees some developments, but they are more likely to come on Friday and Saturday than earlier.

Jury Adjourns Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon, according to the present understanding, the jury will adjourn until after Christmas and will perhaps not reconvene until Tuesday morning. It is expected that the meetings immediately after the holidays will be productive of many surprises, and that some very important indictments will be returned.

SUES FOR SUPPORT.

Mrs. Drake would like her husband to support her.

Mathilda Drake has sued F. P. Drake, who conducts the American Employment and Real Estate Agency at 29 North Third street, for support. She filed a complaint against him yesterday in the State Circuit Court through her attorney, B. S. Page, and asks the court to order the defendant to pay her \$20 per month.

Mrs. Drake says they were married at Ukiah, Cal., in 1896, and have resided in Oregon since June, 1904. In the summer of 1904 she went to Minnesota, on a visit, while away, Mrs. Drake says Drake wrote to her telling her not to return as he had applied for a divorce and the same would be granted within the month. She borrowed the necessary money to defray her traveling expenses and returned to Portland at once. Upon her arrival, Mrs. Drake alleges, Drake refused, and still re-

uses, to support her and declines to live with her. He told her he had a cottage all furnished for her to go to, but refused to sell her the cottage or to give her any money. She claims she has been compelled to work as a domestic in order to earn a livelihood.

CITY PLEADS POVERTY.

Defense in Damage Suit is That the Council Lacked Funds.

During the course of an argument on the damnable to the answer, in the damage suit of Samuel Wagner against the members of the City Council et al., before Judge George, yesterday, the defense was made that the defendants are not liable because when the accident occurred the city did not have sufficient funds to pay for the repair of streets and bridges. The complaint in the case sets up that the city officials were derelict in their duty in not repairing the streets and bridges. Wagner, who is an expressman, was driving over a bridge on Ninth street North when the horse crashed through a plank and was thrown from the wagon and badly injured. R. R. Dunway appears as his attorney. The case has been in court a long time, and is being stubbornly contested.

EIGHT KILLED IN WRECK.

Fire Adds Horror to the Minneapolis Hotel Catastrophe.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—The side wall of the O. H. Peck building, in Fifth street, South, which was left standing by the great fire of Tuesday night, early today toppled over in a high gale onto the Crocker Hotel, a three-story structure. The tons of brick and mortar crashed completely down through the building, carrying floors and all into a mass of debris in the basement. There was no warning of the disaster, and the 24 persons who were sleeping in the various apartments were caught in the crushed structure. Eight of them were killed. The dead:

- HANS ANDERSON, employed at Romer's; JAMES HAMILTON, employed at Romer's; C. M. KENTON, foreman Danis's lined oil mill; WILLIAM LILLIHLADE, employed at Danis's lined oil mill; MRS. JENNIE MURRAY, cook; WILLIAM KEMMERSON, laborer; WILLIAM BIRRA, contractor; JOSEPH VIOLLET, coachman.

The injured—Mrs. Carrie Boyer, cut about face and body bruised; W. J. Crocker, badly bruised and suffering from exposure; Mrs. Maggie McClair, chest injured; Mrs. Evelyn Williams, face cut and body bruised; Mrs. Anna McNeve, face cut and body bruised. Some of those injured were in the Belmont Hotel, adjoining the Crocker, and were hit by the debris that fell through the walls adjoining the two buildings. The persons in the Crocker Hotel who escaped were Mrs. W. J. Crocker, wife of the proprietor; Hannah Crocker, her 15-year-old daughter; Willie Crocker, her 5-year-old son; Edith Williams, a 4-month-old, her granddaughter, and Miss May Ritchie.

A passer-by who heard the crash promptly turned in a fire alarm, and the department arrived in time to check an incipient blaze from the wreck, and the firemen and policemen at once turned their attention to rescuing those still alive and recovering the dead. This work was carried on under great difficulties in the darkness and the danger from falling walls.

Anna McNeve had a wonderful escape. She was on the second floor, in bed, when the crash came. The firemen took her out of her bed in the basement.

Henry Anderson, who was on the second floor, was pinned down by beams across the lower part of his body. He pleaded piteously for help. The firemen worked desperately through the wreckage, fearing every moment that they might slide some distance upon the beams and be killed.

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BENJAMIN CAMPBELL IN CHARGE

Harriman Man Will Control Entire Traffic of Great Northern.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Benjamin Campbell, assistant traffic director of the Harriman system of railroads, has been made fourth vice-president of the Great Northern, to succeed Joseph W. Blason. Mr. Campbell will have control of the entire traffic of the Great Northern system, and will assume control January 1.

Position Made for Woodworth.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The Record-Herald says it is understood that circulars will be issued today announcing the creation of the position of freight traffic manager of the Northern Pacific Railroad and the appointment of J. Woodworth to that position. Mr. Woodworth is now assistant to Vice-President Dartus Miller, of the Burlington.

WILL SPEAK ON LINCOLN DAY

President Roosevelt Accepts New York Republican Club Invitation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt today accepted an invitation to attend the Lincoln Day dinner to be given by the Republican Club of New York on February 12 next. The President will deliver an address.

Bids \$9 Par Thousand Feet.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Bids were opened this afternoon in the office of Captain F. A. Grant, of the United States Army Quartermaster's office, for 4,000 feet of lumber to be used in the construction of barracks and other buildings in Manila, and other towns in the Philippines. There were a number of bidders, the lowest being of the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company, whose offer was \$9 per thousand feet.

Northwestern People in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The following people from the Pacific coast returned in hotels here today: From Portland—J. E. Coffey, at the Hoffman; From Salem, Or.—A. F. Lange, at the Ashland; From Tacoma—H. L. M. Weller, H. W. Bickell, at the Victoria; From Seattle—P. L. Richards, at the Rossmore; Miss Peterson, at the Everett; From Astoria—H. Ballard, at the Fifth Avenue; W. A. Steel, at the Imperial.

Election Contest Settled.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The dispute over the election of Councilman of the First Ward has been decided through the recount of the ballots made by the Council. Councilman F. E. Story had brought suit against David Williams, who, by the recent canvass, was declared to have been elected by a majority of three votes. The recount gave Williams a majority of two, the vote being: Story, 157; Williams, 159.

CLERGYMEN ATTENTION.

Applications for clergy certificates for 1905 may be had by calling at O. R. & N. general passenger department, room 2, 100 1/2 street, between 4th and 5th, or at City Ticket Agency, Third and Washington streets.

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JOHN WANAMAKER

FIGHT IS GIVEN TO BRITT

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the scales that Nelson was the lighter of the two by at least a pound.

The crowd that congregated about Corbett's place as Britt and Nelson attempted to enter was no great that. It was only by the free use of policeman's clubs that the entrance was effected by the two pugilists.

Plenty of Nelson Money.

Betting has been brisk all day. In the morning bets were registered at the odds of 10 to 1, with Britt favorite. Later on the volume of Nelson money and the reluctance of Britt's supporters to speculate at what they termed unreasonable and disproportionate figures, the price advanced a point, with the local bid holding the top end at 10 to 8. Even at this price the bets had not been cleared up. The purse latches until evening, when, realizing the futility of hoping for a more lucrative price, they poured their money into the poolster's box in large bunches, which was covered with avidity by the local Nelsonites.

So great, in fact, was the influx of Nelson coin at this stage that the odds were forced up another notch. At 10 o'clock the odds favored Britt at 10 to 9, and these quotations prevailed for an hour. Still the flow of short-end wagers poured in, and at 6 o'clock the betting was at an even money, which was the ruling price up to ringtime.

It was reported that Battling Nelson had placed from \$100 to \$200 on himself at odds varying from 10 to 8 to 10 to 9. Britt, on the other hand, placed but a moderate sum on his own chances of winning, being content to strive for the purse and glory which victory would bring.

Two Preliminary Events.

Two preliminaries were worked off prior to the main event. Tom Moran and Frank Delle, of the United States Army, met in a four-round contest at 120 pounds, while George Herbert and Jim Hayward (colored) entertained the crowd in a scheduled eight-round go. Delle was given the decision over Moran at the end of four rounds of sudden fighting.

In the second preliminary, George Herbert was given the decision over Jim Hayward at the end of the eighth round. It was a good contest, in which Herbert landed the cleaner blows and forced the fighting. Harry Sharp, of St. Louis, refereed both the preliminary contests.

Gans Wants to Fight Winner.

The following message was received from Al Herford, manager of Joe Gans, offering to match the colored man with the winner of tonight's contest. A check of \$2000 is said to have been deposited with a local sporting man to clinch the match. Herford stipulated that Gans would make 125 pounds at 8 o'clock.

Young Corbett also issued a challenge to meet the winner and claimed that he has a verbal promise from Britt to give him another chance in the event of the Californian being returned a winner.

Britt's seconds were "Spider" Kelly, his chief adviser; Frank Hafael and "Ty" Kling. In Nelson's corner were Ted Murphy, who acted as the Dane's chief counsellor; Eddie Santry, "Rawhide" Keeley and "Smiling" Metzner.

THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

Constant Clinching Marks the Opening Rounds of the Battle.

Round 1—They shook hands and both men adopted their famous crouch. Britt missed a left jab for the body, and a similar attempt was neatly blocked by Nelson, as was a right hook for the face. Careful sparring followed, and Britt missed another left jab for the body, and another attempt was blocked by Nelson, who landed a right over the heart and followed it with a tremendous left hook to the wind. They went to a clinch and broke very carefully. Nelson's first lead with left was short, and then Britt drove a straight right to the body and ducked a left spouner for the jaw and they clinched.

Britt then hooked his famous left again to the body and they clinched again. Mixing it, Britt missed his left for the body. The gang rang with the men in a clinch. It was Britt's round, Nelson did not land a blow in this round, but acted entirely on the defensive. Both men were very cool as they took their chairs.

Round 2—Nelson crouched low and Britt missed a left for the body and they clinched. Britt missed left for the body and right for

the head, and once more they clinched, neither man being inclined to let go. Both missed lefts for the body. Nelson forced Britt into a neutral corner, but Jimmy wiggled out without damage. Britt then drove a straight right over the heart, and received in return a right hook to the jaw. Nelson blocked straight left and right for the jaw, and the referee separated them from a clinch.

They fought carefully at close quarters, neither man landing. Britt continued to back away, and Nelson shut his left to Britt's jaw. After a clinch, Britt missed right swing for the body, and the gang rang.

Britt Hangs on Too Long.

It appeared that Britt was holding on unnecessarily, and there was some slight hissing as the men went to their seats. There was not much done in this round, Nelson, if anything, having a slight advantage.

Round 3—Britt missed a left swing for the jaw, and Nelson blocked left for the body. Nelson forced Britt to the ropes, but the Californian got in a good right to the stomach and received a tight right in return. They mixed it, and Britt missed several lefts and rights for the body. Nelson, but was unsuccessful. Britt jabbed twice with a left to the face, but Nelson brought his left and right to the jaw.

Nelson Fights Wildly.

A furious rally ensued, Nelson sending Britt back with a right swing to the jaw, and receiving in return several straight jabs to the face. Nelson fought wildly and slipped to the floor from a misdirected swing to the jaw. The gang found both men in a dazed condition, and each other. It was Brit Nelson's round.

Round 4—They at once worked to a clinch and in mixing it both failed to land. Britt missed two lefts to the face and followed it with three straight blows with great rapidity, but the Dane kept boring in and gave Britt no chance to rest. Nelson then put a stiff left under Britt's heart. A left butt caught Britt on the forehead, and the head. Then they exchanged lefts to the jaw.

Nelson forced Britt about the ring, landing a left on the body and right and left swings to the jaw. Britt broke ground, looking anxious. Britt kept cool, however, and hooked his left to the body and two lefts to the face. They then fought furiously, Nelson forcing Britt to the ropes as the gang sounded. Nelson was very aggressive, and Britt looked a bit worried as he went to his corner.

More Worry for Britt.

Round 10—Britt missed two lefts for the face. Nelson kept right after Britt, forcing him to break ground, but did not land. Nelson then worked his left and right to the head, but was met by a vicious left to the jaw. Britt missed a straight attempt and they went to close quarters. Nelson putting short arm right and left to Britt's face. Both then missed straight lefts for the jaw, and the referee broke them from a clinch.

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to his corner with blood streaming from his nose. It was a great rally and Britt's party and the house was in tremendous uproar. It was Britt's round by a good margin, although Nelson came back game.

Round 19—They got to close quarters in the center of the ring. Britt shot a straight left to the face and in a mix Nelson put left to the body. Britt sent a straight left to the face and followed it with a right to the jaw. Britt kept after Nelson mercilessly, pecking away with left jabs and straight lefts in the face. Nelson tried to get to close quarters, but Britt jabbed three lefts to the face, and they went against the ropes in a clinch. Britt again stabbed a left to the face and in a mix Nelson landed a right to the face. Britt varied his style with a left hook to the body, and Nelson slipped to the floor from a missed left swing.

Plays for Dane's Face.

Britt kept stabbing Nelson's face with his left continuously until the bell rang. Nelson started with three straight lefts to the face, but was unsuccessful. Nelson's attempts to draw him to close quarters in this round. It was Britt's round.

Round 14—Nelson forced Britt about the ring, landing a left on the body and right and left swings to the face, and followed it with two straight lefts to the face. Britt held on as they believed. Britt sent a raking left to Nelson's

to get Britt to mix, but Britt kept dancing away, and varied it with straight left jabsly Nelson's face, which had little, if any, effect. The gang rang with Britt much frabler than in the previous round, and with the bonous a shade in his favor.

Crowd Cheers Both Men.

Round 15—Britt jabbed as usual with left to the face and danced away from the Dane, who endeavored to get him to close quarters. Finally Nelson sent a straight left to Britt's jaw, and in a mix they exchanged lefts to the face. Britt worked a left uppercut to the jaw, which did not stay the Dane in the least. Britt was again buffeted about the ring, but stopped Nelson with left hook to the body. The referee then separated them from a clinch, and Britt ripped his left with terrific force to the body.

Nelson chased Britt around, but his blows were ill-timed, and Britt kept pecking away with his left to the jaw, and then sent right swing to the head. Britt went to his corner with blood flowing from the reopened abrasion in his forehead. At the end of the round the crowd yelled itself hoarse, some yelling "Britt" and others "Nelson."

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