



CAMERA SHOWS ACT OF BRIBERY

Flashlight on Outstretched Hand.

TRAPS PITTSBURG GRAFTER

Decoy Draws Many Councilmen to Corruption.

BANKERS ALSO INVOLVED

Voters' League of Smoky City Gathers Evidence and Will Clean Up Town—Mayor Backs Up the Movement.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.—A flashlight photograph of a member of the City Council in the act of accepting money from a decoy "promoter." It is said, will be one of the strongest features of the evidence to be presented tomorrow, when seven members of the Council and two former bank officials are to be given a preliminary hearing on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and other illegal acts, brought by the Voters' League.

No additional arrests were made today and it is said that none are likely to be made until after the hearing tomorrow morning. All who, the detectives think, may possibly be wanted later are being kept under surveillance, officers being on guard at all city and suburban stations.

Photographed in Act of Bribery.

Besides the Councilman, the flashlight photograph is said to show an agent for the Huffer Detective Agency, of Scranton, Pa., which worked up the case. This man is reported to have posed as a member of a firm anxious to sell wooden paving blocks to the city, and to have become very intimate with the Councilman. The other detectives concealed within hearing distance, the Councilman is alleged to have been induced to tell of the negotiations to secure the passage of the legislation, to name other members who were to share in the bribe and to say that the members were given and promised to pay a large sum of money. The detectives peeled off \$100 and \$200 bills from a large roll and, just as the Councilman reached for his allotment, the flash was lighted, when the Councilman, it is said, broke down and wept, and when he accused his companion of trapping him, there was no denial. Then an officer appeared and made the arrest.

Many Deceits Trap Grifters.

It is practically admitted that a number of decoy contractors and promoters were introduced to the Councilman and that many temptations have been offered members during the last six months. In some quarters it is believed that Mayor Guthrie was back of the project, he having been an attorney for the Voters' League some years ago when it made a fight against a street car line. The Mayor opposed the city depositors' legislation from the first, refusing to make contracts authorized by the Council because the depositors elected were to pay but 2 per cent on daily balances, while other banks had offered 3 1/2 per cent.

Accused Cry "Politics."

Friends of some of the accused men charge that the whole probe is a part of a scheme to elect an independent candidate for Mayor, yet to be named. John H. Herscher, attorney for the Hebron Street Railway Company, whose ordinance is mentioned in the charges against Councilmen, tonight denied receiving a letter from a Councilman, saying: "Your ordinance is ready to pass. Come on and bring \$5000 with you."

Suspects Flee City.

Reports are in circulation that owing to an alleged "leak" in the Public Safety Department of Pittsburgh, a number of men, said to be six, have left the city as the result of the disclosure.

Keeping even the local police authorities and officials of the city in ignorance of the officers of the Voters' League, aided by officials of the Municipal League of Scranton, Pa., and a corps of private detectives from that city, quietly gathered the evidence, which was endorsed by prominent attorneys as sufficient to take action, and laid before them by the Voters' League. The arrests followed within a few hours. In the meantime the two bankers, President Ramsey and Cashier Vilasack, of the German National Bank, had tendered their resignations to the directors last Saturday, when the bank examiner made the alleged discovery that they, without the knowledge of the directors, had arranged to pay a large sum to Councilmen to secure the appointment of the bank as one of the city depositaries. The bank issued a statement today that the two officials had been replaced and that the bank was in no way affected.

List of Accused.

Attorney A. Leo Weil, president of the Voters' League, stated today: "This is the beginning; the end is not yet."

Following are the men accused: Councilmen William Brand, John F.

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MERRY WAR NEAR AMONG TEACHERS

CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION WEARY OF TROUBLE.

President Schneider Declares He Will Put Teachers' Federation Out of Business.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—President Otto C. Schneider, of the Board of Education, weary of Socialist and union labor machinations, today threatened to attack the Teachers' Federation and "put it out of business," following the second attack of Miss Margaret Haley, leader in the teachers' organization, in which she declared there was a plot afoot to cut the salaries of teachers \$60,000.

President Schneider, thoroughly aroused by the attacks of Miss Haley, termed her a "czarina" who wanted to control the schools through the Teachers' Federation.

"If these unwarranted attacks continue, we'll put the Teachers' Federation out of business," declared the president of the Board. "They are not honestly made. Miss Haley wants to become the czarina of the Chicago public schools. If the charges, which are untrue, continue, we will let out these teachers who require holstering from an outside organization. The Board of Education is in charge of the public schools of Chicago. We can discipline teachers, and we will do so if they persist in making unwarranted charges."

BALLINGER DECLINES JOB

Would Rather Practice Law Than Hold Seat in Taft's Cabinet.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—R. A. Ballinger, former Commissioner of the General Land Office, does not want a Cabinet job. He hasn't been offered one yet, but his name has been set down for the Secretaryship of the Interior in every state that Cabinet-makers have prepared.

During the past campaign, Judge Ballinger was the official representative in this state of National Chairman Frank Hitchcock and is regarded by Republican politicians as one of the closest men to Taft in the Northwest. However, he declares that he finds more real enjoyment in practicing his profession here and in building up with this than he could find in any public position.

"My inclination would be to decline a Cabinet appointment if one were tendered me," he said. "I have had one experience in Washington and do not seek another. What I desire is the privilege of remaining here in Seattle and practicing my profession in private life. The talk of my being offered a Cabinet position is embarrassing to me for I should go East in a few weeks on a business mission and such a trip might be interpreted as a political one. I prefer that the discussion of my name cease."

DREAM STARTS SEARCH

Man Seeks Spanish Treasure in Bellingham Bay.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—To search for buried treasure which he says spirits told him was lying at the bottom of Bellingham Bay, a stranger who gives his name as "Doc" Richardson arrived in this city today from Illinois. By his infectious enthusiasm he has succeeded in interesting in his wild project even hard-headed business men, and has already raised a fund which he will at once spend in building a coffer-dam at the spot where he says the treasure is located.

Richardson says he was informed of the existence of Bellingham Bay and of an immense treasure having been flung overboard from a galleon of Pizarro during a fight here in the sixteenth century by a vision which came to him several weeks ago.

Quicker enough, an old Lummi Indian tradition is to the effect that during the sixteenth century three great galleons from the south dropped anchor in the bay here, and old historical records state that three of Pizarro's galleons which sailed north never returned.

BRAVE MOTHER BURNED

Her Clothes Ablaze, She Stops to Save Child's Life.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—While Mrs. Julia Laventhal was bathing her 4-month-old baby before an open fireplace today her gown caught fire, and before the flames were extinguished by neighbors, the woman sustained injuries that will probably cause her death.

When Mrs. Laventhal discovered that her dress was afire she dashed into the street but, remembering that the flames had been communicated to the bed upon which she had deposited the child, she returned to wrap the infant in a blanket. Before she was overcome the woman managed to again reach the street, where neighbors came to her assistance after she had fallen unconscious.

Mrs. Laventhal is the wife of a clothing dealer of Los Angeles.

BORROWED SHIP'S SILVER

Fireman on Destroyer Rowan Accumulates Fine Plate.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 22.—George Terrey, a fireman on the torpedo-boat-destroyer Rowan, was arrested by the police early today for practically all the silverware from the cabin of the commanding officer in his possession. Terrey had ten dozen spoons, knives and forks, and two dozen larger pieces of tableware. Terrey claimed that he had merely borrowed the silverware. He will be tried by court-martial.

TAFT GAINS HELP IN CAUCUS FIGHT

Senator Dick Joins as Protective Move.

FORAKER IS STILL IN LISTS

Both He and Burton Work Against Caucus.

ONLY 46 VOTES NECESSARY

President-Elect's Brother Claims 50 in Caucus and Declares He Is Willing to Let Issue Come Any Day.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Plans for the Foraker-Burton people to prevent a caucus of the Republican members of the House and Senate, to determine who shall be the Republican Senator from Ohio became extremely plain Tuesday, following the declaration Monday of Charles P. Taft that he would favor permitting the party to decide the candidate.

Mr. Burton has failed to say anything positive concerning a caucus, but it is fairly well known that he is now opposed to a caucus, and will use all his power to prevent one. Foraker will give all the help he can to the same end.

That the Taft people are even now sure of enough votes to call a caucus was indicated by the statement of Charles P. Taft. "We will have a caucus," he said, "that is certain. Furthermore, it may be said that we are progressing in our canvass for votes, and we do not care how soon the caucus is held. We should be willing to submit the Senatorial question to a caucus right now, and should be satisfied if a caucus were held immediately following the organization caucus, but that is up to the will of the Legislature, and I shall be pleased to follow their discretion."

The coming of Senator Dick into the Taft ranks is now being admitted by the Dick people themselves. Senator Dick reached the conclusion that the election of a Northern Ohio man would end his own political career two years hence, and from now on he will do all in his power to elect Charles P. Taft. He will arrive Wednesday or Thursday.

Taft has chosen to demand a caucus for the reason that it is easier to win in a caucus than on the floor of the Assembly. In the caucus the winner needs only 46 votes to bind the Republicans to a solid vote on the floor, while in the open Assembly the winner must get 76 votes to constitute a majority of the Legislature. Taft claims to have 50 votes in the caucus.

PROGRESS OF PORTLAND SHOWN IN THE NEW YEAR'S OREGONIAN.

Among the many departments of the annual edition of The Oregonian to be issued January 1, 1909, that devoted to the commercial progress of Portland is certain to be one of great interest. Men who are prominently allied with the city's shipping interests will contribute articles dealing with flour and lumber exports to foreign countries as well as the coastwise traffic. In addition to this there will be numerous tables showing growth of the city's trade during the past year. These articles and statistics will be accompanied by illustrations of the local harbor with some of the huge ocean-going vessels that have visited this port recently. One of these pictures gives a complete outline of the waterfront, showing its wharves and warehouses. This feature of the Annual will be convincing of Portland's foremost position among the ports of the Pacific.

CHICAGO'S BIG CHRISTMAS

Record Business Decides Stores to Give Three Days' Holiday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Christmas business in Chicago's huge mart, State street, in the past ten days or two weeks has been so great that a number of big stores have announced they will give their employes a three days' holiday as a sort of celebration of the return of good times.

This movement first became known in an announcement made today by Marshall Field & Co. Other announcements were made on foot to get all State street to fall into line. The Board of Trade and Stock Exchange followed suit and a number of other business houses in Chicago will suspend business Christmas day, Saturday and Sunday.

This movement to give State street three days of rest comes as the result of an unprecedented Christmas shopping period on the street. This year's Christmas is the biggest in every way that the people of Chicago have experienced.

SALVADOR NEED NOT PAY

Central American Court Decides Against Honduras.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—According to a cablegram received here today by Consul-General E. Meila, of Salvador, from President Figueroa, of the Central American Court of Justice at Cartago, Costa Rica, has decided in favor of Salvador in a suit brought by the Government of Honduras to secure an indemnity for loss sustained by the plaintiff during the Honduran revolution last July, which Honduras claimed had been incited and carried on by natives of Salvador.

The message stated that the action of the court has been accepted as final by the Honduran government and ratified by the various governments associated in the court, which is composed of one judge from each of the following: Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

VIVID NARRATIVES OF RIDERS' DEEDS

Witnesses Tremble With Fear.

DEMAND ARMED PROTECTION

One Expects Murder Despite All Precautions.

MANY OF BAND IDENTIFIED

Another Turns State's Evidence, Though Fearing Death—Woman Tells of Repeated Visits and Whippings of Relatives.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 22.—When Mrs. Anna Jackson, one of the state's witnesses, this afternoon in the Night Riders' trial, was excused from the stand, she turned to Judge Jones and said:

"I will not leave the courtroom without armed protection. I know these men."

Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several visits of the Riders, corroborating Fred Fehlinger's testimony in many details, as did other witnesses, and identified by name at least 27 members of the band. She was followed on the stand by her daughter, Miss Dora Jackson, 18 years old, who corroborated her mother.

Expects to Be Murdered.

The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another alleged Night Rider, who has turned state's evidence. Russell came to Union City after the Ranken killing and made a confession. He was trembling with fear and could hardly raise his voice above a whisper.

Russell is under constant guard, but believes that he will be killed in spite of these precautions. Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Fehlinger and corroborated it in every essential detail.

The prisoners were brought into court handcuffed in pairs with a detail of two soldiers for each pair. The soldiers with rifles halted at the courtroom door and other soldiers armed with revolvers met the prisoners at the threshold and escorted them to the bar.

Judge Shaw was the first witness. He was the proprietor of a store near Reelwood Lake. The Riders forced him to give them oil to pour on the fish docks when they were burned, and later whipped him when he tried to go before the grand jury.

Option of Whipping or Hanging.

Mr. Shaw said the Night Riders wore mother hubbards and black masks and tried to disguise themselves by talking in false tones. When Mr. Shaw was summoned before the grand jury, he tried to slip into town at night. The Riders caught him and threatened to kill him. Finally they gave him his choice

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PULITZER SOUGHT TO PLAY WARWICK

OFFERED ROOSEVELT SUPPORT FOR THIRD TERM.

Asked Him to Throw Over Taft, Was Rebuffed. Then Began Attack, Say Roosevelt's Friends.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Joseph Pulitzer once sent an emissary to President Roosevelt, urging Mr. Roosevelt to throw Mr. Taft overboard and announce his own willingness to accept another term in the White House. Mr. Pulitzer, according to the statement, promised to support the President for re-election if his suggestion was complied with. Mr. Roosevelt would have nothing to do with the proposition.

It was with something like ghoulish glee that the friends of the President made this story public today. They do not fix the date when Mr. Pulitzer made his peculiar offer, but intimate that it was during the Summer or Autumn of 1907, after it had become known that the President was for Mr. Taft for his successor. One of Mr. Pulitzer's confidential employes visited the President and, in the name of his chief, tendered the support of the World in the Presidential campaign.

In Administration circles it is said the President had no relish for being put back in the White House with Mr. Pulitzer as his Warwick, and they believe the President's disgust with the editor's sudden change of front from seeming friendship to bitter enmity explains why Mr. Roosevelt went to Mr. Pulitzer so savagely in the canal scandal message.

CONVICT GIVES SELF UP

Though Free Since April, He Wants to Go Back.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 22.—Although he made good his escape from the penitentiary at Rusk, Tex., E. L. McCormick could not elude the phantoms conjured by his own conscience. He walked into the city police station today and announced that he was wanted in Texas to serve out a three-year sentence for manslaughter, and declared that he had had no luck since he evaded the sentence of the law.

At Rockwell, Tex., October 1, 1904, McCormick said he shot and killed Whit Redding. Owing to numerous deaths the man did not enter the penitentiary at Rusk until March 25, 1908. Sixteen days later he scaled a wall and eluded his pursuers.

W. H. NEWMAN RESIGNS

Head of New York Central System Will Retire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—W. H. Newman today resigned as president of the New York Central Railroad, his resignation to take effect on February 1, 1909. It was accepted by the directors. It is expected that he will continue to be a member of the board of directors.

It was reported that W. C. Brown, senior vice-president of the company, probably would succeed to the presidency.

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GOMEZ SUPREME, ENEMIES CRUSHED

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SEEKS PEACE WITH POWERS

Nips Plot to Assassinate Him by Daring Act.

NO MORE CASH FOR CASTRO

Bank Stops His Credit—Absent President Accused of Complicity in Plot—Decree Against Holland Is Suspended.

CARACAS, Monday, Dec. 21, via WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The end of the rule in Venezuela of Cipriano Castro has come. The dictator who has governed the Republic with a rod of iron ever since he took forcible possession of the Yellow House in Caracas in 1899 is now openly charged with conspiracy to encompass the assassination of the man whom he left at the head of the Republic when he sailed away on November 23 from La Guayra, nominally to secure medical aid in Berlin for a malady of long standing, and is today thoroughly discredited.

Castro's Money Supply Stops.

The Bank of Venezuela has cabled its correspondents at Berlin and Paris cancelling the unlimited letter of credit given to Senator Castro when he left Venezuela for Europe and no one in Caracas believes he will ever dare return to the capital. The Castro Cabinet has been forced to resign and a new and progressive ministry has been appointed by Juan Vicente Gomez, the Acting President.

Gomez' Daring Action.

The attempt on the life of Senator Gomez was frustrated by the coolness and courage and the daring act of the President himself. Alone and unsupported, he arrested state-stenographers of the conspiracy with his own hands in the presence of their armed adherents, and after this action he issued a proclamation saying that not only had he saved his own life, but he had maintained the highest ideals of the republic.

Already to a new administration shows signs of a desire and intention to settle the disputes between Venezuela and foreign powers that have kept the Republic in a light of unenviable notoriety for several years past.

Anti-Dutch Decree Suspended.

At a conference held yesterday between Senator Gomez and Baron von Seckendorff, the German Minister in charge of the interests of Holland since the departure of the Dutch Minister, M. de Reus, last Summer, it was agreed to suspend the operation of the decree issued by President Castro prohibiting the transshipment of goods destined for Venezuela. Pending the signing of a treaty between Holland and a duly empowered Venezuelan Commissioner, the Dutch warships that have been patrolling the Venezuelan coast for nearly three weeks will be withdrawn.

The attempt to assassinate Gomez and several of the Ministers was decided upon on the night of December 15. Senator Gomez heard of the plot and took the personal stand that nipped it in the bud.

Castro an Accomplish.

The men concerned in the conspiracy were President Castro's closest friends and best-known adherents. Secret cipher cablegrams have passed between Senator Castro in Berlin and his agents here in the popular anti-Castro demonstration on December 13 and 14.

A prominent lawyer has filed an accusation in the high court charging Senator Castro with complicity in the plot to assassinate Senator Gomez and proposing the impeachment of Senator Castro.

CASTRO KEPT IN "IGNORANCE"

Would Refuse to Believe Downfall if He Were Informed.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Castro apparently is unaware of his downfall or the gravity of the occurrences in Venezuela. Members of his party say he receives no dispatches of any kind. The opinion is steadily gaining ground here that Castro's power is completely broken.

One of the most prominent members of his suite, who did not wish his name made public, said:

"No one has informed President Castro concerning the reports of what is going on, as the President would refuse to believe the dispatches. I cannot ask the President's opinion on these things because he is on a sick bed. I am perfectly sure that he has not received a dispatch since Sunday, and am certain that there has been no exchange of cipher dispatches, because the President does not possess a secret code."

The same personage ridiculed the idea of Castro's complicity in a plot to assassinate the acting President, Senor Gomez. Referring to the appointment of the new ministry, he said:

"It appears from the reports that changes have occurred in the Venezuelan cabinet. This news may be authoritative. I recognize some of the names of the ministers given. As to the revocation of the trans-shipment decree, if that is true, Holland will be pleased, as that virtually was the sole bone of contention. However, everything we have heard comes through the newspaper dispatches."

Dr. Israel twice examined Castro to

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