

## STRAUS OFFERS TO PROVE CHARGE

Democrat Reiterates That Sheldon Is Assessing Men of Wall Street.

### SHELDON REPEATS DENIAL

Hitchcock Says Publication After Election Will Refute All Charges. Predicts as Large Plurality as in 1904.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—"If Treasurer Sheldon, of the Republican National Committee, will appoint a committee of three or four respectable men who expect nothing from politics, I will appear before them and prove that the committee is demanding \$500 apiece from Wall street men," said Nathan Straus, of the Democratic Business Men's League, today. This was Mr. Straus' reply to a statement from Mr. Sheldon, printed today, declaring that the charge made by Mr. Straus yesterday that the Republican National Committee is assessing Wall street men \$500 was a falsehood.

"You don't suppose I would have made any such statement unless I knew it to be true, do you?" Mr. Straus asked, and he continued:

Says Sheldon Knowingly Lies.

"I would not. I know it is true. Mr. Sheldon's reply that my statement is a lie is no argument. I won't say how much he has collected. But I am ready and able to prove the specific incident.

"In the last Presidential campaign, when Judge Parker told about campaign funds and told of how they were being got by the Republicans, Mr. Roosevelt declared that the statement was false, though it was true, nevertheless, I believe that at that time Mr. Roosevelt did think that Judge Parker's statements were false, but this man Sheldon knows he is telling a lie."

The statement of Mr. Straus was repeated to Mr. Sheldon, who said:

Will Disprove Charge.

"I don't think Mr. Straus would make that statement to me. I have no reply other than this to make, except to ask how it could be possible for anybody to go into Wall street or any other street to make a levy."

Chairman Hitchcock, who was present when Mr. Sheldon made his reply, said that when the list of Republican contributions is published, as it will be 30 days after the election, it will refute all of the statements that have been made in regard to political levies or contributions. Mr. Hitchcock added that the Republican party was not only interested in the coming election of its ticket, but it would do nothing to injure the party in the future.

Mr. Hitchcock said he believed, from reliable information in his possession, that the Republican electoral plurality

in the next election would be as large as that of four years ago.

### KILLS IN MANIACAL FURY

Michael Borsos Shoots Wife, Then Turns Gun on Self.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—Asserting that she was responsible for his wife leaving him, Michael Borsos, with a revolver in each hand, rushed into the Brown Palace rooming-house at 570 O'Farrell street today, shot Mrs. Augusta Towle through the head, killing her instantly, fired two more shots at the prostrate body on the floor, and then turned the second weapon upon himself, but failed to inflict a fatal injury. One bullet grazed his breast, the other took effect in his abdomen.

Borsos rushed down a hall and up a short stairway with the evident intention of leaping from a window, but, distracted by the screams of several women and the commotion in the house, he dropped his pistols and suddenly ran out through the front door and up the street.

Mrs. Edna Clark had quickly telephoned to police headquarters, a few blocks away, and Borsos was captured as he was running up Leavenworth street by Policeman Hurd. The latter fired a shot over the fleeing fugitive's head and Borsos immediately threw up his hands and surrendered. He was taken to the Central Emergency Hospital, where it was said that the wound he inflicted upon himself was not dangerous.

Borsos declared that Mrs. Towle was the cause of his wife leaving him recently, and that he went to the hotel for the purpose of killing her.

Mrs. Towle owned the Brown Palace, and until a short time ago she was proprietress of the Dacker, another rooming-house. Up to the time that she disposed of the Dacker, she employed Mrs. Borsos as housekeeper. When she sold that house, Mrs. Borsos' employment ended, and she went to Los Angeles. Borsos repeatedly accused Mrs. Towle of causing a separation between them.

### THREE KILLED IN RIOT

Troops Spread Death in Steel Strike at Turin.

TURIN, Oct. 17.—There was rioting here today on the part of the striking steel workers. Troops called out to restore order fired on the mob and killed three men.

### Murder Mystery in Chinatown.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—With the finding this morning of the dead body of Philip De Martini, an Italian, on the sidewalk at Dupont and Pacific streets, the police assert that they are confronted with a Chinatown murder mystery. De Martini arrived in town last night and went to some relatives living at Dupont and Pacific streets, on the edge of Chinatown. This morning his body was discovered on the sidewalk under the window of the room in which he slept.

The police declare that De Martini's room showed evidence of a desperate struggle and are working on the theory that the man was thrown out of the window, the fall causing his death. Rosa and Antonio De Martini, cousins of the dead man, are held pending further investigation. De Martini's head was crushed in and both arms were broken.

Apulia suffered so much from drought during the last few months that water had to be brought by train from Naples and distributed by wagon among the peasants. An immense aqueduct is being constructed, but eight years will elapse before its completion.

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per cent over the previous year. The increase in the receipts over expenditures is correspondingly large. There are 2903 working postoffices and postal agencies in China, an increase of 707 over 1904.

The railway development of China, particularly the connection with the Trans-Siberian route, which permits London letters to reach Peking in 16 days, is attributed to increased business. Consul

McNally, of Nanking, reports that the division of the Lower Yangtze, comprising the provinces of Anhui, Kiangsu and Chekiang, with a combined population of about 60,000,000, shows an addi-

tion of 65 postoffices; the total being 287. Nanking, Chinkiang and Fu Hu join in this general increase. The French Congo has a pigeon postal service.

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