HI GILL IS INDICTED FOR TAKING BRIBE

Seattle Mayor Is Accused of Part in Conspiracy to Ship in Liquor Cargoes.

POLICE CHIEF INVOLVED

$4000 Said to Have Been Paid for Police Protection to Importers. Ex-Policeman Faces Charge of Witness Intimidation.

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indictment, and that he would be a candidate for re-election in 1918. If convicted of a felony the Mayor would be removed automatically.

All of the defendants, 13 in number, are charged jointly with conspiracy in one indictment, with the exception of Mullen, who is accused singly.

Police Protection Charged.

Mayor Gill, Chief Beckingham and Hodge, together with the four city detectives, who are former members of the waterfront division of the police dry squad, are charged with plotting with the Billingsleys to ship huge quantities of whisky into Seattle under organized official and police protection.

Mayor Gill is accused by the Government with having accepted a bribe of $4000 last Summer from Logan Billingsley at the time the alleged conspiracy began.

Chief Accused of Bribes.

Several instances where Chief Beckingham took substantial bribes from the Billingsleys and in which it is charged, he aided them to steal liquor consigned to other persons, are alleged by the Federal authorities in the charges against the police officials.

Hodge also is charged with taking graft money from the whisky ring, and, together with the Mayor and the police, with providing the syndicate with protection for its illicit operations.

The Billingsley brothers and Pielow, as well as Frazier, are at liberty under bond.

$600 Given Chief, Say Witnesses.

The grand jury heard testimony that Chief Beckingham took $600 in return for an alleged attempt by him to aid the Billingsleys to acquire 60 cases of whisky stored in the Star Carriage Works, South Seattle. Beckingham, the witness said, did not deliver the liquor, but kept the money.

Beckingham was also accused of accepting a bribe of $500 in Fred Billingsley's rooms in an apartment-house for effecting the arrest of E. J. Margett, the ex-policeman, release of two of Billingsley's drivers and surrender by the police of a Billingsley motor truck. Testimony was given that the first money Fred Billingsley gave to Beckingham was a $100 bill, "a token of good will and esteem."

The Government alleges that the $4000 bribe was paid to Mayor Gill by Logan Billingsley in the Mayor's office and that on the same day Gill entered into a compromise with Billingsley, Billingsley getting the documentary evidence obtained in a raid and dropping his suit over the wrecking of his drug store.

Gill Said to Have Got $4000.

According to testimony of Logan Billingsley, when he and Gill met in the Mayor's office Gill signified to Billingsley that he (Gill) knew of police graft.

"The trouble is you ought to pay your fare to the right conductor," Gill is alleged to have declared.

Billingsley alleges he immediately seized the opportunity to suggest that he pay the Mayor graft money in monthly installments for protection, and that the Mayor replied he didn't care to do business on that basis.

"I want mine in a lump sum," Gill is alleged to have replied.

After a few more words the bribe is alleged to have been passed, Logan handing over $4000 in a huge roll, consisting of $100 bills, which he alleges the Mayor promptly grabbed and put in his pocket.

According to testimony before the grand jury ex-Sheriff Hodge received $1500 from the Billingsleys for protection. One thousand dollars was given to Hodge's collector, the Government alleges, as a contribution to Hodge's campaign for the Governorship, and Hodge used it in payment on an automobile. The other $500 was handed to Hodge by Logan Billingsley at the County Jail, according to the testimony.

Alaskan Liquor Intercepted.

The principal indictment charges that on March 1, last, Logan Billingsley and Fred Billingsley had billed and consigned to Peter Carleton, of Juneau; Tim Vogel, of Haines, Alaska; John Amber, of Alaska, and James Brennan, of Petersburg, Alaska, quantities of liquor under fictitious names, and to the pharmacies being conducted in Seattle by the Billingsleys, known as the Arket, Market, Rayner and Quail pharmacies; that the liquors so consigned were purchased from Jesse Moore Hunt, of San Francisco, and shipped to Seattle by said concern, and that with the knowledge of the defendants were delivered to persons other than to whom consigned without written orders.

Copies of a number of bills of lading of these shipments were set out in the indictment.

Billingsleys Plead Guilty.

Indicted December 22 for conspiracy to violate the Federal liquor laws, the Billingsleys early this month entered pleas of guilty in the United States District Court and became star witnesses for the Government in its quest of the alleged higher ups in the ring.

Bench warrants for the arrest of the defendants were issued today by Judge Jeremiah Neterer, of the Federal Court, immediately following the return of the indictments, and were placed in the hands of Deputy Marshals for service.

$10,000 Fine Possible.

The offense charged against Gill, Beckingham and Hodge, as well as the others named in the conspiracy indictment, upon conviction, is punishable by imprisonment for two years in the penitentiary or a fine of $10,000, or both, on each of the two counts.

Mayor Gill, who had looked for the indictment, issued a statement early in January, in which he defied his enemies and declared he would prove his innocence of any charge made against him. Mayor Gill's attack on the office of Clay Allen, of Seattle, United States District Attorney, led to the appointment of Clarence L. Reames, of Portland, United States District Attorney, as special prosecutor after Attorney-General Gregory had said that the cases did not require such a prosecutor.

Women Recall Gill.

Mayor Gill has had a stormy career in the past seven years. In March, 1910, after he had been in city politics 12 years, most of that time Councilman, Gill was elected Mayor of Seattle.

Almost immediately his administration was assailed for alleged toleration of vice, and in the Spring of 1911 Gill was removed from office by the recall, with women voting for the first time. Subsequently, Charles W. Wappenstein, Gill's chief of Police, was sentenced to the state penitentiary for accepting a bribe.

Gill ran for Mayor in 1912, asking vindication, and was defeated, but in 1914 he was elected Mayor by an enormous majority, running as a good government candidate and being supported by many persons who were prominent in the movement that recalled him. Gill was re-elected Mayor in March, 1916.

Bars Often Raided.

When the prohibition law was adopted Gill promised that it would be rigidly enforced, and raids upon bars at which liquor was sold in violation of law resulted in demolition of fittings valued at nearly $100,000 and seizure and demolition of vast supplies of liquor.

Gill has been a champion of the prohibition law, writing and speaking in its favor and receiving much commendation from prohibition leaders. Only last week the state officers of the Women's Christian Temperance Union sent Gill a letter expressing their confidence in him.

Beckingham was appointed Chief of Police from private life, and is a close personal friend of Gill.

Moose Candidate Involved.

Robert T. Hodge, three times Sheriff of King County, was Progressive candidate for Governor in 1912, and spoke from the same platform with Theodore Roosevelt, who praised his ability as a campaign orator. Hodge sought the Republican nomination for Governor last Fall, but was defeated in the primaries.

Logan and Fred Billingsley came to Seattle early last year and opened a drugstore. They are said to be well known in West Virginia and Oklahoma. Their drugstore was demolished by the police, and stores of liquor owned by them were seized and destroyed. A street fight outside a Billingsley warehouse in Seattle last Summer resulted in two policemen and a Billingsley watchman being shot dead.

Mayor Gill said:

"It is not any more than I expected, but I shall be vindicated beyond any question of a doubt. It is an outrage that such an action can be put over on the statements of such cattle as the Federal authorities seem to have seen fit to utilize.

"There is not a single allegation in this indictment which could not have been controverted had the District Attorney seen fit to verify it by the summoning of witnesses other than discredited bootleggers and murderers.

"The letter I wrote to Mr. Caldwell figures strongly in the indictment, yet the occasion for this letter could easily have been ascertained had they chosen to question Councilmen William Hickman Moore, Reginald H. Thomson or Cecil B. Fitzgerald, with whom I conferred before submitting the letter to the Corporation Counsel.

Vindication Is Expected.

"In addition, you may say for me that I am not in the least frightened, and shall not resign. Furthermore, I shall be a candidate for re-election in 1918, and you may bank on that right now, and Seattle will again vindicate me."

Charles L. Beckingham, Chief of Police, said:

"It is an absolute injustice both to myself and the Mayor. We have fought hard to rid this city of the Billingsleys and their like, and we have accomplished a great deal. I stand ready to submit every act of mine since I became Chief of Police to the public and am ashamed of nothing in my career as head of this body.

"That I ever had any connection or understanding with the Billingsley Bros. or any one else dealing in illegal liquor is absolutely untrue in every particular. Never has one cent of bribe money been received by me, and the word of men like the Billingsleys and their associates will never stand before a court of law."

Hodge Says It Is Absurd.

Hodge said:

"The indictment is an absurdity. My conscience is clear. I shall be vindicated."

The indicted detectives express surprise, but declined to discuss the case.

On September 27, or virtually one month after the Billingsleys alleged they 'got to the higher ups," a letter was written by Mayor Gill to Hugh M. Caldwell, Corporation Counsel, and this letter, which is incorporated into the indictment, in part is as follows:

Office of The Mayor, Seattle, Sept. 27, 1916.

Hugh M. Caldwell, Corporation Counsel.

My Dear Sir:

Mr. Vanderveer has turned over to me releases of all claims for damages by reason of the destruction of the Day and Night Drug Store and the Stewart Street Pharmacy, together with a general release from all claims to which the Billingsleys have any claim. He has also given release to the Chief of Police and myself of all claim by reason of alleged unlawful arrest on murder charges against Fred and Logan Billingsley. He also states that he has given you a stipulation of dismissal of the case of Haslett vs. the City, the Chief and myself by reason of the destruction of the Stewart Street Drug Store, which Haslett claims.

This agreement took place early in September, so it is alleged, and from that time until several weeks after the arrest of Margett, the Billingsleys claim to have received shipments valued at up to $10,000 weekly.

Rival Rings Fall Out.

The arrest of Margett, which is alleged to have been brought about by a tip sent Chief of Police Beckingham by Fred Billingsley, brought about a rupture between rival importers of illicit liquor.

When Margett was discharged from the police department, he went to work for the Billingsleys and was affiliated with them for several weeks. According to Logan Billingsley, he later decided to branch out for himself, and went to San Francisco, where he formed an alliance with the Jesse Moore-Hunt Company, through E. D. Baker, the same combination with whom the Billingsleys had transacted business, and entered into competition.

Certain shipments designed for the Billingsleys were intercepted frequently about October 1, and the brothers concluded that Margett had brought this about through his friendship for certain police officers.

Mayor Names Councilmen.

They planned reprisals, so Logan asserts, and one night while the elder of the Billingsleys was out of the city, Fred called up Chief Beckingham, which resulted in Margett's arrest on October 10. On his person at the time were the documents which formed the foundation for the Federal investigation.

To save himself, so the Billingsleys assert, Margett, after being arrested by the Federal authorities, proposed to "show up" the opposition forces. The result of this has already been cited, and then the Billingsley brothers had their inning, so they assert.

This is the letter Mayor Gill refers to in refuting the charges against him. He declares that his intention in writing this letter some time before he actually has indicated it would have been ascertained by the Federal grand jury had they desired to question reliable witnesses, and cites Councilmen William Hickman Moore, Reginald H. Thomson and Cecil B. Fitzgerald as men with whom he conferred relative to the releases requested by the Billingsleys.

This deal, however, seemed to impress the grand jury as implicating the Mayor and the chief, for it forms a prominent part in the indictment.

Hodge Mentioned in Telegram.

Another document, which is embraced in the indictment, is a telegram sent to the Jesse Moore-Hunt Company and signed Joe Bush (another alias used by Logan Billingsley), which reads, in part, as follows:

Old boss asks us to keep low. Grand jury in session, and troublemakers are active. We have decided to make expenses anyhow. Ship in barrel West Point and one barrel bulk every other day, bulk whisky, in care of O. W. Lloyd Transfer Company, care Alaska. Wire Sheriff Hodge to release his goods and let them go to Alaska.

(Signed) JOE BUSH.

The old boss referred to in this telegram is alleged by the Billingsleys, according to what little of their confession is obtainable, to refer to Mayor Gill. At any rate, they point out that from the time the agreement was reached between the Mayor and Attorney Vanderveer they received more whisky into this city than ever before.

GOVERNMENT'S CASE IS READY

Mr. Reames Says Witnesses Can Be Called to Trial Quickly.

Clarence Reames, of Portland, United States District Attorney, who is special prosecutor in the graft charges at Seattle, returned to Portland yesterday after having presented the cases to the Federal grand jury. He says the Government will be ready to go to trial at any time with two weeks' notice. He expects requests for an early trial owing to the prominence of the defendants.

"We have our information all together and our witnesses can be reached on short notice," said Mr. Reames last night. "As to our case I am not in position to say anything more at this time than that the facts were presented to the grand jury and the indictments returned. I was appointed special prosecutor in the cases because of assertions made through the Seattle newspapers by Mayor Gill that the United States District Attorney's office at Seattle was antagonistic to him."

Mr. Reames expects to return to Seattle early this week.

That concessions have been made to the Billingsleys in the way of immunity from imprisonment and assurances that they would get off with a fine, while promises have been made to Margett and Baker of immunity in return for their testimony are suspected in Seattle. Mr. Reames, when asked as to the truth of this report, said:

"No immunity has been offered that I know anything about."

$11,363 PAYS GILL'S NOTES

Mayor Gets Fees From Estate as He Appears in Liquor Case.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—At the same hour that Mayor Gill was appearing in Federal Court today to deposit bail on the indictment returned against him by the Federal grand jury, Judge King Dykman, in Superior Court, was entering an order awarding him $11,363.42 for his services as executor of the estate of J. J. Ferguson. H. B. Hoyt and H. S. Frye, of the law firm of Gill, Hoyt & Frye, got $12,000 for their services as attorneys in the probate of the will.

Simultaneously with the filing of these papers an assignment of Mayor

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PROMINENT FIGURES IN SEATTLE GRAFT INDICTMENTS.

Top—Mayor Hiram C. Gill, Indicted on Charge of Accepting Bribe. Below (Left)—Ex-Sheriff Robert T. Hodge, Indicted, and (Right) Clarence L. Reames, United States District Attorney for Oregon, Who Is Acting as Special Prosecutor.

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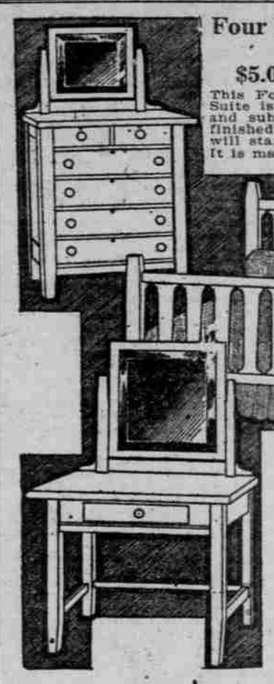

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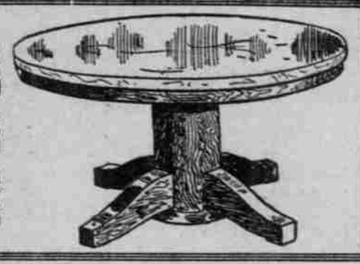

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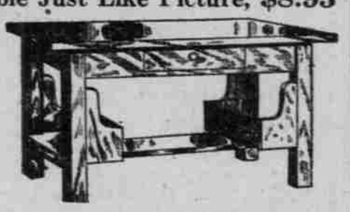

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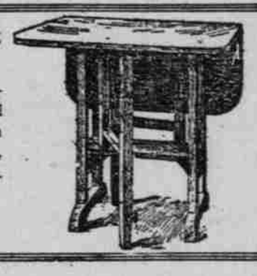

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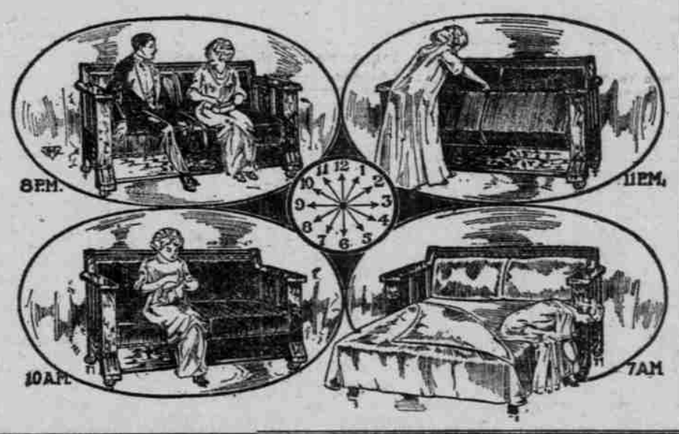

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