SHARKEY IS FREED FROM GRAFT CHARGE

Investigation Made Today Into His Alleged Connection With the Wiles Cement Contracts Shows No Ground for Prosecution's Further Action.

FLEGEL ADMITS THAT CASE HAS FALLEN THROUGH

Zimmerman Says Defendant Asked Him to Favor Wiles, but It Is Not Shown That the Accused Had Any Connection With the Firm.

Councilman John P. Sharkey, say his fellow members, will be exonerated of the charges against him made by the grand jury alleging that he was a member of the contracting firm of Elwood Wiles Construction company, doing work for the city and that he was sharing in the profits from city work.

The special council committee, before whom the investigation of the charges was conducted today, consisting of Councilmen Zimmerman, A. K. Bentley and Dr. Sanford Whiting will bring in a report at the meeting of the council Wednesday, declaring that the charges made by the grand jury could not be substantiated.

Councilman A. F. Flegel, who conducted the prosecution, declared that the testimony produced was not sufficient to convict.

Flegel Is Satisfied.

"I desire to state," said he, "that the evidence produced has not been sufficient to substantiate the charges and when the report of the committee is made to the council I shall vote exonerating Mr. Sharkey. In justice to Mr. Sharkey I desire to state that this investigation has been no whitewash. I desired to have a thorough investigation of this matter and we have gone into it as fully as possible, although two witnesses, ex-City Engineer Elliott and his assistant, George Scoggins, who we had subpoenaed did not appear."

Councilman Sharkey was represented by Dan J. Malarkey. As soon as the proceedings were begun Councilman Flegel called City Auditor Devlin to the witness-stand. Mr. Malarkey arose and desired to know the character of the proceedings and called for City Attorney McNary and questioned Councilman Flegel's right to conduct the examination without the presence of the city attorney in the room.

Attorneys Exchange Thrusts.

"Are you the pro bono publico of these proceedings?" inquired Malarkey of Flegel.

"I am," was the reply.

"I suppose you will act the same as you have in many other proceedings of this nature?" further inquired Malarkey.

"Exactly," was the response. "I will conduct this inquiry as a member of the city council of whom an investigation was demanded by Councilman Sharkey. The city attorney has not informed himself of the particulars of these charges and I thought that a formal investigation should be held instead of having this committee whitewash the charges."

"It's presumption on the part of Mr. Flegel that he is the only person who can conduct this examination," replied Malarkey. "I do not object to his asking questions, but I desire the city attorney to be present."

While waiting for the city attorney's arrival, Attorney Malarkey consented to listen to the testimony of the city auditor, which was regarding a contract between Elwood Wiles and the city for a cement sidewalk on property belonging to John P. Sharkey and L. R. Fields, on Grand avenue and East Davis streets, amounting to $300.18.

Elliott Gave Contract.

According to the charter, if property-owners do not lay sidewalks when notified to do so by the city, the city engineer does the work and the city takes a lien on the property for payment. The preliminary proceedings, it is claimed, were taken without any knowledge on the part of city officials as to the owners of the land, and City Engineer Elliott awarded the work to Wiles without first getting the consent of the council and executive board, which had been requested on all sidewalk contracts. When the claim was presented for payment the city auditor would not allow it, as the proceedings had been irregular, but finally in September, 1904, the executive board approved the claim and ordered the contractor paid. Meanwhile improvement bonds had been issued and a lien taken on the property, and it was not until then that Sharkey was discovered to be the owner of the property. Sharkey had agreed to pay the amount of the assessment and waive all irregularities in the city engineer's office.

Councilman Flegel attempted to show that Elliott had awarded the work to Wiles knowing that Sharkey was the owner of the property, but failed.

Zimmerman Defends Sharkey.

Councilman Zimmerman admitted that Sharkey had come to him and asked him to show favors to Wiles whenever possible, and he admitted that he went to the city engineer and asked him to throw such work to Wiles as he was able. It was shown that only two small contracts for sidewalk work had ever been given Wiles by the city engineer; all other contracts having been let by the executive board.

"I would have done the same for any of my friends," declared the witness. "I have heard rumors about a partnership between Wiles and Sharkey, but I do not know of it to my own knowledge. It is all rumor."

"You have heard rumors of tricky work about many of the members of the council, even about Mr. Flegel, the pro bono publico of the council, have you not?" inquired Malarkey.

"I have heard rumors about all of them, but I did not believe them," was the reply.

"You have heard rumors about yourself also, Mr. Zimmerman?"

"Yes, indeed I have," was the response.

Firm's Records Clear Accused.

Deputy City Auditor Smith was called with records regarding the bonding of the property for the sidewalk work, and he was followed by Karl Liebe, the bookkeeper of the Concrete Construction company, the corporation in which Elwood Wiles is interested and in which the grand jury alleged Councilman Sharkey owned shares. He produced the books of the corporation, which he submitted in evidence, showing that Sharkey had no interest in the firm. An erasure had been made and the name of Elwood Wiles, Jr., written in the list of stockholders. It was stated that the name of H. J. Altcock had been erased. An attempt to show that this name might have been the name of John P. Sharkey failed.

Elwood Wiles stated that the stock assigned to Altcock had never been issued as he was unable to pay for it. A record in the bank check book showed that Sharkey had been loaned $150 by Wiles before the corporation was formed but the records disclosed that the money had been returned.

Councilman Sharkey called no witnesses. After a brief resume of the case Attorney Malarkey asked for a report exonerating the client. Councilman Flegel admitted that the investigation had failed to prove the charges. The report of the committee will be made to the city council Wednesday.

BANK BADLY CRIPPLED BY BIGELOW'S KNAVERY

(Journal Special Service.)

Milwaukee, Wis., June 17.—The Bigelow defalcation, it is declared by the city tax commissioner, has wiped out the entire undivided profits of $600,000 of the First National bank together with the surplus of $500,000 and two thirds of the capital stock. The bank examiner has ordered the bank to mark off its books $2,160,000, leaving only $535,000 resources.

NEW FAST TRAIN FROM NEW YORK TO CHICAGO

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, June 17.—Following the example set by the Pennsylvania last week the New York Central will tomorrow inaugurate its new fast train service between New York and Chicago, reducing the time between the two cities to 18 hours. Despite the fact that this is the fastest train service for long distances ever attempted in this country it is the belief in railroad circles that it is but the forerunner of still further reductions. With the completion of the Pennsylvania terminal in New York next year it is reported that the time between this city and the western metropolis will be clipped at least two hours, bringing it down to 16 hours for the 1,000 mile journey.

ELEVATOR BOY RESCUES TWENTY-ONE FAMILIES

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, June 17.—George Green, a 19-year-old elevator boy in an apartment house at West One Hundred and Seventeenth street proved himself a hero during a fire and to his efforts are due the escape from injury and perhaps death of many tenants in the house. Green was the only one who suffered, his hands being slightly burned.

At the first alarm of fire Green ran the elevator to the seventh floor, warning the tenants there, and took them safely to the street. Then he ran up to the sixth floor on the same errand.

Floor after floor was visited and toward the end the elevator ran through smoke and flames. The boy retained his self-possession and got out all of the 21 families safely.

TOOK FORTY-TWO YEARS TO GET ELEVEN MILES

(Journal Special Service.)

Aurora, Ill., June 17.—When D. C. Lee, a well known business man of Detroit, and a leader in Grand Army circles was with the Union army at Teneytown, Maryland, 11 miles south of Gettysburg, early in 1863, he picked up a common land turtle and on its hard shell back carved the United States flag and a castle, which was the insignia of the engineering corps, his name, regiment and the year.

Four weeks ago Captain H. B. Mertz of Gettysburg caught the turtle. He found out where Lee was and wrote him saying that if he could prove his identity the live turtle would be shipped to him. It took the turtle 42 years to travel 11 miles.

STEAMER GARDEN CITY DESTROYED BY FIRE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Seattle, Wash., June 17.—The sound steamer Garden City was destroyed by fire early this morning while lying in the dock at Port Orchard. The captain and crew fought the fire desperately but were compelled to cut the vessel loose in order to save the wharf. The steamer was built two years ago, and caught fire from her boilers.

The vessel was used in the sound traffic, and was owned by C. D. Bergman of Port Townsend. She was 102 tons register, 100 feet long, 18 feet beam. She was built two years ago at Snohomish.

KURDS WITH SWORD AND FLAME INVADE ARMENIA

(Journal Special Service.)

Tiflis, June 17.—A force of 5,000 mounted Kurds has crossed the Persian frontier, raiding and burning Armenian villages. The raiders besieged 220 Russian troops at Khanlouthar, where fierce fighting took place for two days. The Russians were finally compelled to retreat owing to lack of ammunition and their fate is unknown.

The Kurds are reinforced by large bands of Tartars, all armed and disciplined. They are marching on Erivan. Stories of terrible massacres are arriving.

WILL CONTINUE SCHOOL WITHOUT STATE AID

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., June 17.—At a meeting of the board of regents of the Eastern Oregon Normal school held here last night it was decided to continue the institution regardless of state assistance. Funds will be solicited from private sources, more than half the amount having already been promised. A committee consisting of President R. E. French, G. W. Proebstel and P. A. Worthington, secretary of the board, was appointed to secure the funds necessary to maintain the institution.

PHILADELPHIA CITIZENS NAME NEW CANDIDATES

(Journal Special Service.)

Philadelphia, June 17.—At a conference of Republican leaders this morning it was decided to present candidates for sheriff, coroner and city commissioners. The present candidates should step aside to permit new men to be named.

The move indicates that only citizens hitherto free from connection with the machine will be named, in an endeavor to head off the rapidly growing anti-organization sentiment.

EXPRESS WAGON GUARD FATALLY SHOOTS MAN

(Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, June 17.—Frank Davis, aged 17, was shot through the lung by a guard on an American Express wagon at Monroe and Peoria streets at noon today. The wagon was passing the brick layers' hall at union headquarters when the crowd jeered the driver, and pressed about the wagon. The guard fired, wounding Davis, who will probably die.

POLES UNVEIL STATUE IN KOSCIUSKO'S HONOR

(Journal Special Service.)

Milwaukee, Wis., June 17.—A magnificent monument in memory of the Polish patriot, Kosciusko, is to be unveiled tomorrow in Kosciusko park. The event will be made the occasion for a great demonstration of Polish societies of Milwaukee, reinforced by delegations from Chicago, Grand Rapids, Detroit and other cities. The monument was modeled by Gaetana Trentanove, the famous sculptor.

HENDRICKS REPORT ON EQUITABLE NOT FILED

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, June 17.—State Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks said today that he had not yet submitted his report in the Equitable matter to the governor, and declined to say when he will do so. Chairman Morton today reiterated the statement that no action will be taken in regard to Hyde and Alexander until the Hendricks report is filed.

REICHSTAG MAKES BITTER REMARKS

Request of Baron von Sternberg for More Salary Causes Unkind Words.

WILL SAIL FOR BERLIN AND TALK MATTER OVER

Count Cassini to Go by His Favorite Route to St. Petersburg.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, June 17.—Baron Speck Von Sternberg is suffering the fate of every diplomat who obtains unusual success in the capital to which he has been accredited. Sir Mortimer Durand seems to have set the ball rolling by asking for a raise in salary, and the German ambassador seems to have had an application on file for some months past. This request aroused intense bitterness in the reichstag and the fathers of the German federation said some very harsh things of President Roosevelt's most intimate friend. Said one old legislator from the Rhenish provinces:

"We do not care how hard little Speck labors to please the American president and the American people. He might do worse things than that over in Washington. What we object to is paying his salary. Since it is his object to please Mr. Roosevelt first of all and be popular with the Americans they should place him on their pay rolls. He is doing their bidding, not ours."

Remarks Are Painful.

This is exceedingly undeserved and its publication in the leading German press was certainly very painful to his excellency. The baron is going to Berlin to talk it over and will sail June 20, having concluded to stay in Washington just as long as the president tarries. Naturally it incenses the sturdy German to read such comments on their ambassador, but then he takes his cue from the throne itself and he is in a pretty tight fix. He is here to cultivate the friendship of the president. If he follows this order he gets into disrepute with the reichstag and it threatens not to pay the bill.

The German legislators are all right, but this does not prevent cordial sympathy for Baron Speck. He failed to get his increase of salary and he really does deserve it, and he and his lovely American wife are among the most lavish hosts at the capital.

Soon Leaves for Madrid.

Count Cassini intends going by his favorite route, the North German Lloyd to Hamburg and then across to St. Petersburg by rail. After consulting with the foreign office for some weeks he will joint the Countess Marguerite in Paris and then go to Weisbaden and other spas. His presentation at Madrid is not definitely settled. The court is now at San Sebastian on the upper Atlantic coast, but it is a low, damp place, not at all calculated to help the venerable diplomat's rheumatic ailments.

NO HALF HOLIDAYS FOR FIELD'S DEPUTIES

The 19 deputies and stenographers in the county clerk's office will receive their usual vacation this year, but unless Clerk Fields changes his mind they will not be allowed half holiday on Saturday afternoons this summer. Last summer they were allowed both the vacations and the afternoons off; this year they were given the choice of the one or the other. The majority voted in favor of the vacations, Mr. Fields says.

In the past the force of clerks has been divided, and each half alternated in taking the Saturday afternoons off. Mr. Fields says he made the rule because when half his force was away an unusually large amount of business came in. The half on duty had to work all the harder, and he himself had to remain all day Saturday in order to help out the others. His name was never reached on the afternoon-out list.

FOUND WANDERING IN A DAZED CONDITION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Olympia, Wash., June 17.—A stranger giving his name as George Menne was found wandering around the farm of E. B. Rutledge near Mima prairie in a dazed condition and brought to the city and placed in the county jail. The man shows unmistakable signs of insanity but the officers will hold him in jail for a few days and await developments. He says that he worked in a logging camp on the Satsop river.

SEVEN WARSHIPS SUNK BY FORT'S BIG GUNS

(Journal Special Service.)

Fort Monroe, June 17.—At dawn this morning four torpedo boat destroyers and three converted yachts made an attack on the fort and all were theoretically sunk and returned to the fleet. The strategy involved in the maneuver is not apparent, as the little vessels were no match for the siege guns of the fort.

GRAND JURY INDICTS PLUMBERS IN COMBINE

(Journal Special Service.)

Cleveland, O., June 17.—The grand jury today indicted 26 members of the Master Plumbers and Mantle Tile Dealers' association for combining and charging excessive rates in violation of state and anti-trust laws.

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NEW YORK, June 10.—(Special Correspondence.)—The seeming miracles of healing performed by that famous scientist and panopath of this city, Dr. Wallace Hadley, his startling cures of men and women given up to die by doctors, have been so wonderful in both method and results that they have awakened universal praise, astonishment and mystery among professional men and the general public alike. In the face of doctors' verdicts and apparent impossibilities this man has taken invalids pronounced hopelessly incurable and restored them to life and health when all other means had failed.

Considerable curiosity has been aroused by these phenomenal cures, both because they are so wonderful in themselves and also that this worker of wonders proclaims the fact that he has discarded the useless drugs and medicines usually prescribed by physicians. In partial explanation he states that he has discovered the greatest of life's laws, that apparently has been overlooked by previous searchers after the secret of nature. And it is evident beyond doubt that this discovery gives him a power over disease and death not possessed by ordinary mortals. So certain is he of his ability that he claims and offers to prove that there is no disease he may not cure. Astounding as that assertion appears to be, there is plenty of evidence to support it in one case, if not in more, by means of the mysterious power he possesses, he is stated to have made the human heart beat again, reviving the flickering spark of life when all but extinguished, and curing diseases that baffled the skill of the best doctors and specialists. He appears to have complete control and mastery over the hydra-headed monster, Disease, under whatever form or name it may be known.

Yet, strange as it may seem in this day and age, with all the supreme power and command over the ills that human flesh is heir to, he does not use his discovery to fill his own pockets at the expense of the thousands of suffering men and women who appeal to him for the aid he gives so gladly and so freely, as he might easily do, saying during a recent interview: "I believe it is my duty to God and man to help all who stand in need without regard to any reward. I believe this power was given to me that I might be an instrument to cure the sick and afflicted. This being my earnest belief, I feel that I must give freely of my services to all who are ill. I do not want to pose as a philanthropist, but I have my own ideas as to the best use to make of the money I have, and I know of no better way to spend it than to make life easier for those who are in the grasp of pain and disease. I have made both my money and my discovery unaided, and if I choose to use both in laboring for the health of mankind I am sure that it is nobody's business how or why I do it. True, there is almost no limit to the money I could make if I chose to keep this wonderful secret to myself, as you can readily understand, but I feel that it belongs to humanity as much as it does to me. What right have I to grow wealthy out of my fellowmen's miseries? Just think of what it means when I am able to say that there is no disease I may not cure! Just think of what a message of hope and salvation that is to hundreds and thousands of invalids throughout the length and breadth of the land who have given up hope of ever being well again!

"I do not care what doctors may say; I do not care what the disease is called, I am just as ready to make the deaf hear, the lame walk, to cure consumption, cancers, tumors, paralysis, locomotor ataxia, Bright's disease, organic weakness or any one of the so-called incurable diseases, as I am to cure stomach trouble, blood disorders, rheumatism, catarrh or any other ill that human flesh is heir to. I do not care or want to know how much or how little money a man has, but only that he has been attacked by disease in any one of its many forms. No matter what it may cost me, I mean to go on curing any one who asks me of any disease they may have, just as long as I am willing and able. When I have this power to save life and restore health, I could not let men and women, human beings like myself, go on suffering and dying for the want of that which I have to give. I know what I can do, because my power has been tested in thousands of cases. One case, a miraculous cure, as the patient himself called it, was that of a Mr. Harry Williams of Traverse City, Mich. He had a terrible disease that threatened to rot his bones, make his teeth and hair fall out, destroy sight, taste, smell and hearing and cover the body with ulcerous sores; a disease that makes a man a living corpse, like leprosy. He also failed to get help from his home doctors, and was in such misery of mind and body that he looked upon suicide as his only chance of escaping a more frightful death, was actually thinking of killing himself, when, luckily for him, his case was brought to my attention. I saved his life. I cured him. My treatment drove the poison out of his body, cleansed his blood of the very roots of the disease and restored the man to perfect health. And another was that of Mr. B. R. Hall of Snowville, Va. His physicians pronounced him beyond medical aid and wanted to saw an opening through his skull as a last chance. Pieces of bone as big as my finger and half an inch long came out from above his eye. His agony was terrible. He had abandoned all hope and thought nothing but the grave awaited him. All he expected was to have his last dying hours made as comfortable as possible, but I saved his life and cured him completely. Sometimes I myself would be inclined to doubt the reports that come from my patients if I did not know the facts in each case. It is not long ago that I received a letter from one of them, a Mrs. J. G. Whitfield, of Norfolk, Va., in which she says: 'I was so near crossing the Great Valley that my body felt dead and lifeless, but you made my heart beat again and my blood flow through my veins once more. I was very despondent when you came to my rescue. My stomach, liver and kidneys were in such a bad state I was afraid I couldn't ever be cured, and, in addition, I was afflicted with varicose veins and ulcers that I thought I could not be cured. I was in despair when I wrote to you, feeling that it was a chance for life and health. I suffered untold misery, but now I can shout for joy over my restoration to life and health. I don't feel like the same person. I do feel so thankful to you. May God bless you.' These are only random examples, but you see that they prove my power to cure even in the face of what seems certain death. But these and the other so-called miracles that I am credited with performing are not miracles in the same way as those described in the Bible. They may seem just as wonderful to the witnesses and to the men and women whose lives are saved and health restored, but they are in truth simply scientific phenomena that demonstrate and prove the power given me by the discovery I have made of life's law, the secret of what creates and maintains life, and overcomes disease and death."

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"Surely you do not mean that any one who is sick can write to you and be cured, without paying you any money?"

"But I do mean just that. Both my services and the treatment I send are entirely free to any one who needs treatment. And I am especially anxious to cure those who think, or have been told, that their case is incurable, that there is no hope for them to regain their lost health and strength. If they will write to me there is not only hope, but an almost absolute certainty that they need be sick no longer."

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF BUNKER HILL BATTLE

(Journal Special Service.)

Boston, Mass., June 17.—Boston and vicinity today celebrated the 129th anniversary of the battle of Bunker hill with more than usual enthusiasm. Charlestown was the center of the festivities. Thousands of sightseers from all parts of the state witnessed the great parade this afternoon. In line were scores of patriotic and civic societies, companies of state militia, regulars from Forts Strong, Warren, Revere and Winthrop, sailors and marines from the navy yard and jackies from the several warships now in the harbor. The marchers were greeted with cheers, mingled with the blasts of horns and the sounds of firearms on all sides. A magnificent electrical parade under the auspices of the Carnival association concludes the celebration tonight.

GRAND RONDE SUFFERS BY HEAVY HAIL STORM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

La Grande, Or., June 17.—Yesterday afternoon La Grande experienced a heavy rain and hail storm, the hailstones being small. The ground was almost entirely covered, and the stones piled up in places several inches deep. The mountain sides near the town were completely covered, being entirely white for several hours. Some damage is reported to vegetables. The storm did not extend to the valley. Last night was quite cold and frost is reported from different parts of the valley, which damaged gardens only.

GRADUATION WEEK AT MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

(Journal Special Service.)

Ann Arbor, Mich., June 17.—Ann Arbor is rapidly filling with visitors in anticipation of commencement week at the University of Michigan. The exercises of the week will be ushered in tomorrow evening when President Angell will deliver the baccalaureate address in University hall. The class day exercises of the law department will be held Monday afternoon and the evening of the same day will be marked by the senior promenade. Tuesday has been set aside for the class day exercises of the senior literary department. Wednesday will be alumni day, and the commencement exercises will take place Thursday. The commencement oration will be delivered by President Henry S. Pritchett of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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