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ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

New Phase Developed in the Durrant Case.

MOST DIABOLICAL PLOT IF TRUE

Conspirators were to Have Implicated Preacher Gibson—One is Conscience-Stricken.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—A strange story of an alleged plot in connection with the trial of Theodore Durrant came to light today through a letter addressed to the coroner. The police claim they have known of the plot for some time, and that the knowledge of that plot had been discovered, and led Attorney Deuprey, for the defense, to abandon the case and take to his bed, leaving the closing management of the case to General Dickinson, who, it is alleged, did not know of the plot. Six men are, according to the story, implicated as those who were to swear to false statements prepared for them, it is alleged, by the defense. The police say the plan was conceived entirely by Durrant and carried out largely under his direction by the aid of one of his counsel. The plan was to make such evidence as would prove as alibi for Durrants and at the same time implicate Rev. J. George Gibson in the murder of both Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams. One of these alleged witnesses, who, by his letter to the coroner, confesses his part in the plot, said he and others were ready to manufacture an alibi, but when they were asked to implicate Gibson they weakened and gave a hint to the police which spoiled the whole plan.

A letter dated October 27, and signed George Reynolds, is as follows: "Tonight I will seek rest from all worldly cares in these waters near the Cliff House. I write this so you need have no inquest or identification. I was some months ago to be a witness in the Durrant trial for the murder of Minnie Williams. I send you a statement prepared for me to learn with five other men named Smythe, Dugan, Stewart, Taylor and Harrington. I object to take part in this matter because of the part of the plan to implicate Preacher Gibson. I assisted E. M. Thayer, Durrant's friend, in fixing up the plan. Smythe, Dugan and Stewart were to be witnesses in the Lamont case, and Taylor, Harrington and I were to help him out in the Williams case. I tried to get statements of the other five to enclose with this, but they would not give them up. Smythe was to say Blanche Lamont was at his house, near Haywards, until Friday, April 5th, when she left for home. The strap with Blanche Lamont's name I marked myself with her name. I cut off the end of the strap and sent it to Chief Crowley three months ago with other matter. Dickinson's explanation about the strap is clever, but very improbable. I should think Dickinson would be sick, too. Dugan and Stewart were to say they had been to Dr. Anthony's funeral in Oakland on Friday, April 5th, and when returning saw Miss Lamont on the ferry-boat, Dugan knowing her well. The plan was also to produce a bloody handkerchief with the initial 'G,' meaning Gibson, upon it. I littered five other handkerchiefs, and Thayer sent them by messenger to Gibson, with a card written by Smythe, saying, 'From four little infant-class girls.' The bloody handkerchief was to be offered as having been found in the lot back of the church on Sunday, April 14th, but it never was delivered because we declined to take part in the plot to implicate Gibson. This is all I have got to say. Let Durrant tell the rest." (Signed),

"GEORGE REYNOLDS." Accompanying the letter was a lengthy statement, comprising the purported bo-

gus testimony which Reynolds was to learn before going on the witness stand. The statement was type-written and backed in legal form, but was not written by the writer of the letter, because in the type-written statement several corrections had been made with a pen in handwriting which differed from that in Reynolds' letter. Coroner Hawkins said: "I have turned this letter over to the police for investigation. It looks like a hoax, but it is possible that Durrant or some one connected with the defense may have prepared this story as Reynolds says. The statement which accompanied the letter shows careful work, and was no doubt prepared by some one who had made a close study of the case. If Durrant could prove what is stated in the document, he would go forth a free man."

The substance of Reynolds' type-written statement was that he had known Durrant for ten years; that he had met him on the evening of April 12th, the night Minnie Williams was murdered. The statement says he met him on Howard street, where they talked some time. In a friendly scuffle Durrant was unintentionally thrown to the ground. Durrant said he was sorry he had dirt on his clothes, as he had got to go to a party where there would be ladies present. Durrant then left for Dr. Vogel's house, and the witness, looking at the clock, noticed it was 11:35.

Telephone Decision.

San Francisco Call, Oct. 25.

Two suits were filed in the United States circuit court on the 23d inst. by the Western Electric Company of Chicago, against the Capital Telephone Company of Sacramento, with which corporation Frederick Cox, president of the California Bank of Sacramento, and W. E. Gerber, also of the California bank, are associated as defendants.

One of the suits filed is for the infringements of patents on switchboard apparatus and office machinery, which are held by the Chicago corporation, and the other on the telephones and manner of wiring. The patents held by the regular telephone company and the Western Electric Company cover every conceivable part of the sound transmitter, thereby making it almost impossible for a new concern to successfully operate a telephone circuit.

Now that the Chicago firm has determined that an injunction shall be placed upon the home company, it will probably put a stop to the subscription for stock in the latter organization and may eventually lead to a number of suits against parties who have been using these telephones, as the revised statute under which these suits are being brought strictly states that not only the manufacturer but the seller and user are each personally liable for infringement by using a patented article without the consent of the patentee.

It is alleged that Messrs. Cox and Gerber, not being content with being the instigators of the Capital Company, have organized another telephone company throughout the state, and as several other minor companies are organizing the Western Electric Company feels that it is being imposed upon, and says that it is going to show beyond a doubt that these companies cannot legally exist.

Attorney George F. Barton, who represents the Chicago corporation, was in the city a few days ago and some advanced the opinion that if the petition of his client was sustained it would be almost an impossibility for the Sacramento firm to successfully operate a telephone line before the year 1900, as none of the patents held by them will expire before that time.

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NOTICE.

To All Whom it May Concern: By order of the Common Council of Dalles City, made on the 7th day of October, 1895, and entered on record in the records of Dalles City on the 8th day of October, 1895, notice is hereby given, that the crosswalks on the following streets, in said city, have been declared dangerous, by said city council, on said 7th day of October, 1895, and the said council in about to proceed and make the improvements as hereinafter stated, and said improvements of all said crosswalks, and of each of them, will be made by said common council, after fourteen days from the first publication of this notice, to wit: October 9, and the cost of such improvements and of each of them, will be charged and levied upon the corner lots, cornering upon the street or streets, intersected by such crosswalks, and upon all lots or parts thereof, to the center of each block cornering upon such intersection, as by charter provided.

The crosswalks declared dangerous and about to be improved and built are as follows, to wit:

1. To build a crosswalk, on the west side of Washington street, across Second street.
2. To build a crosswalk on the north side of Fourth street, across Court street.
3. To build a crosswalk, on the east side of Union street, across Fifth street.
4. To build a crosswalk on the south side of Second street, across Court street.
5. To build a crosswalk on the east side of Court street, across Seventh street.

All of said crosswalks will be built and constructed in accordance with the provisions of the charter and ordinances of Dalles City.

Dated this 8th day of October, 1895. G. W. PHELPS, Recorder of Dalles City.

Still Another Call.

All county warrants registered prior to Jan. 14th, 1892, will be paid if presented at my office, corner 3d and Washington streets, The Dalles, Or. Interest ceases after Sept. 22, 1895.

WM. MICHELL, County Treasurer.

"While down in the southwestern part of the state some time ago," says Mr. W. Chalmers, editor of the Chico (Cal.) Enterprise, "I had an attack of dysentery. Having heard of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I bought a bottle. A couple of doses of it completely cured me. Now I am a champion of that remedy for all stomach and bowel complaints." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, Druggists.

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