

MAYOR GAYNOR TELLS OF GRAFT

BECKER MOST REMARKABLE CRIMINAL OF GENERATION

New York Executive Declares That He Will Not Set a Thief to Catch a Thief—Outlines His Policy as Pertaining to the Police Affairs of the Great Metropolis of the United States

Gaynor or Graft
Of the twelve that dipped the sop with Jesus one betrayed Him. It is not all astonishing, then, that Becker betrayed Waldo.
It would not only be weak, but contemptible in a mayor to sacrifice his heads of departments when some clamor arises.
I will never set a crook to catch a crook. My police head must be an honest man.
The great sources of graft are enforcement of the excise laws, the law against gambling, and the law against prostitution.
There are grafters still left in the police of the old regime, and I would not be surprised if an old-time inspector should yet be caught.
Becker is not a type. If all the evidence against him is true he is the most remarkable criminal of a generation.
In enforcement of the excise law we have cut off graft of \$3,900,000 a year alone.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The great Becker-Rosenthal gambling graft case was analyzed today by Mayor William J. Gaynor in a special interview with the United Press, in which he pointed out lessons that may be drawn from it by the executives and people of other American cities. Sitting at his desk in the city hall, in the country's largest city, the white-haired, gray-bearded executive frankly admitted there had been plenty of graft here, and that some still remains. He insisted, however, that it was being gradually stamped out, and defended the rank and file of the New York police as the best in the world.
Gaynor insisted that he knew certain old-time police inspectors were grafters. He would not have been surprised, he said, if one or more had been caught in the recent upheaval, and hopes and rather expects some will yet be landed in the net.
Instead of considering Becker a type of grafter, the mayor declared the lieutenant was the most remarkable criminal of his day, if all that is charged against him is true, but with characteristic forbearance refused to deal with this subject at length because Becker's appeal from his conviction is still undecided by the highest court.
The mayor insisted that three things contributed to graft—the enforcement of the liquor regulation, anti-gambling and anti-prostitution laws. But taking the enforcement of these out of the hands of the general run of police, and making a squad under the immediate direction of the commissioner responsible, the graft question is solved, he said. The mayor minced nothing, evaded nothing, and made it very plain that, so far as he is concerned, he believes that he has solved the problem of how a city should be run.
"You ask me how I regard the New York police force today as a whole, for efficiency and effectiveness?" began the mayor. "The best in the world, and I say that advisedly. It is not generally known that compared with other cities our police force here is very small. We have a population of 5,000,000, and only 10,000 policemen. What do you think of that? Our full complement compared with the other large cities would be 15,000. But deficient in numbers as the force is, it does excellent work. It is capable of any work put up to it. Every one who comes here to the city sees what excellent outward order and decency is preserved. It is also a fact that our secret service force does the very best kind of work. It is very seldom baffled. It is, in a large sense, the secret service force of the whole country. We, in fact, do work for the whole country.
"We recently had two cases here which will illustrate what I mean. One was the robbery of a bank messenger by the so-called taxicab robbers. The police had very little to go by, and yet they arrested them all. One, I think, they found in Memphis, one in some other Western city and one in Cuba, or on the way to or from Cuba. By the way, when a criminal gets outside of the city they are able to catch him easier than if he went into some hole here in the city and kept still.
"The more recent case is the murder of Rosenthal, the gambler. Those who did that deed also came in an automobile to the place of the mur-

der, and got away in the same way. It was all done in a moment, and off they went. Conflicting numbers of taxicabs were given by citizen on-lookers. With very little to go by the detective force of the city within a few hours had the cab brought to the station house and in a short time several arrests of those concerned were made. It took some weeks to make the two final arrests. These two young murderers went into a house in a remote part of the city and stayed there. But they were found. And yet, owing to the sensational statements of newspapers and some public officials, the notion was sent abroad that the police tried to shield these criminals. Nothing more unjust was ever said of the force here. The criminals were all promptly found. The district attorney was furnished with a complete case. Then the ones who hired the murderers turned state's evidence against Becker, and showed that he instigated them to do the murder, and thus he was indicted and convicted of the murder.
"In place of standing in the way to shield their fellow officers, the police did their whole duty in the matter. I could go on, multiplying instances to show the efficiency of our detective force. They do fine things every day. Of course I am a novice in such matters, and I suppose would make a very poor detector of crime, but I cannot help sometimes being greatly interested in the work of the police in this line. Of course they come to tell me about it, and I like to listen to it, to make them feel good, and to encourage them, if for no other reason.
"I should not leave the subject without saying that we have a splendid police commissioner, Mr. Rhineland Waldo. Up to the time of the Rosenthal murder the entire press of the city were saying that we never had his equal. Then the degenerate press began to attack him. I sympathize with him all the more because I know that they attacked him only to attack me. And since that a great many have been talking at random against Commissioner Waldo, but he is the same Commissioner Waldo that he was before the Rosenthal murder. It is true that Becker was under his immediate orders in the suppression of gambling and other vices, and that he was grossly deceived by Becker. But that might have happened to any of us. Many other men have been grossly deceived by employes or subordinates. In the commercial and banking world it is happening every week. And the notion which some people have of what a police commissioner should be is contemptible.
"Only last night a gentleman said to me: 'You must remember, Mr. Mayor, that it takes a crook to catch a crook, and what you want as police commissioner is that kind of a man. You want a man like the late Brynes, who was head of the detective force. I acknowledge that he was a grafter, and that he did not scruple to make up perjured cases to convict individuals. But he was efficient. He got the result.' I listened to him only with disgust. The result that Brynes got was that he went out a millionaire and corrupted the whole force as other heads of the police force had been doing for years.
"I came in as mayor determined to stop all this. And so I said to this fellow: 'Sir, if I need to put a thief or a grafter at the head of the force in order to catch the thieves and criminals of New York, then I shall not catch the thieves and criminals of New York, for I shall never put such a man at the head of the police force. You and others who are talking like you ought to be ashamed of yourselves.' I have a disgust against all such people. Some clergymen, even, come and talk the same way to me.
"My notion is that I want an absolutely honest man and a gentleman at the head of the police force, and I am going to stick to that notion. Of course, he must also be intelligent. Mr. Waldo fulfills these conditions. When you know you have an honest man, you feel much relieved. He may make mistakes, but he is honest, and will not corrupt the force. Our force is showing better all the time. For a generation the heads and leaders of the force have gone out of offices millionaires. I can count up several of them now who are still alive and living the lives of millionaires with their country houses and their yachts. That is all at an end.
"There are grafters still left from the old regime. They are being retired one after another, and every chance we get we dismiss one. But the process of purification and education takes some time. We have made much progress in the last three years. And I hope by the end of my term to be able to say that all graft has been cut off from the police force.
"You ask me what the sources of graft are. Why, the great sources of graft are in the enforcement of the excise law, the law against gambling and the law against prostitution. If you turn the police loose on these three things they will take graft right and left. When I came in here as

GREECE READY FOR WAR

UNCONFIRMED MESSAGES SAY THAT PROTOCOL WILL BE SIGNED AND ARMISTICE WILL BE AGREED TO SOON

LONDON, Dec. 6.—An unconfirmed Constantinople dispatch says that Greece has accepted the terms of the protocol and will sign the armistice. A formal statement from Athens is expected.
SOFIA, Dec. 6.—It has been authentically learned that the allies intend to insist that the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier extend from Midia and the Black Sea through Sarai and Chorlu to the Gulf of Saros. This will leave the sultan only a narrow strip of Europe bordering on the Dardanelles and the Sea of Marmora, including Constantinople, about 100 miles long and 15 miles wide.
It has been learned that January 7th has been set as the time limit for the London conference, thus allowing twenty-five days within which to confer.

MAJOR LEAPS TO A SPEEDY DEATH

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Major John C. Mallery, a retired army officer, committed suicide today by jumping from the ninth floor of the Manhattan hotel. He was instantly killed. Thousands of people were witnesses to the tragedy.

PALZER WILL BE READY TO FIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Al Palzer will arrive in Los Angeles Saturday and will begin training at once for his New Year's Day battle at Vernon with the winner of the Flynn-McCarty match December 10th. The New Year's Day victor will be proclaimed the white heavyweight champion of the world, and will become possessor of a gold-mounted belt McCarey has offered.
When Luther McCarty responds to the gong that will send him against Jim Flynn next Tuesday night he will leave in his corner a little snuff-colored monkey which he declares is going to "goodluck" him into the heavyweight championship. Luther daily spars with the little animal, and has declared that he will teach him to swing a towel before the night of the Flynn battle.

SAN QUENTIN, Dec. 6.—Willie Luis, the Chinese boy who killed his father's American wife in San Luis Obispo county, was hanged at 10 o'clock this morning.

Just as the trap was about to be sprung C. Christensen, manager of the International Correspondence schools' office in San Francisco, raised his hand and said: "I protest in the name of Jesus Christ."
Christensen was hurried out of the death chamber by the penitentiary guards and the hanging proceeded.

Negro Hanged

FOLSOM, Calif., Dec. 6.—Edward Delehante, the giant negro who killed "St. Louis Pat" Kaufman, a convict in San Quentin, last spring, was hanged at 10:32 this morning. The execution passed without incident.

Adamson Bill Passes

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—The house by a viva voce vote passed the Adamson bill providing for the physical valuation of railroads. The bill requires the interstate commerce commission to report annually on the valuation of the railroads, including the outstanding stocks and bonds.

STOCK GAMBLERS WILL BE CALLED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Directors of the New York stock exchange will be before the house money trust investigation committee next week. They will be required to furnish inside information of the organization and management of the exchange.
The full committee met this morning, and Chairman Pujo announced his plans for the investigation.

TOKIO, Dec. 6.—Count Terauchi was today chosen premier.

mayor, the thirteen thousand hotels and saloons of this city were paying, the least of them, \$25 a month for graft, to the police and politicians. Do you perceive that that foots up to \$3,900,000 a year? I am saying this to you to illustrate how much can be collected in this great city from these three sources of graft. Each of the other three sources can be made to yield nearly as much as the liquor traffic. In years past all of these three sources were made to pay the maximum, and as I have said to you, the chief officers in the police department retired one after another, millionaires."

ADDRESS XMAS PACKAGES PLAIN

LAST YEAR THERE WERE 37,500 CHRISTMAS PACKAGES, NOT PROPERLY ADDRESSED, SENT TO DEAD LETTER OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Postmaster General Hitchcock issued a statement today urging the public to address Christmas packages more carefully this year than last. In 1911 there were 37,500 mis-sent packages that went to the dead letter office.
This year Santa Claus letters will go to charitable institutions.

For Canadian Navy

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—Premier Borden has asked parliament to vote \$35,000,000 to construct three super-dreadnaughts. The strongest will be built in England.

Framing Naval Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—The house commenced today framing the naval appropriation bill. It is expected that it will aggregate \$120,000,000.

Report Denied

VIENNA, Dec. 6.—The report that the Austrian minister to Serbia has been recalled was denied here this morning.

SWALLOWS GUM IN COURT ROOM

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 6.—Pennell, one of the defendants in the federal court in the trial charging the illegal transportation of dynamite, resumed the stand this morning. He chewed gum violently, and his facial contortions disconcerted United District Attorney Miller, who appealed to Judge Anderson. The witness immediately swallowed the gum.
The witness was cross-examined regarding the Springfield, Ill., explosions, and his visits to Hockin and John McNamara there.

DUFFER IS NEW LONDON TRADE

LONDON, Dec. 6.—"I am a duffer," said a witness in police court, when asked his occupation.
His explanation disclosed the fact that there hundreds of men in London who follow the profession of "duffing," or pawning jewels at a profit, and that there are concerns that manufacture articles, chiefly jewelry, for the express purpose of pawning.
"We simply back our judgment against that of the pawnbroker," said the "duffer," "and if he advances more than the article is worth it's his own lookout."

FAULDER TO DIE FRIDAY, 13TH

SALEM, Dec. 6.—Invitations to the hanging of five murderers are being distributed today. The cards state that Nobel Faulder and John Taylor will die at 7:30, and Mike Morgan, H. E. Roberts and Frank Garrison will follow on the scaffold at 11:30.
Faulder was sentenced to be hanged from this county. He was convicted of the murder of Louis Gebhart. Following the murder of Gebhart, Faulder shot himself, but his injuries did not prove fatal.

G. O. P. PEOPLE TO GET TOGETHER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Final arrangements are today completed for the republican rehabilitation banquet in New York on January 4th. It will be the biggest banquet in the party's history, 1,500 prominent republicans attending, including every republican congressman and senator. President Taft is expected to outline the policies he believes necessary to prevent the party's disintegration. It is expected that he will declare his intention of never again running for office.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 6.—President-elect Wilson will start for New York Dec. 14, arriving there December 16. He admits that he will confer with Bryan immediately after his arrival home.

SEASICK PIRATES ARE NOW IN JAIL

ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec. 6.—Seasickness put an end to a promising piratical expedition which recently embarked from here. Stealing the private motor boat Dora, four desperadoes fitted out the vessel with a large supply of provisions, rifles, revolvers and ammunition, intending to raid one of the South Sea Islands. Shortly after the voyage began they encountered such rough weather that all hands became desperately ill, and they were forced to beach the Dora at Double Island Point. There they were arrested by government officers.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7.—It is reported that six Greek warships have been sighted off the entrance to the Dardanelles. As a result, great excitement prevails here. It is feared that the war vessels may attempt to run the straits and attack Constantinople.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—It was officially announced this morning that the Balkan peace conference would be held in St. James' palace, the king's official London residence. The Balkan situation is unchanged.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—The German press is again pessimistic, and comment dolefully on the unconfirmed reports that Serbia has mounted batteries on the Danube, and that Austria is mobilizing troops at Semlin.

BUD ANDERSON WINNER OVER PICATO

VANCOUVER LAD PURPOSELY HOLDS BACK KNOCKOUT
Because of Grand Jury Probe, It Is Decided Not to Give a Decision. Picato Is Held Up by Bud to Keep From Causing the Suspicion to Arise That Prize Fight Has Been Held.

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 7.—"That Anderson is a wonder. He will certainly be the world's champion of the lightweight class some of these days."
This statement was made last night by the manager of "Babe" Picato, a manager with fifteen years' experience in the ring game, at the conclusion of the ten-round bout between Anderson and Picato, in which the former was master in every stage of the battle.
Owing to the fact that the grand jury is in session, and is said to be investigating boxing matches held here, last night's bout was declared a draw by pre-arrangement, Anderson being afraid to score a knockout with an indictment for "arranging a prize fight" hanging over him.
Anderson led from the start, and in the second round he would have won from his opponent by the knockout route, but for the pre-arrangement occasioned by the grand jury's activity. In order to keep Picato from taking the count in this round, Anderson held him up for several seconds.
Picato displayed cleverness, but he was no match for the Vancouver lightweight. Considering the fact that Picato is one of the toughest "trial horses" championship aspirants have to meet before getting a chance at the top notchers in the lightweight division, local fans are confident that Dick Donald's protege will some day lead the 133-pound division.

WESTERN UNION AGAINST UNION

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 7.—Six operators were discharged by the Western Union Telegraph company, because, it is alleged, they were members of the union.
President Koenekamp of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union in a statement issued here today, said: "The Western Union must quit persecuting our organization or we will be open for a fight."

REVIVE PARTY IS SUGGESTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Republican governors who are here to confer with President Taft have endorsed Senator Cummins' plan to rehabilitate the republican party at a meeting where new declaration of principles may be adopted.
"The plan is excellent," said Governor Hadley. "I would go further and make the proposed meeting a great national convention for republicans, regular and progressive, and there thresh out the differences."

Drastic Bill Introduced

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 7.—As a result of the hearings before the senatorial campaign investigation committee during the summer and fall, Senator Clapp today introduced a drastic bill in the senate limiting the use of campaign funds in presidential and congressional elections.

INDIAN BATTLE BE PRESENTED

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 7.—It is proposed to bring 10,000 Indians here in 1915 to stage spectacles typifying early Western life. The principal spectacle will be Custer's last fight.
The plan is the result of a desire on the part of local people to co-operate with the San Francisco exposition officers.
License to wed was issued Saturday to Jas. Harriety and Margaret Devine, both of this city. The groom is connected with the Klamath Falls iron works.

CONDEMNED MEN PREFER DEATH

FIVE MEN TELL NEWSPAPER—MEN DON'T WANT JAIL LIFE

Rumor That Governor West Is to Commute Sentences of Five Murderers Is Denied—Judge Benson Receives a Telegram From the Chief Executive of State—Judge Makes No Recommendations

SALEM, Dec. 7.—"We do not want life imprisonment. We prefer death."
This was the unanimous declaration of the five men who are condemned to be hanged here Friday when advised by newspaper men that attempts were being made to have their sentences commuted to life imprisonment.
SALEM, Dec. 7.—Hundreds of requests have been made for admission to the five hangings which will take place next Friday. They will not be honored.
The scaffold has been put in place. There are two drops.
Governor West today denied the report from Klamath Falls that there was a possibility of a reprieve for Noble Faulder.
"The men positively must hang," said the governor.
That Governor West did not arrive at the decision not to interfere in the hanging of the five men on next Friday, as indicated in the foregoing dispatch from Salem, is evidenced by the fact that he sent a telegram last night to Judge Benson, who presided at the trial of Faulder. The telegram follows:
"Would you please send me a statement of the Nobel Faulder case, with your recommendation as judge, if you desire to make any."
Judge Benson replied in a letter, giving a history of the case, but made no recommendation as to what he would do in the premises.

INTER-MARRIAGE TO BE PREVENTED

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 6.—State Representative Nimocks announced today that he would introduce a bill in the next legislature preventing the intermarriage of whites and blacks. The Jack Johnson wedding was the cause of Mr. Nimocks making this decision.

ARTIFICIAL RINK CANADA'S PLAN

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 6.—An artificial rink, to cost approximately 250,000, will be erected at San Francisco for the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915 by Patricks, the well known coast hockey magnates' official. Notice was received by Frank Patrick from the director of concessions of the world's fair that the concession is granted to the British Columbia magnates. A site 200 feet by 450 feet is set aside for the erection of a rink and ice palace capable of holding 5,000 spectators.

France Cautions

PARIS, Dec. 6.—Premier Poincaré in the house of deputies intimated that France did not want any trouble, and intends to support England and Russia in the event of a fight.

ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR NOOSE, PLAN

Substitution of the electric chair for the rope in the death chamber at the state penitentiary will be proposed in a bill being prepared for introduction in the coming session of the legislature by ex-Speaker C. N. McArthur.
"The electric chair provides a much more humane way of putting men out of the world," says Mr. McArthur. "It can be installed with little expense, and requires only a slight change in one section of the code."
The former speaker has been collecting data on the subject, and will have a bill ready for introduction early in the session. He believes it will be adopted. He is also preparing a series of bills to repeal the "dead wood" in the statute books. He says there are forty or fifty pages of "law" in the books that is not law at all, having been superseded by later statutes or by constitutional provisions. For instance, one law provides for the inauguration of the governor in October, but for years the constitution has made the term of the new governor begin in January. Numerous bills will be required to repeal the old statutes, as they embrace many subjects and cannot be included in one act. Their adoption will clear the law books of confusing and out of date sections, and reduce the printing when the code is again revised.