

Startling Evidence Given in Hearing of Pittsburgh Bribery Scandal.

ELEUTH "DISCOVERS" LOST COIN

Pittsburg, Dec. 3.—To escape imprisonment for contempt, C. R. Richardson, a broker, went on the stand at the hearing of Common Councilman William A. Martin, charged with soliciting bribes in the Pittsburgh and Tube City franchise ordinance scandal, and told how a fund of \$70,000 had twice been put up to influence councilmen, and said that Martin, alleged to be treasurer of the councilman combine, was present each time.

The money, which has disappeared, was intended, it is charged, to go to certain councilmen should the Tube City railroad franchise be passed.

Richardson testified that on October 17 he, with Martin and C. S. Cameron, president of the railroad, placed \$70,000 in a safety deposit box in the Union Trust company. When they counted the money over Martin remarked, said Richardson, that one \$10,000 bank note looked good to him.

As soon as Martin left Richardson took the money away, substituting a package of newspaper clippings.

On October 22 Richardson swore Martin had the box opened to get the money, and found the package of papers. That night common council sent the Tube City ordinance to a special committee.

On November 20 Richardson again got the \$70,000 from his partner, A. E. McGrew. He turned it over to Cameron, and with Martin went to the Union Safe Deposit company's vaults in the Frick building. Cameron, Richardson testified, reached into his pocket for the package and declared that it was lost. Martin refused to stand a search, and Richardson had both men arrested on charges of conspiracy to defraud.

The next day a package containing \$65,000 of the \$70,000 was found on the seventh floor hall of the Hotel Antler by G. B. Perkins, a detective, who had been employed by Richardson. Cameron's brother and father were both living at the Antler. The remaining \$5,000 was made up by Cameron, and after deducting a fee of \$10,000, Perkins turned the money over to McGrew.

A number of witnesses were called to corroborate Richardson, one of them being Perkins, who admitted that he got \$10,000 for recovering the \$70,000, or \$65,000, as the case might be.

Attorney Marron, representing the city, and Rody P. Marshall, representing Martin, almost clinched when Marshall accused Marron of trying to "shield some one higher up."

When Marshall demanded to know who was back of the "whole deal," a hot argument followed, and Marshall made his accusation.

SEVEN MEN HORRIBLY BURNED

P. R. O'H House at Huntingdon, Pa., Demolished by Explosion.

Huntingdon, Pa., Dec. 4.—The oil storage house of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company here was completely demolished by a terrific explosion and seven workmen who were in the building were horribly burned. The injured are: William McMahon and William Richardson, probably fatal; Mack Wilson, Samuel Winnemore, James Hawk, Dale Roffs and Robert Miller.

The building was used for the storage of oil and gasoline. The explosion was the result of the men entering the building with a lighted torch.

KILLED BY GASOLINE FUMES

Asphyxiated While Leaning Over Auto Tank Making Repairs.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—Gustav Loeding, aged 38 years, well known as a promoter of amusement enterprises, was found dead in his automobile in a garage in the northern section of the city. He had been asphyxiated by gasoline fumes while leaning over the tank of the machine making repairs. Loeding had been dead for several hours when his body was found. The unfortunate man's head was lying across the opening from which the deadly fumes were issuing and, the physicians say, left no doubt as to the cause of death.

SUICIDE AND WEDDING

Woman Hanged Herself at Hour Son Was Being Married.

Washington, N. J., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Archibald Lance, 54 years old, committed suicide by hanging herself in the cellar of her home here at the hour her son was getting married at Newark. Mrs. Lance disappeared at the hour set for the wedding and could not be found for some time. There is no known reason for her act. The family is quite prominent here. Mr. Lance being a member of the town council.

Will Fight in Baltimore.

New York, Dec. 4.—"Young" Corbett and Terry McGovern will fight before the Eureka Athletic Club of Baltimore the last week in January. Al Herford, representing the club, offered 70 per cent. of the gross receipts, and his bid was accepted. He posted a \$1000 forfeit.

American Ladies Honored By Sultan.

Constantinople, Dec. 4.—It was officially announced in the Gazette that the sultan had bestowed the Shefakat order upon Mrs. and Miss Jackson, wife and daughter respectively of John B. Jackson, the American minister to Greece, Montenegro and Servia.

WANTED TO LYNCH BRUTE

Scranton Police Secret Away Man Who Enticed Little Girls.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 1.—Earl Faulkner, aged 28, keeper of a candy store in West Scranton, had to be hurried from the West Scranton police station to headquarters under strong guard to prevent a possible lynching.

He was arrested on suspicion of being the party who has been enticing little girls. Little girls, all under 10 years of age, who had been assaulted by him, and four others, whom it is alleged he attempted to assault, positively identified him when he was arraigned for a hearing before Magistrate Charles. Led by relatives of the little girls, a crowd of 200, which had collected in front of the station house, threatened to lynch him, and Superintendent of Police Day, with a squad of officers, got him out secretly and hustled him to the central police station.

CRITICISED THE PRESIDENT

Anti-Imperialist Asks When Roosevelt Became the United States.

Boston, Dec. 4.—At the adjourned annual meeting of the Anti-Imperialist League resolutions were adopted expressing confidence in the success of the cause of the complete independence of the Philippine Islands.

In his annual address President Storey criticised President Roosevelt for his interference in the recent difficulties in Cuba, claiming that it was a menace to the future independence of the Cuban republic, as well as a usurpation of the rights of congress. "The United States," said President Storey, "has the right under the Platt amendment to interfere for the preservation of Cuban independence, but since when has President Roosevelt become the United States?"

PENNSYLVANIA'S REVENUES

Reached \$25,800,000 For 1906, Breaking All Records.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 1.—The revenues of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the fiscal year closing Friday were \$25,818,924.10. This breaks all records, the next highest recorded having been reached one year ago, when the collections aggregated \$24,269,119.72. The increase is due to the raising of the taxes of the larger corporations and the close collection of delinquent corporation taxes.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company, which is the state's largest taxpayer, contributed \$2,416,893.79 for taxes on its lines east of Pittsburgh this year; its capital stock tax was \$1,718,025.60; tax on loans, \$303,277.86; gross receipts, \$395,590.32.

SPARK DROPPED INTO POWDER

Three Killed and Thirteen Injured in the Explosion.

New York, Dec. 4.—A spark from a candle carried by a laborer dropped into a can of giant powder and caused an explosion among a gang of workmen in the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel under the East river.

Three men were killed outright and a fourth is dying. Of 12 others less seriously hurt two required hospital treatment. The others, suffering chiefly from burns, were attended on the spot and sent home. The explosion occurred in the tube close to a shaft sunk between the Long Island railroad station at Long Island City and the river.

SOLD INTO SERVIDUTE

Kentucky Convict Brings Only \$10 For Nine Months' Labor.

Elizabethtown, Ky., Dec. 4.—Dick Anbury, who was convicted of vagrancy, and who was ordered sold into servitude for nine months, according to the law of the state, was disposed of at public auction to J. Johnson, a farmer, for the sum of \$10. Anbury's reputation for general shiftlessness was such that even the most strenuous efforts of the sheriff were not sufficient to bring about many bids.

Died Trying to Save Companion.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 4.—Captain Pierce, of the schooner Henry S. Little, bound from Philadelphia for Portland with coal, came ashore here and announced the loss of two of his men, John Rosperson, of Norway, and Emil Olsen. Both men were shipped in Philadelphia. When the schooner was 20 miles off Barnegat Olsen fell from the fore-rigging into the sea. Rosperson at the time was on the main deck, but he saw his companion fall, and without hesitating a moment he sprang over the rail and dived after him. A boat was lowered by other sailors, but no trace could be found of either Rosperson or Olsen.

Matches Explode, Firing a Child.

Chester, Pa., Dec. 3.—While playing with matches Harry, the 3-year-old son of James McGuire, a Chester Traction conductor, was burned about the body and sustained injuries, inhaling the flames. Hearing her child's screams, Mrs. McGuire extinguished the flames by wrapping a coat about the burning lad. The boy had picked up the box of matches, then dropped them on the kitchen floor, when they exploded. Heroic efforts are being made to save the child's life.

Wealthy Bachelor a Suicide.

Pittsburg, Dec. 4.—L. Lee Dilworth, 52 years old and a bachelor, a member of one of the wealthy families of Pittsburg, committed suicide by shooting. No cause can be assigned for the deed and all avenues of information were closed to newspapers and inquirers by the friends and members of the family. He was very wealthy.

Accidentally Killed By Brother.

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 1.—Chester Nickel, aged 10 years, was accidentally shot and killed by his 16-year-old brother while gunning near here.

THAW TRIAL DELAYED

Commission to Take Evidence of Witnesses Outside of New York.

New York, Dec. 4.—A motion of counsel for Harry K. Thaw that a commission be appointed to take the testimony of witnesses outside the state was granted by Judge Newburger in the supreme court. It will be an interrogatory commission and testimony will be taken of witnesses for both the prosecution and defense.

The motion was made by Clifford W. Hartridge, one of Thaw's counsel, who suggested an open commission, and named as the witnesses whose testimony is desired Thomas McCaleb and Truxton Beale, both of whom, he said, are in California.

District Attorney Jerome told Justice Newburger he had no objection to the appointment of a commission to take testimony, providing it be allowed to take the testimony of witnesses outside the state. He also said that an open commission, as suggested by Mr. Hartridge, would be unsatisfactory for the reason that it could ask all kinds of questions and that it would take considerable time to get the testimony in hand. He said that an interrogatory commission could be appointed, and that only prepared questions would then be asked. Mr. Jerome said he wanted the testimony of the mother, brother and sister of the defendant's wife and possibly that of a witness who is now in South Africa.

The witness in South Africa is Miss Ida Veronica Simonton, daughter of Dr. Simonton, of Pittsburg. She sailed from this country August 1. Miss Simonton has gone to Africa to study the monkeys in the jungle.

OUR PROSPERITY AMAZES LIPTON

Says Such Prosperity Was Never Known in Any Country.

London, Dec. 1.—Sir Thomas Lipton has contributed to the Weekly Dispatch an article describing the amazing prosperity in America in every department of trade and commerce. He says it is no exaggeration to declare that at no previous period of human industry has such prosperity been known in any country. Everybody in America is making money and in supplies that the ordinary standards of comfort and luxury are being replaced by new ideals.

"Even responsible and well informed writers in England," Sir Thomas continues, "appear to have little idea of what is happening across the Atlantic. The view appears to be that this prosperity is merely due to financial manipulation. Never was there a more ridiculous theory. American prosperity is based upon the immense expansion of solid industries, the increased purchasing power of the people and the legitimate development of agriculture and mining industries, while the general confidence is such that nobody is afraid to spend lavishly."

CURZON APPOINTED GUARDIAN

Authorized to Collect His Children's Money From Leiter Estate.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, former viceroy of India, was appointed ancillary guardian for his three minor children. Justice Gould, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, made the appointment. By the order he is authorized to collect any money due the children from the estate of their grandfather, the late Levi Z. Leiter, and to collect the interest on the marriage settlement deed of trust, which was executed in Washington, April 20, 1895, at the time of Lord Curzon's marriage to Miss Mary Victoria Leiter.

The petition presented to Justice Gould was signed "Curzon of Kedleston." The petition cites that the children's interest in the Leiter estate is \$30,000 a year each and that the interest on the marriage settlement deed of trust is \$6,000 a year each.

Scranton's Oldest Resident Dead.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Jane Halpin, the oldest resident of Scranton, died in the House of the Good Shepherd, aged 104 years. Her oldest son, James Halpin, is 82, and her baby boy, Martin, is 79. Mrs. Halpin was a native of Ireland, and had resided in South Scranton for half a century. She was an inmate of the House of the Good Shepherd for the past five years, not because of any waywardness, but at her own request, that she might end her days in a religious institution.

Opposed to Public Ownership.

New York, Dec. 1.—The Public Ownership Commission of the National Civic Federation, after an exhaustive investigation of public ownership, both in Europe and America, is understood to be unanimously opposed to public ownership, on the grounds that it is unscientific, wasteful and morally undesirable. The commission is making up its report and will submit it to the Federation before the middle of January.

Dropped Dead as His Home Burned.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 4.—A defective fuse caused a fire which destroyed the home of Samuel Burns, in Drumore township, this county. Burns, who was 72 years of age, dropped dead from excitement when he saw the destruction of his home was complete.

Professor Bloomberg Dead in Germany.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 3.—Word was received here of the death in Germany on Saturday last of Rev. Augustus A. Bloomberg, professor of modern languages at Lafayette college. Last June he was given a year's leave of absence and went abroad.

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Glove Maxims. A woman who is careful of her hand must be careful of her gloves, for this is most important. If they are tight they ruin the shape of the hand; if they are badly cut they give a common aspect to the whole appearance, and such gloves are the dearest in the end.
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WHOLE OR HALF TRUTHS. Better be single in peace than married in war. The rock of success isn't located in a field of roses. The fellow who objects to discipline needs it the most. You can inherit ability, but you've got to hustle for experience. The optimist has an easy time of it. He smiles while others work. It doesn't cost anything to say "good morning" even if it's raining. Some folks ought to take their consciences out once in awhile for exercise. Silence isn't always golden. The talker with something to say is worth a dozen keep stills. The optimist who thinks that folks are civilized should yell "Fire!" to a crowded house and watch results.—From "Gumption," by N. C. Fowler, Jr.
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