# CHARGE OF BRIBERY MADE BY A BIDDER FOR CITY CONTRACT

Abel Bottoms Alleges Attempt to Extort \$3000 in Scheme to Gain Appropriation for Police and Fire Station.

pirector Porter has ordered an invesfigilon of charges made by Abel Botunit, a contractor, to the effect that an simpt was made to extort \$3000 from he in connection with the awarding of s omtract for the erection of a police station and firehouse at Hunting Park winne and Schuyler street.

winns and Schuyler street. Mr. Bottoms is the senior member of the firm of Abel Bottoms Sons & Co., estractors, 41 South 15th street. The is has done a considerable amount of erfs for the city under former admin-ters for the city under former admin-ters for the city under former system is attempted extortion:

He firm made the lowest bid for the marget, \$127,000, when it was first ad-erised, in December, 1914.

rollowing this several visits were made editowing this several visits were made bis office by a man who professed to bis office by a man who professed to be the representative of certain Councils is who are members of Councils hans Committee. It was this man hoursed Mr. Rottoms to give him \$2000 at hat he might get the contract, while a pool was to be "divided equally are those who had influence in such atters, evidently meaning Councilmen, be mentioned no names.

bit he mentioned no matter. On one occasion the conversation was hard by a third person, who was con-midd behind a partition. The "go-bitween" was a salesman for an out-of-tern concern which dealt in rocks and marbias, he told Mr. Bottoms, who re-lated to pay the \$3000.

MANY BIDS FOR CONTRACT. There were between 15 and 20 hids filed for the contract. The police station and takouse was to be beated in the heart the 3sth Ward, which was represented select Council by the late Albert De refuntaine. Director Porter planned to make the building the finest of its kind a life country. It was to have a roof man, where the firemen could spend is hours during the hot weather. The is hours furing the hot weather. The main of the second by Mr. De Pre-muins and providing for the building, mulated that the expenditure should at exceed \$120,000. The expenditures for uning, heat and plumbing were to be pull for separately by the city, and a separate appropriation of \$30,000 for this perpase was planned.

After all the bids had been received After all the blue had been received councils declined to appropriate the \$30.-ma on the ground that there were not unficient funds available to meet this upense. So it was impossible to award

the contract. It was in connection with this failure is appropriate the additional fund that es of the visits of the "go-between" was made, according to Mr. Bottoms' account if the transactions. Mr. Bottoms would attually have been the man most interesel, as he had been the lowest bidder. The visitor urged again that Mr. Bottoms produce the \$3000. The latter replied that, It would be of no use, even if he were willing to remort to bribery, as the neces-mary \$30,000 was not appropriated.

That will be attended to later," the man said.

Records on file in City Hall show that thes 1911 there has been \$29 542.88 avail-the for extra expenditures in connection with the construction of police stations the frehouses, and Director Porter used free records as an argument to get Cancells to appropriate the \$30,000 which Mr. Bottoms' interviewer said would be "attended to." He has not seen this peran since he rejected his assistance. Two weaks ago the contract for the police sta-ter and firehouse was readvertised. The bid of the Bottoms firm was \$120,000 this has the increase being due to the rise In the price of copper.

DIRECTOR PORTER SUSPICIOUS. "Fer a long while," said Director Por-br today, "I have felt that there was thing wrong in connection with bidand firehouse at Hunting Park avethe and Schuyler street. There is no pasition that there is something in the modpile. Mr. Bottoms was the lowest Maker. We needed an extra amount of BANN for heating, etc., and though this BANNy was available we couldn't get nearly was available we councils to appropriate it. Councils kept putting me off. When the new bids are all registered and pre-femied to me I shall certainly investigate free carefully before I award the con-incl. If the contract had been awarded a the time the lowest bid was received a be time the lowest bid was received the building would have been completed by this time. Instead we have now a followse up in the 38th Ward which and fit for a dog to sleep in. <sup>11</sup> suppose it is planned by Councils to postpone the installation of a heating and and other improvements in the building until the next administration wass in. The charge of attempting to substimmoney from Mr. Bottoms will be stiort money from Mr. Bottoms will be



MRS. PERCY C. MADEIRA to whom has been granted a divorce from the clubman and big game hunter.

ELIZABETH C. MADEIRA **GRANTED HER DIVORCE** 

Awarded Decree From Wealthy Retired Coal Operator, Clubman and Huntsman.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Madeira has been granted a decree of divorce from her husband, Percy C. Madeira, wealthy retired coal operator, clubman and widely known blg game hunter, in Court of Common Pleas No. 3. The sult was begun in September, 1913,

but all the papers were scaled, the hear-ings behind closed doors and the proceedings generally surrounded by secreey. The court appointed Thomas Ridgway as master, and on April 15 Mr. Ridgway filed his report recommending that a divorce be granted. The Madeiras have been separated for the last two years. Mrs. Maderia was formerly Miss Campbell. The suit was started shortly after Mrs. Madeira's return from a trip Abroad

n 1913. No information was obtainable as to the basis of the suit. Mrs. Madeira was represented by Pepper, Bodine & Pepper. while John G. Johnson and M. B. Sau represented Mr. Madeira.

# **CHECKS FOR \$250 SENT** FAMILIES OF FIREMEN

President of Oil Cloth Works, Where Men Lost Their Lives in Fire, Is Donor.

Two checks for \$250 each and a tribute Two checks for 1259 each and a tribute to the bravery of Battalion Chief William F. James, of District No. 6, and Ladder-man John F. Hillman, Jr., of Truck No. 7, who lost their lives in the fire at the Thomas Potter & Sons' oilcloth works yesterday, were contained in a letter to Director Porter today from William Pot-ter, president of the company, to be for-warded to the families of the dead fire-men. They were noble types of American

"They were noble types of American manhood, bravely sacrificing their lives, in the discharge of their dangerous dittles," wrote Mr. Potter, Hillman's wife is in the care of a physician at her home, 1141 North Orianna street. was surprised today to Coroner Knight was surprised today to find that workmen were repairing the fullen wall which had crushed out the firemen's lives, when he visited the plant at 2d street and Erie avenue this morn-ing with Coroner's Detective Frank Paul to investigate the exact cause of the deaths. While he had no criticism to make against the permit given one work-men, he said he would rather have had opportunity to make a thorough investi-gation. 1917.\*\* opportunity to make a thorough integra-gation. Final arrangements are being made to-day for the two funerals, which will be held Friday afternoon, with firemen act-ing as pallbearers. Many firemen will attend the services for Chief James, which will be held at his home 2465 Amber street, at 2 o'clock Burlal will be in Cedar Hill Ce.ae.er., Besides the Fire Department, organiza-tions of which he was a member and which will send delegations are Mount Moriah Lodge No. 155, F. and A. M.; Ger-mantown Chapter 208, R. A. M.; James G. Blaine Council 766, O. of I. A.; Lenni Lenape Tribe No. 3, I. O. R. M.; the Fire-men's Relief Association and the Fire In-surance Patrol. positive. ulation

### BONNIE BRIDE BALKS AT BARRED CAGE AND LAUGH IS ON JOKERS

Wedding Guests' Plot Foiled by Morning Marriage of Miss Gerhard and Mr. Barthold.

An iron-barred cage, representing the bonds of matrimony, was to have been a feature of a celebration planned to follow a wedding at 460 Lyceum avenue this evening, but has proved to be a 'boomerang joker." The guests may assemble and bring along their cage and a ton of old shoes and the like, but they are to receive a distinct shock if they do, for the bride has flown with the bridegroom

When Miss E. Ruth Gerhard first announced her ongagement to Frederick Barthold, of 147 Wright street, she was areatly pleased with the reception and stir with which the news was received. Every one said that she was a mighty wise girl to accept that good-looking policeman of the ulst district, and every me looked forward expectantly to June 23, the date fixed for the wedding, as one

The name have for the wedding, as one which would be long remembered. Events preceding the marriage went as smoothly as any brids could desire. The wedding invitations were duly sent out, a cosy little home on Fairmount avenue, near Hidge avenue, was obtained and fur-rished, and last, but not least, Mise Ger-hard's "hope chest" fairly bulged with mysterious embroidered clothes which were the envy of all the girls in the neighborhood. eighborhood

regulation of the blow carnel There were mys-terious whispers to re heard from time to time about "what is going to happen when the ceremony is over." These form-boding murmurs increased in volume unti- recently the bride-to-be was horrifled by a rumor of a procession to accom-pany them to the railroad station, of an automobile truck and the iron-barred age!

That was the last straw. This morning Miss Gerhard arose very early, donned an embroidered organdle, white shoes and an embroidered organdle, white shoes and stockings and went out for a walk. Pres-ently she returned, clothed herself in a blue cloth suit, packed her baggage hast-ily and left. She had been married and had gone to join her husband at the rail-road station. They are now en route for New York city, Niagara Falls and the Thousand Islands.

PHILADELPHIA WINS

### **1916 CONVENTION OF** ADVERTISING CLUBS

Poor Richards' Splendid Showing at Chicago Conference Sweeps Quaker City to Victory in Vote This Afternoon.

CHICAGO, June 23 .- Philadelphia won its fight for the 1916 annual convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World here this afternoon. It will be the 12th convention of the organization. The fight was won in the conference of the presidents of the organizations composing the association in the Auditorium Hotel this afternoon.

CHICAGO, June 21 .- The last obstacle CHICAGO, June 23.-The mar obstacle to selecting Philadelphia as the meeting place of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World in 1916 seemed to have disappeared this afternoon, when Clucin-nati, its chief competitor, announced it would withdraw providing it was given the gathering in 1917. The matter will be desided later in the afternoon. be decided later in the afternoon.

Assurances were received from "root-ers" for other cities today that they will throw their support to Philadelphia. Cincinnati delegates, who previously e been holding out for their own city appear in increasing numbers with hatbands bearing the legend, "Cincinnati, Delegates who are working for Richand Boston are believed to be ready to capitulate to Philadelphia.





GET AHEAD OF JOKERS Miss Ruth Gerhard and Frederick Barthold were married early today instead of tonight.

evening have not been notified of the marriage, and the supposition is that they will assemble according to schedule to direct the use of the iron-barred cage Charles Gerhard, an officer in the Amer-ican Bridge Company and father of the bridg, and Mrs. Frederick Barthold, Sr., are the only ones who seem to have been bad station. They are now en route for lew York city, Niagara Falls and the housand Islands. The guests invited to the wedding this

> AUSTRIAN CRUISERS RAID ITALIAN COAST; SINK SHIP

> Vienna Reports Successful Bombardment of Towns and Railway Bridges.

VIENNA, June 23. Dashing out from their base, Austrian cruisers and destroyers have made another successful raid upon the Adriatic coast of Italy, it was officially announced

today. They swept along the Italian coast for nearly 200 miles, shelled railroad property, sank one steamer and returned safely to port.

The official announcement of the lat-

"On June 17-18 soveral Austro-Hun-garian cruisers and destroyers made a raid on the Italian coast from the fron-tier as far as Fano. They damaged semaphore stations at the mouth of the Tagliamento and near Pesaro, shelled ratiroad bridges near Rimini and sank an Italian steamship. All the crew were

'All our units returned safely."

#### Prince Joachim Now Aviator

AMSTERDAM, June 23 .- A Berlin mesmage states that the Kalser's youngest son, Joachim, has completed his course of training as an army aviator and now has joined the aviator corps in Flanders. The Prince became an avlator at the re-quest of the Kaiser and was trained at Johannesthal

Germans Lend Millions to Austria AMSTERDAM, June 23. - A Vienna

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# THAW GOES ON STAND AS FIRST WTNESS IN **FIGHT FOR FREEDOM**

State Taken by Surprise When Stanchfield Calls Stanford White's Slayer to Tell Story of Escape From Matteawan.

NEW TORK, June 21-Harry K. Thaw, fighting for freedom after nine years of imprisonment for the slaying of Stanford White, took the stand today as the first witness in the trial to have his sanity determined by a jury. Thaw went on the stand after his chief counsel, John B. Stanchfield, and Deputy Attorney General Cook had made their opening addresses to the jury. to the jury.

Stanchfield sprang a surprise by mak-ing his client the first witness. Deputy Attorney General Cook was so taken aback that he was not prepared to cross aback that he was not prepared to cross-examine the famous prisoner, and after occupying the stand for about 20 min-utes, Thaw was excused. He is, how-ever, subject to recall at any time when the State is ready to cross-examine him. Thaw was calm and apparently sure of imself. It was his first appearance in court before a jury as a witness and not as a criminal. He began his testimony with the usual answers. He gave his name as Harry Kendall Thaw, his age as 44, and his birthplace as Pittsburgh.

44. and his birthplace as Pittsburgh. Under Stanchfield's guidance he sketched briefly his escape from Mat-teawan and the subsequent light to have him brought back to New York. Then he told briefly how a commission ap-pointed by Federal Judge Aldrich in New Hampshire had adjudged him same. There was an audible note of triumph in his voice as he reached that point. The denith atterner superstant and he

The deputy attorney general said he had no cross-examination at this time. Stanchfield said he would recall Thaw later and Cook said he would call Thaw as a witness for the State.

FORMER JURORS EXAMINED.

The Thaw counsel then began the ex-mination of the 12 jurors who, in March ast, acquitted Thaw of conspiracy. Jus tice Alfred Page at that time forbade the jurors, in their verdict, to say whether they believed the prisoner same, but all of the 12 told newspapermen they thought him sane.

John T. Blackburn was the first one of the 12. Over the repeated objections and exceptions of Deputy Attorney General Becker, Blackburn was allowed to testify that all Thaw's acts in the con-spiracy trial appeared to him to have been the acts of a same and rational man.

Blackburn, on Cook's cross-examina-tion, admitted that the conspiracy jurors spent a great part of their 19 hours of

deliberations in debating the question of Thaw's insanity. They took a ballot on it, he said, and he was the jurce who told the reporters that the 12 men believed sane.

change his opinion that Thaw was ra-

in all of Thaw's long fight for freedom.

AWARD \$100,789 IN CONTRACTS FOR PLAYGROUND BETTERMENT

Plot in Germantown Will Be Completely Equipped for Children.

Contracts for Improvement of Water-view Playgrounds, at Haines and Me-Mahon streets, Germantown, aggregat-ing 100.759, were awarded today by the Board of Recreation.

Hoard of Recreation. The work, which is to be started at once, will transform the plot into one of the most modern and carefully equipped recreation and play centres in the city. the city.

The recreation building, which will cost \$57,971, and for which E. W. Van Loon 357,971, and for which E. W. Van Loon obtained the contract, will contain read-ing rooms, game and club rooms, an au-ditorium and gymnasium. The gym-nasium will be equipped with shower baths for both sexes. An open-sir swimming pool, \$0 by 35 feet, of latest and most sanifary design. Will be constructed adicting the second

will be constructed adjoining the recrea-tion building. The present bathhouse in Germantown, built almost 20 years ugo, will be torn down before Septem

Powers & Magee obtained the plumb-ng contract at \$5545; Bulman Brothers, heating contract, at \$4257, and Walker & Kepler, electrical work, at \$2705. Tennis courts, baseball diamonds, wad-

ing pools, shelter sheds, sand piles, mer-ry-go-rounds, swings and other equip-ment will occupy the space in the play-ground tract.

U. S. Holds Examinations Civil service examinations were held in the Federal Building today for the positions of marine engine draftsman for submarines, chief of the training school submarines, chief of the training school in the Government Hospital for the In-sane, expert passenger rate clerk, assist-ant chemist in forest products, assistant assayer, engineer, plumber and black-smith, subinspector of ordnance, elec-trical engineer and draftsman, statis-tical agent and junior railway civil en-gineer. The examinations will be con-tinued tomogrow. gineer. The exa tinued tomorrow.

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A Series of

Eye Talks

No. 61

Our Next Talk Wed., June 30th

By Joseph C. Ferguson, Jr.

President Edward G. Dohan, of Villa-ova College, has received the degree of Doctor of Laws from Duquesne Univer-sity, for which institution he preached the baccalaureats sermon this year.

Thaw same. H. Holbert, a member of the second Thaw murder jury, which in 1908 found Thaw "not guilty, but insane," was the next witness. He testified that Thaw's demeanor in the second trial impressed him as that of a rational man. "The field burget out the discour-tion of the second trial impressed him as that of a rational man.""

him as that of a rational man. The State brought out the discon-nected note written by Thaw in the second trial, which has been displayed in every habeas corpus proceeding. It was read to Holbert, who said it did not

tional in 1908. Jonal in 1998. Attorney Stanchfield, in his opening peech preceding the examination of wit-nesses, bitterly attacked Dr. Austin Filmt. the allenist who has figured prominently

'Doctor Flint has never made an ex-

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APPEAL FOR COMMUTATION

Attorney Has Slight Hope of Favor-

amination of Thaw," declared Stanch-field. "The only time he was erver with him alone was for 40 minutes, and he never made a thorough examination of dollars out of this case. People aris interested in keeping Harry K. Thaw in-sane because there is monoy in it. The State suffered a heavy blow when one of its important witnesses, Mirs Susan house keeper, could not be found. A fur-ried invertigation failed to reveal her whereabouts or any person who would admit having seen her. Mirs. Merrill has been a prominent fig-tre in the former Thaw trials. It was she who testified that Thaw "beat up" ALBANY, N. Y., June IL-Governme Whitman announced after a conference with Charles Becker's counsel, Martin T Manton, last night, that he would never the responsibility of hearing an appeal for a commutation of the death sentence. to life imprisonment despite his activities as District Attorney in securiog the

"Under the provisions of the Constitution of the State it is my duty as Governor to pass upon any appeal that may be made for Becker," said Governor Whit-

be made for Benkar," said Governor Whit-man. "I cannot delegate my powers as Chief Executive to the Lieutenant Gov-ernor without absenting myself from the State and remaining outside the boundary lines until such proceeding is concluded." Attorney Manton was with the Gov-ernor for nearing. The Governor took under advisement the question of graning an open hearing, but said he would gladly hear Mrs. Becker or anybody else who might come to Albany in the Interests of the condemned ex-police lieutenant. Mr. Manton is said to have left Albany

the condemned ex-police lieutenant. Mr. Manton is said to have left Albany with only slight hope of favorable action by the Governor. The report from Sing Sing that Becker had prepared a lengthy expose of "graft" in the Folice Department, which involves other well-known figures in New York, is declared to be without foundation.

Sailings for New Orleans Resumed The Philadelphia and New Orleans Transportation Company, Pier 19 North Delaware avenue, will resume services with three steamships in the near future. During the last few months the ships of the company have been used in trade to other ports, but will be returned here for regular sailings south.



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### NEW YORK TRIBUNE RETRACTS

#### Regrets' Publication of Charge That Bernstorff Hoaxed U. S.

MEW YORK, June 23.-The New York Thus today formally retracted the may it published several days ago, that is anton Meyer-Gerhard, special envoy a Amhasaador Bernstorff, was in fact Dr. Mired Meyer litred Meyer, of the German War Office,

alled Meyer, of the German War Office, and that the State Department had been desived in obtaining guarantees for his ass conduct to Berlin. "And in doing so," said the Tribune, "And in doing so," said the Tribune, "A supress regret for the distress which is sublication during the present tense biernational situation has caused to Am-bienador von Bernstorff."

Rotarians Hear Trade Discussion Originations Hear Trade Discussion Originations for American trade with a countries of South America was the see of an address by Richard J. Free-ting, at the weekly luncheon of the biary Club held today in the St. James inset Mr. Freeman, who has just re-brand to this city after an extended tour brand to this city after an extended tour brand to this city after an extended tour

urance Patrol.

Burance Patrol. Bervices for Ladderman Hillman will be held at St. John's Methodisi Church, 3d and George streets, at 3 o'clock. Mem-bers of Truck No. 7 will act as pall-bearors. The body will be placed in the church vault until the following morn-ing, when burial will be made in North-wood Cemetery. Delegations from the Firemen's Relief Association and the United Order of American Mechanics will attend. attend

attend. The 13 injured firemen who are in the Samaritan, Episcopal and St. Luke's hospitals, are much improved today. Cap-tain George Starit, of Truck No. 7, is more seriously injured than was at first thought, an examination revealing two fractured ribs and a broken aukle. Lad-derman Frank J. Murphy, of Truck No. 7, who was thought to be fatally injured. is much better. Both are in the Samari-tan Hospital. tan Hospital.

R. H. Durbin, of Philadelphia, after reviewing the situation, said, "It seems to me that if there is anything in appearnces, it is all over but the shouting; but, f course, I don't want to appear unduly

Newspaper publishers and officials yesterday formed a division called the Daily Newspaper Department of the As-Daily Newspaper Department of the As-sociated Advertising Clubs of the World. The object of the new association, it was announced, will be to promote the hon-esty and efficiency of ndvertising in newspapers. A set standard of prac-tice was outlined as follows: Make none but true statements of cir-walation.

Maintain advertising rates as publiahed.

Reject fraudulent advertising.

Walter Bloeser, manager of the motion picture division of the Chicago Tribune's advertising department, declared that "movie news is on a par with baseball

Politics of the convention came to the surface today. Herbert S. Houston and George W. Coleman, both of Boston, are minently mentioned for presi-Helng pr dent.





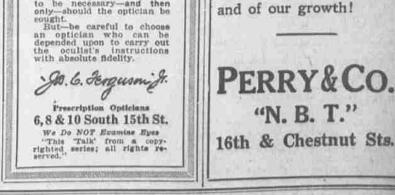
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telegram says the Austrian Minister of Finance has announced that a loan \$75,000,000 has been arranged with Jerman banking group in order to have abroad capital at Austria's disposal for payments in foreign countrie



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"We ship a carload of goods to Atlantic City, then send one of our Autocara down the next day to make delivery." That's one of the efficient delivery methods of H. D. Dougherty & Co., the Philadelphia manufacturers of bedding. "One of our Autocars frequently covers Germantown, Chestnut Hill and Roxborough in the morning and West Chester in the afternoon," This firm has used Autocars satisfactorily for over three years, now owning three cars which average 40 to 50 miles each per day. Ask Philadelphia's leading business houses what they think of their Autocars. Call at the Autocar Sales and Service Co., 23d and Market Sts., Philadelphia, or write for illustrated catalog and list of over 2600 concerns using Autocars in every line of business.

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the pores. Do this once or twice a day, and you will be astonished to find how quickly the healing, antiseptic Resinol medication soothes and cleanses the pores, removes pim-ples and blackheads, and leaves the complexion clear fresh and velvety. Sold by all druggists. For sample free, write to Resized Chem.Co., Baltimore.Md.

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senses South America, stated that the sole of the southern countries fully ex-set that they will be forced to deal with the country, owing to the difficulty of staining goods from Europe. Market 554

