

EIGHT PAGES--56 COLUMNS. SCRANTON, PA., SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 16, 1894. THE TRIBUNE HAS A LARGER BONA FIDE CIRCULATION AMONG SCRANTON BUSINESS MEN THAN ANY OTHER MORNING PAPER

BRICE DENIES WRONGDOING IN SUGAR SCANDAL

The Senate Probing Committee Applies Series of Searching Inquiries.

SAYS HE SAW HAVEMEYER

But of Course the Conversation Was Evaded of Criminal Intent.

THEY TALKED ABOUT THE TARIFF

Senator Smith, of New Jersey, Also Chanced to Form One of the Party, Which Included Senator Brice's Intimate Friend, Ferreri, Yet the Conversation Was So General in Its Character as to Give no Rise to Improper Influences—The First Gun in the Senate's Defense of Its Own Honor.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The senatorial sugar trust investigation started in today on what is considered the most direct and therefore the most important branch of the inquiry. It is the branch that consists in the examination of the individual members of the senate in alphabetical order as to their knowledge of or connection with dealings in sugar stock or the sugar legislation of the tariff bill. The committee has made excellent progress, examining each of its five members and all senators with few exceptions, from A to H, inclusive.

The examination of senators was based on a number of carefully prepared questions, so framed that the committee to a man believes that no senator who has ever touched sugar stock or had anything to do with the members of the trust in connection with the legislation of the tariff bill in the senate, or in connection with any sort without putting himself in a questionable position. These questions are as follows:

- THE QUESTIONS ASKED. First—Have you been in attendance at the present session of congress during the testimony of the committee on the sugar trust—Have you given any information, directly or indirectly, to any one interested in sugar stocks, or called or in the stock of the American Sugar Refining company or its subsidiaries, or in any other way to affect its value? Second—Have you bought or sold, directly or indirectly, since the beginning of this session of congress, any so-called sugar stock or stocks, or stock or certificates of the American Sugar Refining company? Third—Have you been concerned with any one in connection with the purchase, contingent or otherwise, in any operation whether by purchase or sale of said stocks or certificates? Fourth—Has any one bought or sold for your account, or in your interest, any of your stocks, or speculated in any of such stocks on your account, or given you to understand that you would share in the profits of any operation of such stocks or placed any money to your credit as the proceeds of the purchase or sale of such stocks or certificates? Fifth—Has any member of your family or any person in your employ or any clerk employed under the laws of the United States in your service been to your knowledge interested in any of the ways indicated in any of the preceding questions in any transactions in sugar stocks or certificates during the period mentioned? Sixth—Have you, or has any member of your family, or any such clerk, owned or held certificates of the American Sugar Refining company during the period herebefore mentioned? Seventh—Have you, at any time, been connected with the American Sugar Refining company or have you at any time been in its employ as attorney, agent or otherwise? The members of the committee—Senators Gray (chairman), Lindsay, Davis, Lodge and Allen, were examined before the alphabetical list was begun, and each answered in the negative with the exception of the first, which from its nature requires some explanation. Naturally, the most interesting, if not the most important testimony of the day was that of Senator Brice, whose name has been so frequently connected with speculations in sugar and with the legislation on the sugar schedule. The examination of Senator Brice was not made on the questions given, because other witnesses had brought in his name in giving their testimony.

THE ARMOR PLATE FRAUDS.

Continuation of the Testimony of the Informer, Hill. WASHINGTON, June 15.—The informer, Hill, continued his story of armor plate frauds before the congressional investigation committee today. It was mainly a detailed and technical elaboration of the frauds which he had explained in a general way yesterday. He took sheet by sheet of the "fake reports" made to the government officers and pointed out how Superintendent E. H. Hill had changed the figures so as to make them meet government requirements. The tedious process of identifying each false entry proceeded throughout the morning and part of the afternoon.

MINOR NEWS BRIEVITIES.

Abdul Aziz was proclaimed sultan of Fez. The Illinois supreme court decided the senatorial apportionment cases in favor of the Democrats. The pope's recent attack of weakness brought him near to death. For some time it was thought he could not rally. His holiness has since fully recovered. The Spanish government will propose the appointment of a mixed commission to settle the difficulty between Spain and the United States, concerning the Cuban tariff. W. H. Brown's son's small mill at Brown's Station, about twelve miles up the Monacauchon from Pittsburgh, was totally destroyed by fire. The total loss will reach \$50,000. Edward J. Mulligan, formerly connected with the New York insurance company, was arrested in Mont Clair, on the charge of forgery. His stealings are said to amount to \$40,000. The trustees of the Lehigh university have elected a new president for the ensuing session. It is said that the lucky man is Robert P. Landerman, president of the Bethlehem Iron company. The body of Dollie Wetzig, the woman who mysteriously disappeared from a party camping along the Conestoga on Sunday night, was found in the creek near Lancaster yesterday afternoon. Harry Moore and James Goran, who have been on trial charged with the murder of Charles McGinnis, whose body was found on a log in South Chester in January last, were acquitted last night.

BRIBERY DOWN TO A FINE ART

Further Interesting Revelations Brought Out by the Loxow Committee.

POLICE ROTTENNESS LAID BARE

Organized Societies of Liquor Dealers Assess Each Member to Secure a Fund for the Purchase of Protection from the Wardman with a Pull. Large Sums Paid Over to the Underlings of Tammany Hall—What Relationship and Boogie Will Do for a Law Breaker in Our Misgoverned Metropolis.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Some interesting revelations were brought out at today's session of the Loxow probing committee. The first witness this morning was Julia Halady, a young Hungarian woman. She was once arrested by Ward Detective Levy for selling liquor without a license. She was discharged, as she did not owe him any money. She said she had never paid Levy any money herself, but her partner told her that he had done so. The surprising statement was made by the witness that she understood that Ward Detective Levy kept a house of prostitution at No. 125 East 12th street. The committee declined to allow the witness to state the dates and amounts of money alleged to have been paid to Levy by her partner.

ONE BOHEMIAN'S PROTECTION.

Mr. Goff now opened up a new line of blackmail by calling as a witness Joseph Pospisil, Bohemian saloon-keeper of 1370 Avenue A, who lives on 21st street, in the Twenty-second Assembly district. Pospisil identified a copy of the Bohemian paper, the New York-Liste, containing an advertisement of the Bohemian Liquor Dealers' association of the Twentieth and Twenty-second wards. The association, he said, was organized for the mutual protection of its members, the dues paid by them being used in paying the expenses of defending the members, procuring licenses, etc. for them when in trouble over the excise laws. The witness said he kept his own saloon-floor on the chain, but did not let any one in on Sunday. So far as he knew no Bohemian saloon-keeper was arrested on Sunday. After some persistent questioning the witness admitted that besides reading in the Bohemian paper last Saturday that there was to be a strike for the excise laws, a policeman called at his saloon and told him to look out the next day.

TWO HUNDRED KILLED.

Two Explosions of Fire-Damp Cause Fatal Loss of Life. TROPICAL AUSTRIAN-SILOVA, June 15.—An explosion involving great loss of life is reported today from Karwin. An explosion of fire-damp occurred in the Johann and Franziska mines. The explosion took place at 10 o'clock p. m. in a pit of the Franziska mines, and resulted in the death of 123 miners here. This explosion was almost immediately followed by a series of other explosions in the mine, the most disastrous of the latter being in the Johann pits, where eighty miners were killed.

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DICK QUAY NOT A CANDIDATE.

Does Not Want to Be Secretary of the Commonwealth Under Hastings. WASHINGTON, June 15.—Representative Dick Quay today said that he was not a candidate for the secretaryship of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania under Governor Hastings.

STRIKE COMPROMISE RATIFIED.

Pathetic Letter Read from President McBride in Which Utter Failure is Very Frankly Conceded. PITTSBURGH, June 15.—The convention of coal miners of the Pittsburgh district today endorsed the action of the national and district officers by accepting the 60 cent rate and will resume work Monday. The vote was 89 to 31, but it was made unanimous immediately afterwards.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Forecast for Saturday: For Eastern Pennsylvania, generally fair, southerly winds.

END OF DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.

Drunken Painter Kills His Father-in-Law and Himself. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 15.—William Henshaw, a drunken painter, today tried to kill his wife and children, fatally shot his father-in-law, Jacob Smith, and then blew his own brains out. Recently Mrs. Henshaw instituted divorce proceedings. This proved today's tragedy.

MAY SURVIVE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

Hon. William Walter Phelps Resting More Comfortably. ENGLEWOOD, N. J., June 15.—At 4 o'clock p. m. there was no perceptible change in the condition of Hon. William Walter Phelps, from that of today noon, when he was resting comfortable.

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