

DEVELOPMENT OF AN UGLY SCANDAL

Results of Schuylkill Water Works Agitation.

WALTER STEVENSON'S CHAROES

Tells of an Attempt at Bribery--Peter E. Smith Held to Bail in the Sum of \$10,000--Councilman Walker Could Not Tell a Lie--Arrests Made in Another Political Affair.

Philadelphia, March 23.—What promises to develop into the ugliest political scandal ever inflicted upon this city was revealed in court here today, when one member of councils confessed the acceptance of a bribe; another was accused of a like offense and two others were charged with offering the bribes. The whole affair grows out of the ordinance offered in council to lease the city water works to the Schuylkill Valley Water company, and the alleged attempt by Nelson G. Green, of New York, representing the company, to obtain a favorable report from the water company by the payment of between \$15,000 and \$25,000. During recent consideration of the bill in common council, Walter G. Stevenson, a member of that body, charged that \$5,000 had been offered to him by Peter E. Smith, a member of the Republican city committee, to vote for the bill. A councilman investigating committee was appointed and is still at work, but District Attorney Graham promptly took the case; Smith was held in \$10,000 bail, and today's sensational developments came at his hearing before Judges Gordon and Breyer, of the common pleas court, who sat as committing magistrates. As a consequence of this hearing, Smith's bail in the same amount was continued and his trial has been set for next Tuesday; and Select Councilman Louis J. Walker declared that he and Common Councilman Edwin E. Smith had each accepted \$500 from Common Councilman Charles Seger to vote for the bill in common council. He also averred that Select Councilman J. Emory Byram previously offered him \$5,000 to vote for the bill in the chamber, but he had refused the money and voted against it.

THE FIRST WITNESS. Stevenson, in consequence of whose accusation the bill was indefinitely postponed, was the first witness today, and he repeated his story without change. Smith entered a denial, but was held for trial, as stated.

Select Councilman A. Raymond Raff, who was on the water committee and continued for the bill in common council on final consideration, was the next witness. He denied any knowledge of bribery, but said he had discussed the merits of the measure with Mr. Green. Councilman Walker was then called. He was very nervous. At first he said he did not know Green; had accepted no money and knew of none having been accepted.

Judge Breyer then said to him impressively: "With God as your judge, were you offering any money?" Walker hung his head, and after a moment's silence, replied "yes, I was," and he named the men by whose persuasion he had fallen. The money, he said, was paid in Councilman Seger's saloon and he had seen Councilman Edwin Smith receive the \$500 at the same time with himself.

Smith here took the stand and denied having received any money. A like denial was made by A. R. H. Morrow, who was chairman of the sub-committee.

Select Councilman Henry Clay, who has opposed the bill since its introduction, said he had a conversation with Nelson G. Green in which the latter said it had cost either \$15,000 or \$25,000 to get the bill through committee. Witness was not sure which of these sums was mentioned.

Select Councilman R. R. Bringham, who was chairman of the joint committee on water, which reported the bill favorably, but who personally has been against it, gave sensational testimony. Green, he said, had come to him and said "this bill is going to be a law. There is no question about it. Select council will pass it and common council will pass it and the mayor will sign it. I wish you would interview the members of councils for me. Some of them will have to be seen and fixed. If you will find out for me who they are and what they want, I'll look out for the rest. That is my business and I'm used to that kind of work."

Mr. Bringham said he only refused to do this but has ever since had nothing to do with Green.

WHAT MR. GRAHAM KNOWS. During the proceedings District Attorney Graham asserted: "I know \$25,000 was spent to get the bill through the committee and I want to know who got it." The court will resume the investigation next Monday. At the end of today's hearing, Councilman Walker was in the district attorney's office for more than an hour, when he was permitted to go upon promising to appear when wanted. It is said that upon the advice of his relatives he made a clean breast of the whole affair, and other arrests are expected.

The exposure has created a profound sensation. Arrests were also made today in another political affair. John Kelley, Matthew Tobin, John J. Green, J. J. Mathews, Max Lab and William B. Turner were placed in custody, charged with conspiracy in issuing false certificates in various wards to representatives of the Democratic city committee, in order to prevent properly elected members of that committee from exercising their rights. The trouble is between two factions in their contest for control of the committee.

WILD CHASE FOR RUNAWAYS. Mrs. Lockwood and Her Daughter Prisoners in a Coupe. Vineland, N. J., March 23.—Imprisoned in a coupe behind a span of runaway horses, Mrs. Arthur Lockwood and her daughter, Leonette, had a very exciting experience this morning. The women had scarcely entered the coupe, sent for them by Dr. Theodore Foote, when the horses became frightened at the closing of the carriage door and sprang away, leaving the coachman standing on the curb. Through the windows of the vehicle the pale faces of the women could be seen as the horses dashed along the main streets of the town.

Stanley Serries, an expressman, whipped up his horses and started in pursuit. Round and round the squares the teams sped like an ancient chariot race. Serries' horses finally overhauled

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THE NIAGARA EXPRESS STALLED BY A LANDSLIDE--Freight Train Crashes Through a Weakened Bridge--The Engineer Killed and the Fireman Hurt Fatally.

SHE IS MINUS A HUSBAND.

Peculiar Predicament of Mrs. L. C. Dillman at Tacoma, Wash. Tacoma, Wash., March 23.—Mrs. L. C. Dillman arrived in Spokane last week from Terre Haute, Ind., to meet her husband, and greatly to her surprise found that she had been divorced for a year, and that Mr. Dillman had remarried. Two years ago Mrs. Dillman went to Terre Haute, and last year Mr. Dillman obtained a divorce from her in the Spokane county court. The allegations in the complaint on which the divorce was obtained were peculiar. They were that Mrs. Dillman's former husband, who, as she supposed was dead, had suddenly reappeared. The complaint set forth that it was by mutual consent the application for the divorce was made. Mrs. Dillman says she never heard anything about her first husband coming back to earth, and that she did not consent to a divorce.

ASSAILS A CHICAGO DECREE.

Charges Made at Omaha That Judgment Was Granted by Fraud. Omaha, Neb., March 23.—The Farmers' Loan and Trust company has filed an answer in the suit instituted by the New England Water Works company to secure a deficiency judgment of \$247,795.53. In the answer the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, which held the mortgage, was charged with direct charges that in the Cook county (Ill.) circuit court judgment was secured through fraud. The judgment was secured on two notes of \$101,520.25 each and several others of smaller amounts, all made payable to C. H. Venner & Co., and transferred later to the New England Water Works company by Venner. It is alleged that these notes were all fictitious.

ROB A JAIL AND ESCAPE.

Audacious Mutiny of Two Prisoners at Dedham, Mass. Dedham, Mass., March 23.—Two prisoners at the Dedham house of correction, having sawed their way out of their cell, overpowered a guard today, and, after binding him, seized his keys, opened the safe, from which they took about \$2,500 in money belonging to the officials and prisoners, and three revolvers, and then escaped.

TRIED TO KILL HIS BEST FRIEND.

Boy's Murderous Assault on His Mother. Bethlehem, Pa., March 23.—Robert Becker, the 15-year-old son of the late Dr. J. G. Becker, attempted to kill his mother, at her parents' home, yesterday. He fired several shots at her, neither of which took effect, and then made a lunge at her with a knife. By-standers alarmed him, and he was turned over to a policeman, who, however, gave him his freedom in response to the pleas of the boy's mother. He will be sent to a reformatory as an incorrigible.

VALUE OF A HUSBAND'S LOVE.

Court Reduces a Jury's Verdict to a Neglected Wife. Bellefonte, Pa., March 23.—The court today disposed of an application for a new trial in the case of Gustave Lyon, of Philadelphia. A jury last November awarded Rose Sternberg Lyon \$5,575 against Lyon for alienating the affections of her husband, Meyer Lyon. Judge Lora today reduced the amount to \$4,000. Should the plaintiff decline to accept, a new trial will be allowed.

TO BUY A WIFE WITH HIS GOLD.

Back from Alaska with \$1,500,000, Bound for Philadelphia. Sioux Falls, S. D., March 23.—"What am I going to do with it?" responded Jacob Nanchet, who was questioned as to the uses to which he would put \$1,500,000 of gold he had brought back to this city, after a ten years' stay in Alaska. "Why, first of all, I'm going to Philadelphia and buy myself a wife."

HICCUGHS FOR A WEEK.

Railroad Conductor Cannot Get Any Relief. Danville, Ky., March 23.—H. C. Eaton, a conductor on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, is lying at his home here, suffering from hiccoughs. He was attacked with the spasms a week ago and has been unable to secure any relief.

Launching Horatio Hall.

Chester, Pa., March 23.—The coastwise steamship Horatio Hall, built for the Maine Steamship company, to ply between New York and Portland, was launched at Rosch's yard today. A number of prominent New Englanders were present, including Captain Hall, of Portland, for whom the ship is named. Building Commission to Meet. Harrisburg, Pa., March 23.—The capital building commission will meet next Monday night to receive the report of Archibald Cobb on the bids submitted February 17. Secretary McCarroll says the commission will proceed with the building of a new capitol.

SIGNS OF SPRING OUT AT PITTSBURG

Overflow of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers.

GREAT DAMAGE IS REPORTED

The Niagara Express Stalled by a Landslide--Freight Train Crashes Through a Weakened Bridge--The Engineer Killed and the Fireman Hurt Fatally.

Pittsburg, March 23.—The Allegheny and Monongahela rivers are likely to reach a stage of thirty feet of water tonight. Heavy rains fell at all points in the two upper valleys last night, and the water is rushing toward Pittsburg at a very rapid rate. The following districts are flooded: All of Allegheny, south of Robin street and South avenue; River avenue and Upper Robin street and the upper districts traversed by the Pittsburg and Western railroad; the lower bottoms of Woodlee run; lower districts of Saw Mill Run; lower districts of McKee's Rock and Esplenborough, and all the lowlands between the Davis Island dam and Beaver; Sharpsburg and Mivalde districts, and the lower districts of Upper Allegheny and Pittsburg on the Allegheny Valley railroad tracks in the vicinity of Kelly Station.

Great damage is reported, and fears are entertained that the flood may be as great as the one in 1884. About 5 o'clock this morning there was a sudden rise in the Allegheny river, and a clean sweep was made on the Allegheny side between Chestnut street and the railroad bridge. All coal boats, coal boats, shanty boats, rafts and everything afloat were swept away, wrecked or sunk, entailing a loss of many thousands of dollars. The Pennsylvania was displaced five and one-half hours by a washout near Canton, Ohio, and the Niagara express, southbound, is held by a landslide fifty miles from here, and will not get away until late this afternoon. At Canton, Pa., a Pittsburg and Western freight train went through a bridge weakened by the flood. Engineer Lake was killed and Fireman Bradley was hurt fatally.

HIGH WATERS IN OHIO.

City of Dayton Is in Danger--300 Houses Submerged. Dayton, O., March 23.—Dayton is in greater danger than at any time since 1868 when the central part of the city was flooded. The Miami river shows 18 2-10 feet at the government gauge and is rising. Last year when about \$50,000 damage was done the river's highest mark was 16 4-10 feet. North Dayton is completely under water and about 300 houses are almost submerged. The backwater is doing great damage below the city. Three of the six trolley lines in the city are blocked, and the streets to the north of the city are demoralized. The levees protecting Miami City and Riverdale, populous suburbs, are in danger, and every effort is being made to strengthen them. The water is in the cellars in the central portion of the city, and large and valuable quantities of merchandise are injured so that the loss in that direction is heavy.

Richmond, Ind., March 23.—Heavy floods are doing great damage here. The large bridge over Whitewater river has been destroyed by fire and water. The city electric light plant is awash. The Starr piano factory and the Nixon Paper mill have suffered heavy loss. Many persons have been driven from their homes. The streets are damaged greatly. Cincinnati, March 23.—The rain still continues. The river at 10 a. m. reached the danger line and was rising four inches an hour.

THE MISSISSIPPI RISING.

Steady Rain for Five Days Causes Fear of Flood. St. Louis, March 23.—Owing to the steady rain of the past five days there is a strong probability that some regions of the Mississippi Valley may be flooded. For the last forty-eight hours the river has risen steadily at the rate of an inch per hour. The rain extended generally all over Missouri and the Eastern Mississippi Valley. Last night at midnight the river gauge registered twenty-two feet, with a probability that it would reach twenty-five feet by morning. In the district south of the city, along the river known as "Little Oklahoma" the river is almost over the banks.

ANTI-TRUST LAWS CERTAIN.

Ohio Senate Passes Valentine Measure by Unanimous Vote. Columbus, O., March 23.—The Valentine anti-trust bill passed the senate this evening without a dissenting vote. As an almost exactly similar bill has already passed the house it is certain that a rigid anti-trust law will be placed on the Ohio statute books before the legislature adjourns. The bill was drawn by Attorney General Monnett, who is making a fight on trusts all along the line.

CULLOM DECLINES TO TALK.

Illinois Senator Refuses to Discuss Alleged Move by Tanner. Washington, March 23.—Senator Cullom refuses to discuss the reported coalition by Governor Tanner and his friends against him, contenting himself with merely declaring that he does not take any particular stock in the story. It is quite certain that if Governor Tanner wants to fight for the nomination in 1900 he will find "your Uncle Shelby" ready to accommodate him.

CAMDEN'S PINCHER REAPPEARS.

Suddenly Attacked Mrs. White on the Street. Philadelphia, March 23.—The "Jack, the pincher," who several months ago made the lives of Camden women miserable made his re-appearance last evening, when he attacked Mrs. Elmer White, of No. 619 Henry street. While Mrs. White was walking near her home on Henry street, about 5 o'clock she

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was started by a youth about 17 years old rushing from behind a tree and attempting to seize her about the limbs. The woman screamed for assistance and the bold fellow fled. Policeman Jules Bosch was in the vicinity and ran to the aid of Mrs. White, whom he found almost hysterical from fright and excitement. Her assailant, however, had disappeared and pursuit was not attempted. The woman said the youth wore a dark sack suit, a negligee shirt and a slouch hat.

WAR THREATENS CHILE.

Relations with Argentina Strained, and a Ministerial Crisis. Valparaiso, Chile, via Galveston, Tex., March 23.—Nothing but war talk is now heard in private circles, for a conflict between Chile and Argentina seems unavoidable. Nobody, however, yet sees how Chile can well declare war, or how Argentina can afford to. Meanwhile, Chile is confronted by another ministerial crisis. Members of the cabinet have been dismissed, and to Senator Eulojo Altamirano has been intrusted the work of forming a new cabinet. Confidence of all political parties is now sought by the government, in view of the seriousness of internal and foreign affairs. Peru's National guard also has been called upon to re-enlist before April 10, and her cruiser Leander sailed for Coquimbo today.

POSSE IS HUNTING HIM.

Ohio Citizens After a Man Who Shot His Sister-in-Law. Geneva, O., March 23.—About 6 o'clock this evening James McStokard shot, probably fatally, his wife's sister, Mrs. Gaines Trunkley. After firing two shots McStokard started to run, but was pulled down by two large hounds owned by Mrs. Trunkley. He succeeded in releasing himself, however, and escaped. Officers and a posse of citizens are now scouring the country for him. McStokard had been drinking heavily of late, and had become so abusive that his wife had fled with her little girl to her sister's residence. McStokard knocked at the door tonight, and upon Mrs. Trunkley opening it, he pulled out a revolver and fired two shots at her.

LIVED TO BE 102 YEARS OLD.

The Death of Mrs. John Sheehan at Bloomington, Ill. Bloomington, Ill., March 23.—Mrs. John Sheehan died in this city this morning aged 102 years. She was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and had lived in this country forty-one years. She was quite robust and active until recently.

SOLON PAYS RAILROAD FARE.

Representative Van Camp, of Michigan, Pays to Use a Pass. St. Joseph, Mich., March 23.—Representative S. L. Van Camp, who holds the usual legislative pass, paid his fare to Lansing today.

Van Camp is a firm believer in Governor Fingere's railway policy, and on these grounds refused to travel on the pass.

Steel Projectiles Shipped.

Reading, Pa., March 23.—The Carpenter Steel works today shipped 200 four-inch and 200 five-inch projectiles in response to an order from Washington directing that all shells ready for delivery be sent at once.

No Inducement to Steal.

"Thief," hissed the salesman, glaring out at the person who was thrusting bolts of silk into her pocketbook. "Kleptomaniac!" exclaimed the floor walker, in a hoarse, awed whisper. "Hush!" For with the bargains they were offering, it was obviously only the very rich who could afford to shoplift.—Detroit Journal.

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