



MR. BARKER IS GUILTY

The Members of the Jury Bring a Verdict in Keeping with the Charge of the Court.

A QUESTION OF INTENT

The Jurors Told That They Must Set All Else Aside in Rendering a Verdict—The Story of the Alleged Outrage No Justification in the Eyes of the Law for an Attempt at Murder—A Possible Seven Years Imprisonment Stands Before the Prisoner—Rev. Mr. Keller Denies Mrs. Barker's Testimony.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, June 21.—The jury before which Thomas G. Barker, of Arlington, N. J., was tried for shooting with intent to kill the Rev. John Keller, of the same town, took one ballot this afternoon and returned with a verdict of guilty. Under the charge of the court they could do little else. The jurors were told they must set aside all else and decide only if Barker, with intent, fired at Keller. That was the law and they must obey it. Notice of appeal was given by Barker's counsel.

Barker tonight found himself once more an inmate of the county jail. He must remain there until \$10,000 bail is furnished. Before him stands a possible seven years' imprisonment and a fine of as much as \$2,000.

Mrs. Barker was not in the court room to hear the verdict. She was in another part of the court house, and when told of the verdict, sobbed bitterly. Mr. Keller was also absent and showed no emotion when told of the verdict. Barker had expected an acquittal. He based his hopes upon the strong plea of his counsel when he dwelt upon the unwritten law that a man has a right to kill where the sanctity of his home is assailed. Whatever the effect of this line of reasoning had upon the jury it was swept away by the cold charge of the court, "the story of the alleged outrage or the outrage itself, if true, was no justification of the defendant's assault."

Why Evidence Was Admitted.

The court explained he admitted evidence that Barker had been told of an alleged assault, not because it had anything to do with the case, but because it was for the jury to determine if the story had anything to do with making the defendant criminally irresponsible. If they believed the defendant was sane at the time of the shooting they must convict.

In his closing Prosecutor Edwin asked the jurors if the woman's course was the natural one. He said her story was improbable because Mrs. Barker would, in the natural course, have told her husband of the assault at once, and falling that would have made a confident of a woman and not of another man.

The jury's only ballot was unanimous for guilt and a unit for the highest degree of insanity.

Barker will probably be sentenced on Thursday next, and then his counsel will file the papers in an appeal to the Supreme court.

At the close of the trial the Rev. Mr. Keller, through his attorney, gave the following statement to the Associated Press: "I have learned of the publication in several papers of the statement of Mrs. Barker as to an alleged outrage by me upon her. It is false. I never outraged Mrs. Barker. I now understand the ruler of evidence, however, would not permit my denial under oath on the trial just concluded.

(Signed) John Keller.

"June 21, 1901. "Barker, in an interview tonight, said: 'I did not expect such a verdict. It seemed to me there was a reasonable doubt. I believe that no twelve men would convict me after hearing my wife's story. I believe that the Supreme court will give me a new trial if that then my wife's story will be told.'

MONROE ESCAPES.

Mrs. Starring's Friend Could Not Be Convicted of Taking Jewels.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, June 21.—After an hour's deliberation the jury in the case of Lewis Francis Mortimer Monroe, of New York, accused of the theft of jewels, whose value was placed at \$20,000, from Mrs. Olivia C. Starring, of 145 Massachusetts avenue, returned a verdict of not guilty, and the defendant was set at liberty.

Mrs. Monroe, whose devotion to her husband has attracted attention throughout the trial, was the first to congratulate him on his acquittal. The two left the court house together. Mrs. Starring, who made the accusations under which Monroe was tried, was not in attendance at the court during the day, having left the city for Old Point Comfort.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, June 21.—Arrived: Belgradica, Genoa and Naples; Columbia, Hamburg; Clearcut, London; Liverpool; Hudsonville, Naples and Genoa; Kalmia, Glasgow; Rotterdam via Rotterdam; La Gironde, Hamburg; Havre-Arrived; La Lorraine, New York; Maille—Sailed: Astoria from Glasgow; New York, Southampton-Sailed: First Bismarck (from Hamburg), New York via Chesapeake; Queenston-Arrived; Campania, New York for Liverpool (and proceeded).

Trainmen Will Meet.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Montreal, June 21.—It was announced today that the representatives of the brotherhood of trainmen, locomotive engineers and brakemen will hold a meeting Sunday in this city to discuss the strike of the trackmen on the Canada railroads and the condition of the road-bed.

HARRY ALLEN BAXTER RELEASED FROM JAIL

Miss Mabel Willis Married to the Man Who Tried to Kill Her Father.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, June 21.—Harry Allen Baxter, of Great Neck, L. I., who was assaulted on Wednesday at Mt. Holly, N. J., by former Judge H. P. Willis, father of Miss Mabel Willis, to whom Baxter was paying attention, was released today from the Mt. Holly jail, where he had been committed on the charge of attempting to shoot Judge Willis, and was quietly married tonight to Miss Willis, in Camden, across the Delaware river from this city. Baxter had been a guest at the Willis home. The father at first did not object to his visit, but in difference in Baxter threatening to shoot the judge, followed by the latter thrashing the young man. Mrs. Willis and the daughter took sides with Baxter and vainly tried to secure his release from prison.

Today Baxter succeeded in securing his freedom upon the payment of \$10,000 cash security, and tonight came to Camden. He was met there by Miss Willis, and together with her mother, her seven-year-old brother and Mrs. Willis' two attorneys, they went to the home of the Rev. William H. Van Horn, a Methodist minister, and were united in marriage. The couple immediately left for New York, and will make their home at Great Neck.

FRIGHTFUL TORNADO

A Family of Seven Wiped Out—Two Members of Another Family Killed—Many Injured.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Omaha, Neb., June 21.—Special dispatches from Naper, Neb., coming via Stuart, Neb., because of interrupted communication, tell of the frightful work of a tornado, which visited that vicinity last night.

One family of seven are killed or fatally injured, and out of another family of six, two are killed and the rest, except the father, are seriously or fatally injured.

Those killed or fatally injured are: Jacob Greening, aged 6; Mrs. Jacob Greening, still living, but not expected to live; Margaret Greening, aged 11; Margaret Greening, aged 7; killed; Maggie Greening, aged 9; killed; John Greening, aged 4; killed.

Out of the Anderson family of six, two children, Ida and Clara, aged respectively seven and eight, were killed, and the mother and her daughter, Bertha, and son, Theodore, aged respectively ten and twelve, were seriously injured. August Anderson, the father, was away from home at the time.

MINISTER HOSHI TORU IS ASSASSINATED

The Japanese Statesman Is Stabbed to Death at a Meeting of the Yokohama Assembly.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Yokohama, June 21.—Hoshi Toru, who was minister of communications in the last Ito cabinet, was stabbed today at a meeting of the city assembly and died shortly afterwards.

Hoshi Toru was Japanese minister at Washington, and was formerly president of the house. The assassination is supposed to have been due to politics.

Officials of the Japanese legation were shocked when informed, through Associated Press advices, of the assassination. His services here as minister lasted from 1896 to 1898. He is well known, both in diplomatic and official circles. Before coming here he was prominent in the politics of his country, and on returning to Japan he became a member of the cabinet, serving as minister of communications. His official life in Washington and at home were marked by vigor and decisiveness, and these characteristics brought him much enmity in certain political circles of Japan.

This resulted in charges affecting his integrity as a member of the cabinet, and rather than compromise his associates by the controversy, he tendered his resignation, and began libel suits against his detractors.

Feeling ran high over the affair, and it is probably due to this that the fatal blow occurred.

Mr. Hoshi leaves a wife and one son, the latter nine years old. He was 48 years of age, and besides his prominence in politics was a student and a man of literary accomplishments.

The assassin of Hoshi Toru is a man about 50 years of age, occupying a good social and public position. He declared the blow was struck in the interests of the country.

New Horse Disease.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, June 21.—According to Superintendent Hankinson, of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, a new disease, similar to the grip, has appeared among horses here and is rapidly killing them. The disease was first discovered last Saturday and from the reports submitted by the leading veterinary surgeons follow 10,000 horses are now suffering from it here.

Northfield Victim's Body.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, June 21.—The body of a man was found near the dock of the National Storage company, at Communipaw, today. From papers found on it there is little doubt that it is that of B. Stevens, of New York, S. L., who has been missing since the ferry boat Northfield accident.

DOINGS OF THE LAWMAKERS

An Effort to Reconsider the Shut Bill Which Failed on Final Passage.

APPROPRIATION BILLS

A Number Are Passed Finally in the House—The Entire List of House Postponed Bills Are Dropped from the Calendar and Cannot Be Considered at This Session—Mining Bills Among the Number. House of Detention Bill Passes Second Reading in Lower Branch.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, June 21.—The session of the senate this morning was for the receiving of reports from committees and the consideration of bills on first and second reading only. Among the bills reported from the house was the general appropriation carrying more than \$15,000,000 for the expenses of the executive, judicial and legislative branches of the state government. It was referred to the appropriation committee, reported out, favorably read for the first time and recommitted to the committee for amendments. Less than five minutes were consumed in passing the bill through these stages, and the swift with which it was done created some amusement.

All the house appropriation bills on first and second reading were advanced, after which the senate took a recess for an hour and a half, so that other bills from the house can be reported to the senate and read first time. The senate is well up in its work.

When the senate reconvened, the bills that passed the house at this morning's session were reported from that body. They were immediately referred to committees and reported out and read first time. The general appropriation bill was again reported out and will be read the second time on Monday night.

The senate then adjourned until Monday night.

In the House.

The following appropriation bills passed finally: Purchase of land for state institution for feeble minded, at Pottsville, \$38,000; West Penn hospital, Pittsburgh, \$100,000; Titusville hospital, \$100,000; Avery college, Allegheny City, \$50,000; protection of game or song and of insectivorous birds, \$12,000; monument on Brandywine battlefield, \$5,000; German hospital, Philadelphia, \$10,000; Florence Crittenden Home, Erie, \$10,000.

Mr. Voorhees, Philadelphia, moved to reconsider the shut constitutional convention bill, which failed yesterday on final passage. The motion was adopted by a vote of 19 to 21, after which the bill was laid aside for the present.

The entire list of house postponed bills was dropped from the calendar, and none of them can be considered at this session. The most important are bills requiring candidates to file a sworn statement of their election expenses; to prevent the employment of incompetent persons as miners in the bituminous coal mines; prohibiting employment of children under 15 years of age around coal mines, and increasing the salary of the chief of the bureau of industrial statistics from \$2,500 to \$3,500, and authorizing him to appoint an additional clerk.

Senate bill, establishing in cities of the first and second class a house of detention, passed second reading, after which the house adjourned until Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

STRIKE AT THE READING SHOPS

Over 1,000 Men Quit Work—Machinists Still at Work—An Effort to Call Them Out.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Reading, June 21.—Over 1,000 men quit work at the shops of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad today. The machinists are still at work. It is expected that an effort will be made to call them out at once. A meeting held two weeks ago by the delegates representing the men employed by the company from Tamqua to Philadelphia, drafted grievances, which were addressed to President Baer. This letter, it was claimed, was delivered to Mr. Baer's office in Philadelphia, and a reply was requested by 10 o'clock today. The reply not having been received at the hour named a strike was ordered.

It is to be extended over the entire system wherever possible. A copy of the grievances has been given out, but it is said, they were practically, that a nine hour instead of a ten hour day was asked for; that time and half time be allowed in payment for all overtime; the contract and piece work be dropped in the company's shops; that an increase of 10 per cent in wages be given all departments, and that the workmen's organizations be recognized by the company.

A letter embracing these points, it is said, was delivered at Mr. Baer's Philadelphia office on Tuesday, June 11. It is further said the letter contained an offer to extend the time for a conference, should such extension of time be desired by President Baer. No such request having been made it was decided that the men should go out.

Pensions Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, June 21.—Theodore F. Wolfe, of Roosevelt, has been granted a pension of \$14 a month.

THE SITUATION AT MATTEWAN IS GRAVE

It Is Believed That the Present Calm Precedes a Storm of Unusual Violence.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Matteawan, N. Y., June 21.—The situation through the Thacker, Matteawan and Wings coal fields today is still a grave one. Things had been bad before yesterday, when the shooting occurred, but the crisis is yet to come. Things seem to be quiet about the mine all day, even the idle men standing about having little to say even to each other, but today's quietness has been but the calm before the storm. Word of last evening's trouble spread rapidly, and on early morning trains several union agents arrived. They went promptly to work, and early this afternoon it was announced that they had the mob under control, but only to plan for concerted action of all the union miners in Mingo, who number nearly 2,000. They are gathering here this evening from throughout the section, and tomorrow, probably in the morning, the strikers will hold a meeting. One of the leaders said this afternoon that if the non-union men could not be persuaded to quit work, they would be compelled to. That this time they would meet force with force. This causes a great deal of apprehension.

The Marquette mines and a few others were running today with a half force of non-union men. The guards have been quadrupled and are standing all about the mines, watching every move. In all other respects, Superintendent Lambert is acting as though nothing had happened. Sheriff Hatfield is still on hand, waiting for any emergency that may arise. On next Monday morning the operators will make an attempt to force the reopening of all the striking miners not occupying houses in the coal fields. This will, no doubt, cause everything to break out afresh, and the culminating point of the crisis will likely be reached on Monday.

THE QUAKER CITY DEMOCRATS MEET

They are Disatisfied with the Condition of Things Relating to Democratic Organization.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, June 21.—Democrats of this city have become dissatisfied with the condition of affairs relating to the Democratic organization in Philadelphia, met in mass meeting tonight and called a formal protest against the present leaders of the local Democratic organization. Stops previous movement for reform. A change of the present primary election system is demanded along with recognition for the younger Democracy.

E. J. Bowen, of this city, presided and made a short address. He denounced the passing through the legislature of the railway bills and charged that "foremost among the conspirators who aided the consummation of that ignoble deed" were Charles P. Donnelly and Thomas J. Ryan, the two recognized leaders of the Philadelphia Democratic organization. Speeches were made by Magistrate Eisenbrow, of this city; Representatives Mayne, of Lehigh; Hoch, of Berks; Meyer, of Lehigh; and the chairman of the Democratic executive committee, of Chester county; E. D. Hemphill, of Westchester, and Louis F. Schade, of Virginia, a campaign worker for the Democratic congressional committee. All the speakers denounced the present leaders in unmeasured terms.

Letters of regret were read from ex-Collector of Customs John Caldwell, of this city; Senators Helmle, of Center; Herbst, of Berks; Wentz, of Montgomery. Telegrams of encouragement were read from Representatives Beeler, of Columbia, and B. Frank Miller, of Northampton. The resolutions were read by Chairman Bowen and were unanimously adopted. Among other things, they say:

We believe that the only immediate hope for reform in our municipalities and our state is to be obtained through the Democratic party and that conscientious and aggressive action on the part of those here gathered will at last bring to a close the present reign of misgovernment those who have fattened upon public privileges and grown insolent because of wealth derived from the people.

The resolutions further recite that the committee shall consist of one member from each ward and shall be known as the committee on Democratic reorganization and reform. Its duty shall be to prepare a plan whereby the Democratic party in the city shall undergo early and thorough purification and reorganization. Arrangements shall be made that such representative district in the city shall be properly represented at the coming state Democratic convention.

BIG MINE CAVE AT PITTSFORD

Thirty Acres of Land Settle—600 Miners Escape.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsford, Pa., June 21.—Thirty acres of coal land in this section sank several feet this morning and the surface is still going down. The cave-in occurred at the Fidler colliery, operated by Elliott, McClure & Co. The 600 employees escaped.

It is thought the shaft will have to be abandoned. The cave-in was due to "robbing" pillars.

ROASTED IN FIRE

Fourteen Persons Believed to Have Been Killed in Explosion of Fireworks.

DISASTER IN PATERSON

The Catastrophe Caused by a Fire in a Store on the Ground Floor of a Tenement House—Persons on Top Floors Are Burned to Death—A Cripple Roasted in Bed—Woman's Frightful Leap—List of the Victims.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, June 21.—Fourteen people are believed to have been killed and a number injured today, as the result of a fire following an explosion among a quantity of fireworks in the store of Abraham M. Rittenburg, at Paterson, N. J. The store was on the ground floor of a tenement building. The cause of the explosion is not known, and the property loss will not exceed \$5,000.

Killed and Injured.

The dead are: Mrs. LUCINDA ADAMSON, Mrs. CHARLES WILLIAMS, burned trying to rescue husband. CHARLES WILLIAMS, a cripple. HAROLD RITTENBURG, 18 months of age, son of the landlord of the tenement store. HENRY ELASSER, six weeks old. THOSE MISSING, and almost certainly dead, are: Mrs. MARY ELASSER, Mrs. LUCINDA ADAMSON, Mrs. CHARLES WILLIAMS, six months old, Mrs. ANDREW ELVIN, Mrs. JOSEPH ELVIN, two weeks old, Mrs. MARY HURNS, Mrs. CHARLES HUNTER, six years old, Mrs. ANN FENTIMAN, Mrs. ANNE LANNGAN.

Two nephews of Mrs. Lamagna's were with her in her rooms. These names were not ascertained.

The Injured are:

J. K. Jessup, injured about the head and body. Mrs. Jessup, injured and burned about the body. L. Rumber, head and face burned. George Soder, head severely cut. Nicholas L. Breen, injured by falling from a wall. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Glone, burned about face and body.

A number of people received minor injuries, but went to their homes. The explosion occurred shortly after noon, and many of the occupants of the building were out at dinner. The building in which the explosion occurred was a frame tenement, four stories high, with stores on the ground floor. The middle store was occupied by Rittenburg. Ten families occupied flats in the building.

So great was the force of the explosion that a boy playing in the street half a block away was lifted from his feet and hurled against an iron fence. One of his legs was broken. A trolley car was directly in front of the building when the explosion occurred. The burst of flame blown out into the street scorched the sides of the car and singed the passengers.

A number of those who were on the upper floors of the building, when the explosion took place, were either stunned and then burned to death or found escape cut off and were suffocated. After the explosion there were a series of smaller ones, and then came a second, big explosion which was muffled and deadened, and probably occurred in the cellar.

Leaps from a Window.

Every window seemed to be emitting flame within a minute after the first explosion. A woman, her clothing on fire, leaped out of one of the windows and fell to the yard below. Her dead body was dragged out from beneath the flames, but the flesh was roasted and dropped from the bones. She later proved to be Mrs. Williams.

Some of the occupants of the rooms dropped from the windows and were blown to the ground. The men had hardly taken their positions and began on the sidewalk to throw water into the upper floors when, without any warning, the whole upper part of the building above them sagged outward and fell. The mortal clothes had practically been lost, but the man-hunt has not been abandoned. However, those directing the chase have only the faintest hope of success. Sheriff Van, of Kerr county, wired this afternoon that he and his posse are worth out. Their horses, broken down, and that they have had to abandon the pursuit.

MAN HUNT CONTINUES.

The Posse Pursues the Mexicans Suspected of Killing Sheriff Morris. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Dallas, Texas, June 21.—A dispatch from San Antonio states that the trail of the Mexicans who killed Sheriff Morris and Glover has practically been lost, but the man-hunt has not been abandoned. However, those directing the chase have only the faintest hope of success. Sheriff Van, of Kerr county, wired this afternoon that he and his posse are worth out. Their horses, broken down, and that they have had to abandon the pursuit.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: SHOWERS.

- 1 General—Exploding Fireworks Cause Many Deaths in Paterson.
2 General—Charlotte: A Storehouse of Explosive Interest.
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4 Editorial—Comments on The Tribune's Souvenir Edition.
5 Local—Commencement Exercises at the High School.
6 Local—Bribery Cases May Be Terminated.
7 Local—Marxism Revive Badger.
8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
9 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania.
10 Story—"The Haunted Spire."
11 Local—Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow.
12 Local—Industrial and Labor.

DIXON GETS PORTION OF AMERMAN ESTATE

The Famous Case Is Finally Settled Out of Court—The Friend of the Family Gets \$10,000 and His Children \$10,000.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Boston, Mass., June 21.—All the litigation over the settlement of the estate of Mrs. Ella Amerman, who died over a year ago at Shrewsbury, has been settled out of court. Rev. J. K. Dixon, the "friend" of the widow, gets \$10,000 and his children get \$10,000.

In the bill in equity, filed a year ago in Middlesex Superior court, at East Cambridge, by counsel for the Amerman heirs at Scranton, Pa., an entry was made Tuesday of bill dismissed.

The bill was directed against E. R. Champlin, of Cambridge, and Rev. Dr. J. K. Dixon, of Boston and Philadelphia, and was to recover \$50,000 in bonds, which were in the hands of Champlin as trustee for Mrs. Amerman and Rev. Dixon, and which were to go to Dixon on the decease of Mrs. Amerman.

The entry of settlement made Tuesday is signed by Wood & Wood and H. M. Knowlton as counsel for the heirs of Mrs. Amerman, including her father and brother, E. H. Champlin, for himself; Elder, Wait & Whitman, for Rev. Dr. Dixon, and by Rockwood Hoar, as special administrator on the estate of Mrs. Amerman.

The counsel appeared before Judge M. P. Knowlton, in Supreme court at Boston, Tuesday, and Wood & Wood waived the appeal which was filed in Probate court, after Judge Forbes had allowed the will. After the appeal was waived Tuesday, Judge Knowlton allowed the will, and the case was recommitting to Probate court for further proceedings.

This closes litigation over the settlement of the estate of Mrs. Amerman that has been pending in the courts for over a year.

The terms of the settlement are not made public, but it is said Rev. Dr. J. K. Dixon gets \$10,000 and the Dixon children get \$10,000, and that the balance of the \$50,000 is returned to the estate of Mrs. Amerman.

ANTHONY'S BODY FOUND.

Floating in the Susquehanna River Near Plymouth.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, June 21.—The dead body of Edward Anthony, aged 34, of this city, was found floating in the Susquehanna river at a point opposite Plymouth, this afternoon. It was late tonight before the remains were identified.

The man had been missing since Monday. How he came to meet death is a mystery. The murder theory is advanced by some. There were several cuts on the head and face, but these may have been made by coming into contact with jagged rocks. The police are working on the clue that the man was murdered for his money, and his body thrown into the river to hide the crime.

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WANAMAKER RENEWS OFFER

He Sends a Communication to Congressman Foerderer and His Associates.

OFFERS \$500,000 BONUS

In Order to Prove That There Is No String to His Proposition, the Merchant Prince Agrees in Addition to the Money Donated to the City, to Pay Mr. Foerderer and His Companions the Sum of \$500,000 as a Bonus—Will Give Three Cent Fares Morning and Evening.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, June 21.—Following his offer to Mayor Ashbridge last week to pay to the city \$2,500,000 for the street railway franchises granted to certain capitalists in this city by the city council, to which he received no reply, ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker tonight sent a communication to Congressman Robert H. Foerderer, one of the capitalists to whom the franchises were granted, offering a half million dollars for the franchises, in addition to giving to the city the sum already offered. A few days ago Mr. Foerderer in a newspaper interview is alleged to have stated that Mr. Wanamaker's offer to the mayor was not sincere, and that it had a "string" to it.

Mr. Wanamaker, in his letter to Mr. Foerderer, denies the imputation, and, continuing, says: "I therefore renew the offer which I made to the mayor, to pay, as therein stated, to the city of Philadelphia two million and a half dollars, and in addition thereto I will add a half million dollars as a bonus to yourself and your associates personally for the conveyance of the grants and corporate privileges you now possess. There is surely no string to this proposition. When you and your associates assign to me the capital stock, ownership and control of the corporations you now possess, with the engineers' plans, I will pay to you the sum of \$500,000, and I will pay to the city of Philadelphia the \$2,500,000, and in addition thereto I will add a half million dollars as a bonus to yourself and your associates personally for the conveyance of the grants and corporate privileges you now possess. There is surely no string to this proposition. When you and your associates assign to me the capital stock, ownership and control of the corporations you now possess, with the engineers' plans, I will pay to you the sum of \$500,000, and I will pay to the city of Philadelphia the \$2,500,000, and in addition thereto I will add a half million dollars as a bonus to yourself and your associates personally for the conveyance of the grants and corporate privileges you now possess. There is surely no string to this proposition. When you and your associates assign to me the capital stock, ownership and control of the corporations you now possess, with the engineers' plans, I will pay to you the sum of \$500,000, and I will pay to the city of Philadelphia the \$2,500,000, and in addition thereto I will add a half million dollars as a bonus to yourself and your associates personally for the conveyance of the grants and corporate privileges you now possess. There is surely no string to this proposition. When you and your associates assign to me the capital stock, ownership and control of the corporations you now possess, with the engineers' plans, I will pay to you the sum of \$500,000, and I will pay to the city of Philadelphia the \$2,500,000, and in addition thereto I will add a half million dollars as a bonus to yourself and your associates personally for the conveyance of the grants and corporate privileges you now possess. There is surely no string to this proposition. When you and your associates assign to me the capital stock, ownership and control of the corporations you now possess, with the engineers' plans, I will pay to you the sum of \$500,000, and I will pay to the city of Philadelphia the \$2,500,000, and in addition thereto I will add a half million dollars as a bonus to yourself and your associates personally for the conveyance of the grants and corporate privileges you now possess. There is surely no string to this proposition. When you and your associates assign to me the capital stock, ownership and control of the corporations you now possess, with the engineers' plans, I will pay to you the sum of \$500,000, and I will pay to the city of Philadelphia the \$2,500,000, and in addition thereto I will add a half million dollars as a bonus to yourself and your associates personally for the conveyance of the grants and corporate privileges you now possess. There is surely no string to this proposition. When you and your associates assign to me the capital stock, ownership and control of the corporations you now possess, with the engineers' plans, I will pay to you the sum of \$500,000, and I will pay to the city of Philadelphia the \$2,500,000, and in addition ther