

THEY WANT MORE

Alleged Blackmailers Say Victim Owe Them \$150,000. Have Already Received More Than Hundred Thousand. INDICTED FOR EXTORTION Got Money From Lawyer by Threat of Suit. Husband of Beauty Claimed Alienation of Affection.

New York, Aug. 15.—Edward Lauterbach, widely known as a corporation lawyer, politician and clubman, has procured the indictment of Edward A. Leet on charges of blackmail and extortion in the amount paid to Leet by Lauterbach exceeds \$100,000. The criminal action was brought because Leet recently has threatened to kill Lauterbach unless the payment of alleged blackmail was continued, the latter charges.

Abraham Levy, lawyer, accompanied Lauterbach to the office of District Attorney Swann. Lauterbach later appeared before the grand jury. The specific charge upon which the grand jury issued an indictment was the extortion of \$24 from Lauterbach on July 25, 1915, payment of which sum was made after threats of exposure and violence in the district attorney's office check books showing payments to Mr. and Mrs. Leet of more than \$50,000, only part of what he has paid. He also turned over many letters, some threatening violence and death, which bear out the testimony of Lauterbach, it is said, of the existence of a blackmail plot.

Mr. and Mrs. Leet came here from Scranton eighteen years ago. Mrs. Leet was then 23 years old. Her beauty was discussed wherever she went. The Leets had a letter of introduction to Lauterbach.

Threatened Alienation Suit. Leet soon afterward threatened Lauterbach with a suit for alienation of his wife's affections. The suit was compromised, it is said.

Some sort of agreement at that time was made, it is said, by Lauterbach. This is declared to be the basis of the contention of the Leets that Lauterbach is under a moral obligation to pay them \$150,000 in addition to the amount they have already received.

The payments suddenly stopped about two years ago while the Leets were living in the Hotel Cumberland, and they were forced to move into more modest quarters.

Lauterbach was persuaded to make further payments until quite recently, when Lauterbach notified the Leets he had made the final payment.

Lauterbach was again threatened, it is said, and decided to bring a criminal action. Detective Jones, who went to the Leets' boarding house, Mrs. Leet denied her husband was at home. Russo forced a door and found Leet in a closet.

Leet was registered at the Tombs prison after having his finger prints taken at police headquarters. He will be arraigned before Judge Roosevelt today.

NEGRO LEAGUE MEETS

To Select President to Succeed Late Booker T. Washington.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 16.—The principal business to come before the sixteenth annual session of the National Negro Business Men's League, which convened here today for a three days' session, was the election of a president to succeed Booker T. Washington. A memorial meeting for Mr. Washington will be held tonight at Convention Hall, which will be presided over by Emmett J. Scott, secretary of the league, who for eighteen years was private secretary to Mr. Washington.

Several hundred delegates are attending the convention and many visitors are in the city in connection with the meeting. Dr. Robert R. Merton, successor to Mr. Washington as president of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., will be one of the principal speakers. Among other prominent speakers will be J. C. Napier, ex-registrar of the United States treasury; Roscoe Simmons, nephew of Booker T. Washington; Prof. J. O. Thomas of South Carolina, and Fortune J. Weaver, president of the local league.

45,000 Lines of Business Represented. Alvin L. Holsey, national organizer, will tell something of the work and development of the league. Efforts made to promote thrift among the negroes and the attempts made to develop economic independence will be brought before the convention. According to statistics, the national order was formed in 1900 at Boston, Mass. Sixteen men responded to the call of Booker T. Washington for an organization for the development of the negro race. The organization has steadily advanced, and today it is said 45,000 different lines of business are represented. In 1900 two banks were enrolled in the first membership and the last fiscal report showed fifty-one banks were on the list.

STRIKE FIRE, \$125,000

LaSalle Cement Plant Burned—Men Stop Fire Engines.

La Salle, Ill., Aug. 16.—An all-night fire which destroyed the storehouse and shipping house of the German-American Portland Cement company here at an estimated loss of \$125,000 was finally brought under control today. The origin is unknown, according to officials of the company. Attempts on the part of men, said by police to be some of the striking cement workers, to halt La Salle fire apparatus on its way to the fire, resulted in injuries to several persons. Several men are reported to have leaped in front of fire carts in efforts to halt the horses, but failed. They did succeed in halting automobile fire apparatus from Peru.

The Peru fire fighters returned some when they found the road blocked. Twenty thousand persons, practically La Salle's population, watched the fire thru the night hours. Lawn Hose at Forbes's.—Adv.

BARBED WIRE ROOF COVERS TELEGRAPH POSITION AT VERDUN



Telegraph position protected by barbed wire in advanced French trench at Verdun.

Telegraphy plays an extremely important part in the warfare of today. Every position is directly connected with headquarters by either the telephone or by a telegraph line. In this way all moves of the enemy are quickly transmitted.

"WINS ANY GIRL"

Merchant of Infamy Describes His System to Reporters.

A Friend of the Woman Who Seeks Ease.

New York, Aug. 16.—Usher Botwin, corrupter of girlhood and merchant of infamy, described his "system" today. He was cynical about it, even boastful. A square-shouldered, leathery man of 38, with eye like arms and hands, he was brought into the office of District Attorney Swann and permitted to expose himself and his business to a group of reporters.

The opportunity seemed to afford him a depraved delight.

"I am a friend of the girl who seeks ease," he croaked, with a ghastly imitation of a smile. "On the east side I am known by hundreds of young men who are loved by girls. Comes to me a young man who says that he is without a girl or wants another girl—a young girl, maybe. "Maybe that night I hear that Sadie Spivak has been crying because she works hard in a factory and her par-

ents will give her 35 cents of her money in the week. For me are working young men who take Sadie to a picture show or to a dance or maybe to Coney Island. She is told she is beautiful and should wear fine clothes. She meets a fine young man who gives her maybe \$2 and tells her to come to me for advice. She comes to me. I call in my client and Sadie is told that with him she can make much money.

"Maybe Sadie has been foolish before. If she would balk now we threaten to tell her parents. What is to become of her if we do? She is put into the street. If we lose her any way she will not talk about us because she knows what we know about.

"So, most of the time we win. And then my troubles begin. Sadie becomes used to the life. She divides fifty-fifty with the landlady. At the end of the week she is paid. She is going to meet her sweetheart. Maybe she has in a week 200 checks and maybe more. From her half is deducted by the landlady \$25 for board, \$1 dollar for the doctor and \$2 for linen. Of her \$100 Sadie has but \$71 left and it is then for me to get my 10 per cent, my \$7.10, before her young man meets her. If he meets her I am lost. He will take the \$71 and pay her maybe \$10. If I seek to take this she threatens me. So, for my labor I get maybe nothing from Sadie."

"Do you mean to say that rough work will hold a girl?" demanded one of the newspaper men. "This system of mine," sneered the winning Botwin, "will win any girl. I don't care what her station. Of course, I am not the polished gentleman. I do not venture out of my class. There are the gentlemen for the fine young girls who are harder to get. But they, too, are more independent. They are not so many."

"Any girl?" demanded the reporter. "Do you mean—"

"Yes," replied Botwin, now almost screaming. "I know what you mean. Any girl will come over. Brains need to be used always. Your girl of education and the finer home maybe will need greater finesse. But once she has a secret that we hold with her, she will not go back.

"The reason I talk now is that the women and the men for whom I get girls tell the police on me. Thru me they have got much money. Now I am telling the district attorney all that I know."

MEX. WAR VETERAN DIES

W. T. Young, 90, Present When Mexico City Was Occupied. Galatin, Mo., Aug. 16.—William T. Young, 90 years old, who served as scout during the Mexican war, died at his home here today. He was present at the occupation of Mexico City.

RAILROAD NEWS

MAY FILE BILL

Peabody Interests Win Point in Rock Island Muddle.

Paying Interest on Their Own Money They Claim.

ARGUE COAST TO COAST RATES

100 Per Cent Increases Being Ironed Out Today.

American Railroads Place Big Orders For Box Cars.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Judge Ferdinand Geiger has granted the so-called Peabody interests in the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway receivership tangle, permission to file a bill of foreclosure. His decision was in answer to a petition filed by the Peabody committee requesting permission to file the bill. The court, however, plainly stated that the question of the foreclosure would not be taken into consideration until the outcome of the bill which he gave permission to file be known.

The Peabody committee controls \$22,000,000 of the \$111,000,000 first and refunding gold mortgage bond issue. They demand the right to foreclose on the grounds that a receiver has been appointed. They also contend that the payment of the interest on their bonds by the issuance of receiver's certificates is in reality paying their interest with their own money. It has been charged by Nathan L. Amster, leader of the minority stockholders, that the Peabody committee is a cloak for the Reid-Moore syndicate in their efforts to regain control of the road by wrecking it.

The Peabody committee includes Percy Rockefeller, Allan A. Forbes, William A. Day, Alexander Hemphill, Albert W. Harris, Charles A. Peabody and John H. McClement.

ARGUE CONTINENTAL RATES.

Railroad Men and Shippers Before I. C. in Chicago Today.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Railroad men and shippers from many parts of the country are before the interstate commerce commission here today arguing the reasonableness of proposed increased freight rates from the Atlantic coast to the intermountain section and from the Pacific coast east. Some of the increases are as high as 100 per cent, and unless suspended by the commission will go into effect September 1.

JUMP IN EQUIPMENT ORDERS.

Orders for 89,293 Cars Have Been Placed This Year. In the first six months of 1916, orders for 89,293 cars were placed by railroads as compared with orders for

\$4,916 cars in the corresponding period of 1915. For the first six months of this year \$118,000 tons of steel rails were contracted for as against \$14,000 tons in 1915—the first six months. The New York Central is in the market for 1,000 box cars. The Frisco is asking bids on 2,000 box and coal cars, while the Lehigh Valley is inquiring for 800 box cars and the Nickel Plate is in the market for 1,000 cars.

RENAME THE SELKIRK TUNNEL

Longest Bore in Western World Nearing Completion.

Montreal, Aug. 15.—Hereafter, Canada's new five-mile double track tunnel under Selkirk mountains, now on the eve of completion, will be known as "Connaught tunnel." Permission has been granted Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, to rename the bore by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, governor general of Canada. That was after the Duke of Connaught went thru the tunnel in the western hemisphere and is a quarter of a mile longer than the Hoosac tunnel in New York, which has heretofore held the record.

TO KEEP HER NEUTRAL

Germany Reported to Have Ceded Austria Territory to Rumania.

Bucharest, via London, Aug. 15.—The Epoca announces that Germany has offered territorial compensation to Rumania at the expense of Austria in return for Rumanian neutrality in the war.

HURRICANE COMING!

Warning of Tropical Storm's Approach Sent Along Coast.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Warning of the approach of a West Indian hurricane was sent to all points on the gulf coast and in the south today by the weather bureau. The storm was central and this morning apparently about 150 miles northwest of Jamaica and 200 miles south of central Cuba. Latest reports indicate it is more severe than earlier reports showed. It is moving northwesterly and weather bureau officials believe it will pass through the Yucatan channel tomorrow.

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- Ladies' Silk and Lisle Hose, Regular 50c value **25c**
- Men's Balbriggan Shirts or Drawers **16c**
- Men's and Boys' Sport Shirts. Tomorrow **39c**

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