

PROBING HAS BEGUN.

Customs Investigation Committee in Session at the Barge Office.

Appraiser Cooper and Surveyor Lyon Call to Pay Respects.

How Said that the Surveyor's Office Will Be the First Investigated.

The Fairchild committee, which is going to probe into the charges of fraud, corruption and incompetency which have been made against the customs service at this port, began work in earnest this morning at the Barge Office.

The room in which the commission is going to hold its sessions is a large airy apartment on the ground floor of the Barge Office, very different from the close, stuffy little room in the custom-house which was first assigned to it.

Restless ample accommodations for newspaper men and witnesses there are in the rear of the room, which will undoubtedly be in great demand by those who desire to follow the proceedings of the investigating committee as spectators.

There was a large gathering in the big corridor of the Barge Office this morning before the doors were opened. The latter were guarded by the police, who were admitted, it was announced, unless the committee members were ready to begin their work.

While waiting for the arrival of ex-spectator Fairchild, the commission members themselves the other members busied themselves in preparing for the work of the day.

Mr. Montgomery, the special Treasury Agent, who is assigned to assist the commission in its labors, was in hand with a big bundle of documents from the treasury department at Washington, including reports of prior investigating committees, and a large number of reports on special cases, and confidential communications relating to the investigation, which he brought all day yesterday in sorting over and indexing for the use of the commission.

Mr. Fairchild did not arrive at the Barge Office until nearly 11 o'clock, and then he spent himself in the meeting-room with his colleagues.

Previous to this Appraiser Martine W. Cooper went in and paid his respects to the commissioners present and then went away.

It will probably furnish the commission with some of its most interesting subject matter of investigation later on. He did not seem to be at all disturbed by the noise.

Assistant secretary of the Treasury Department, who has just come from Washington and who will act as advisory capacity for the commission during the progress of the investigation, was also on the scene this morning, and was present during the executive session which was held after the arrival of Fairchild.

Just before 11 o'clock Surveyor of the Port George W. Lyon went into the committee room, and was admitted by the police, at the request of the commission. It is well known that his department is to be subjected to a rigid investigation.

It was found that so much preliminary work will have to be done before the commission could proceed with the examination of witnesses that none had been called for this morning's session.

Commissioner Fairchild announced that when the commission got to work on Monday, it would be ready to begin its work.

It is now said that the office of the Surveyor of the Port will be the first department to be investigated.

This office employs about six hundred men and women, inspectors, clerks and the like. It is in this department.

A man who gave his name as Bradford called before the committee to inform the commission that he knew where the government was being defrauded of \$100,000 a month.

Mr. Bradford took his statement in detail and added it to a mass of similar documents piled on the table.

Mr. Bradford will probably appear before the commission as a witness later on.

Mr. Fairchild remained with the commissioners until noon, when he returned to his office in Wall street.

After Commissioner Macfarlane announced positively that no testimony would be taken this morning, and that the entire morning session had been devoted to a consultation between Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and the members of the commission.

It is reported by various matters connected with the office of the commission, that the investigation will be a long and arduous one.

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DR. CHAS. TEUDNER'S ARREST.

Fined \$10 for Disorderly Conduct in a Police Court.

He Had Been Called as a Witness and Assured His Dignity.

The unusual scene of a reputable physician being called as a witness and then arrested and fined for disorderly conduct was enacted this morning before Justice Burke, in the Harlem Police Court.

The physician was Dr. Charles Teudner, of 235 East One Hundred and Fifth street, and he was summoned to testify to the condition of Raphael Serico, a seventeen-year-old Italian lad, of 436 East One Hundred and Twelfth street, who was run over by a grocery wagon driven by Charles Holstein, of 22 East Eighty-ninth street, April 22.

Holstein is under bond for the offense, and it seems that Dr. Teudner declared when the boy was run over that he would not be able to testify in court.

The lad is suffering from broken knees.

Dr. Teudner appeared before Justice Burke the latter inquired when the boy would be able to testify in court.

"This case," remarked the Court, "has been dragging along, and it is time that it should be disposed of one way or the other."

Dr. Teudner said the boy could not testify in court for two weeks.

"Why don't you kill him and be done with it," ejaculated the Justice.

Dr. Teudner made no reply.

Lawyer Langford, for Holstein, informed the Court that he had sent two physicians to Serico's house, but they were denied admission under Dr. Teudner.

When Justice Burke suggested an examination of the boy on an order from the Court, a policeman strode in.

"He will not be examined unless I am present," said the policeman.

Justice Burke decided to hold the case in abeyance, and Dr. Teudner stepped down.

The doctor was angry, and Justice Burke warned him to desist, but the physician did not heed the warning, and he was again admonished by the Court and escorted to the door by a policeman.

In the hall Dr. Teudner resumed his angry remarks, and a policeman was sent to quiet him, but the doctor asserted his dignity.

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AWFUL SCENE AT A LYNCHING.

Men Tear Their Victims with the Ferocity of Wild Beasts.

Lifeless Body Dragged Through Public Streets at a Rope's End.

CORUNNA, Mich., May 24.—William Sullivan, the farmhand who so brutally murdered his employer, Layton Leetch, and murdered only assaulted the latter's wife, paid the penalty of his crime last night. He was taken from the jail and lynched at two o'clock.

The mob consisted of over 800 men, who shouted themselves hoarse as the body dangled at the end of a rope.

Just before he was taken from a cell Sullivan was attempted to commit suicide with a knife which he had in some manner concealed about his person.

Men fought, struggled and cursed for the privilege of helping to tug at the rope, which was thrown over a limb. When White men Sullivan, who had been lying motionless apparently unconscious on the ground, was raised to a sitting posture; another pull and his head and shoulders were visible above the black mass of those that surrounded the spot.

A horrible scene followed. The body was pushed from limb to limb and several men drew their pocket-knives and lunged at the swinging body. Others began to tear the clothing, and in a few moments only the shreds of the shirt remained hanging to the shoulders.

When the body was lowered to the ground, portions of the mob who had been unable to get close enough to take a hand in the actual hanging seized upon the rope and dragged the lifeless body through the mire.

Afterwards a crowd dragged the corpse about the streets and around the court-house square.

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NICOLÒ ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

Selecting a Jury With Great Care in the Oyer and Terminer.

Brutal Murder of Old Mascono by the Young Barber.

Ben Nicolo, who shot and killed Onofrio Mascono on the night of Dec. 18 last, at 60 Sixth avenue, Brooklyn, was placed on trial for his life to-day before Judge Cullen, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, Brooklyn.

A jury had not been secured at noon. Assistant District-Attorney John U. Shorter appears for the people, and the prisoner is defended by Francis L. Carrasco, Brooklyn.

Nicolo worked in the little barber-shop kept by Giuseppe White, at 60 Sixth avenue. A party of friends called upon White and remained until late. Nicolo went several times for beer, became half drunk, and fell asleep. When White left the shop to place his guests on the cars, his wife shook Nicolo, and ordered him to get up and go home. He refused to do so, and she called him a scoundrel, and then assistance. Mascono was over sixty years old.

White called her father, Onofrio Mascono, to her assistance. "Nicolo," said the old man, "you had better go home."

At this Nicolo darted out of the chair, and fired a shot which struck White. The bullet went through the old man's heart. As the old man fell, he said: "Nicolo, you have killed me."

Nicolo reloaded his revolver and then dropped it on a chair, and ran out of the shop.

It is thought that he will plead self-defense. He is being examined by the jury to-day, questioned each individual particularly as to whether he was prejudiced against White, and whether he had a revolver when it is necessary for his own safety, even though he had no shot in it, so. The trial will last several days.

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UNIVERSAL STRIKE OF MINERS. Measures to Enforce an Eight-Hour Day Decried at Brussels.

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The supporters of the resolution represented 100,000 miners, and the opponents represented 500,000 miners. The conference then proceeded to discuss the question of a universal strike to enforce the eight-hour system.

CRUISER BANCROFT HERE. Officers Delighted with the New Ship's First Long Trial.

Uncle Sam's new and speedy armored training cruiser Bancroft reached this port early this morning from Fortress Monroe, where she went several days ago.

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