

SEVEN TO AID IN LEAD HUNT.

Gov Says He's Found a Motive for the Theft of Indictment Papers.

MASTRAGED THEM TO A CLERK.

Important to the Inspector that Biddle and Gallery's Trial Be Stayed.

HE TALKS OF FORFEITED BONDS.

Declares There's No Way to Prevent Fraud in the Bureau of Recognizances.

"There is a thief in the District-Attorney's office."

"There have been only rumors, stories of faded witnesses, lost papers, abstracted documents and the like, and I am determined that it shall stop."

"It is quite evident to me that the papers of these courts are negligently handled and actually abstracted. It is very evident that there has been somebody in the District-Attorney's office who has abstracted indictments when there was reason for so doing."

RECORDED OFF IN AN INTERVIEW. Recorder Goff was at one time an Assistant District-Attorney.

He knows all about the office. He has seen its inner workings, lost papers, and is now in a position to make his words of great weight and importance.

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These are questions which concern the people of this city and county and State. This is a matter which calls for immediate and searching investigation.

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"Something must be done. The scandal is a terrible one. Recorder Goff referred to the papers which were covered by the indictment in the case of Biddle and Gallery charged with assault and battery. "I discovered this before going home last night that the papers were in the possession of a clerk employed in the District-Attorney's office after they left Bradley's law office."

1,000 Indictments Stolen in a Leap.

Just about a year ago "The Evening World" story told of the disappearance of 1,000 indictments from the District-Attorney's office.

Mr. Purdy said that five thousand indictments were stolen at one time from the District-Attorney's office and burned in a brick building on the corner of Broadway and Nassau street.

This happened, according to Mr. Purdy, six weeks ago. The District-Attorney's office was then in the hands of Mr. Phelps.

At that time the lottery men, under the name of the Lottery Commission, were running matters with a very high hand in the city. They were holding open all over town. Many indictments were found hundreds of them, but few ever came to trial.

Subsidized by Lottery Men. Moses Clark was chief clerk of the District-Attorney's office at that time, and according to Mr. Purdy received a check for \$100,000 from the Lottery Commission. It was said that he also had similar arrangements with other clerks.

Clark lived in New Jersey in elegant style. He had a fine house and a fine automobile. He was a member of the New York Club and the New York Yacht Club.

The safe was broken open as soon as Clark left the office. The indictments were destroyed. Since then the destruction of indictments seems to have been a regular occurrence.

Under "Locks the Stable Door." Assistant District-Attorney Under today sent out the following notice to all the Assistant District-Attorneys:

To Assistants. There is daily furnished to the assistant in charge of the Part of Court Management which contains a list of all papers given to the assistant that morning, and with which he is charged on the Chief Clerk's office.

The assistant in part is required daily to note on such manuscript calendar the disposition of each paper, and to return to the Chief Clerk's office and to the Department of the Chief Clerk's office and to the Department of the Chief Clerk's office.

The missing indictments in the Biddle and Gallery case were not found to-day, but the Grand Jury had the evidence before it. It is now in a position to make his words of great weight and importance.

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PERJURY IN NEW BONDS.

Excise Commissioner Harburger Accuses Sponsors for Liquor Dealers.

INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY.

One Man, Worth Only \$125,000, Is Surety to the Extent of \$268,000.

NO "STAR CHAMBER" HEARINGS.

Two Cases Already Unearthed for the Grand Jury to Pass Upon.

Excise Commissioner Harburger's determination to investigate the reliability of a half hundred or more men who have for years been engaged in the business of professional bondsmen for saloon-keepers in securing licenses has aroused intense interest.

Crowds gathered in the Board-room in the new Criminal Courts Building at 10:30 this morning before the public investigation began.

Their importunities, however, were in vain. The Commissioner sent out word they would hear what there was to be said at the proper time, but there should be no Star-Chamber hearings or any privacy.

Rank Perjury, Says Harburger. Commissioner Harburger told an "Evening World" reporter he had in a dispute with the Excise Commissioner that at least two bondsmen, who had qualified under the old Board of Excise as property-owners. He caused a search to be made by the Lawyers' Title Insurance Company, which certified that the property of the bondsmen never had any interest in or in the title of the property.

These cases, he said, would be handled by the Grand Jury. He said that the evidence in the Grand Jury's hands, who it appears, has been in the business of going on bonds for seven years, is Harry Knabe. He is a resident of 116, 118 and 120 White street, and has a total net worth of \$125,000. Mr. Knabe, it was discovered by a search of the records of the Excise Commissioner, is a mortgagee of \$100,000 on the property of the Excise Commissioner.

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When they had heard a dozen others, who, it is said, are on from forty to one-tenth of the amount they swore to, they were asked to sign a statement.

Robbie is on 111 Bonds. Lawyer Alfred R. Page conducted the examination of the witnesses. The first witness was Robbie, who testified that it was found on 111 bonds. Mr. Robbie said he owned the property at 111 bonds, and had a mortgage of \$20,000. He also testified that he had a mortgage of \$20,000 on the property of the Excise Commissioner.

Henry Knabe who is on 124 bonds, he considered himself worth \$125,000. He testified that he had a mortgage of \$100,000 on the property of the Excise Commissioner. He also testified that he had a mortgage of \$20,000 on the property of the Excise Commissioner.

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Castle Succeeds Thurston. WASHINGTON, June 11.—Secretary Olney has received a brief telegram from Minister Wells dated Honolulu, June 3 and San Francisco, June 4, in which he reports that the Hawaiian Islands are now in the hands of the United States in place of L. A. Thurston, resigning.

Cleveland Will Visit Atlanta. WASHINGTON, June 11.—The President, it is reported, will visit Atlanta, Ga., on his tour of the South. He is expected to arrive in Atlanta on June 15.

Gossip of the Turf. The Saratoga Racing Association definitely decided last night to hold a forty-day meeting at Saratoga this season, and a license will be issued for the purpose.

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AGAINST SEASIDE BOUTS.

Police Capt. Clayton Advises Mayor Schieren Not to License Them.

MAJOR SCHIEREN, OF BROOKLYN, TO-DAY received a report from Police Captain Clayton, of the Coney Island Precinct, strongly advising him to deny the application of the Seaside Athletic Club for a new-class theatrical license.

Major Schieren last year refused to issue a license to the Club. The management took the case to the Supreme Court, and Justice Gaylor issued a mandamus compelling the Mayor to grant the license. This license has expired.

June the Club applied to the City Clerk for a renewal and the application was referred to the Police Department. Police Capt. Clayton advised Mayor Schieren that a large detail of police is required at each of the exhibitions, and that the Club has indicated that it is necessary to stop bouts.

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Police Commissioner Welles informed the Mayor, stating that the Club has indicated that it is necessary to stop bouts. He also stated that the Club has indicated that it is necessary to stop bouts.

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ALISA RECOVERING HER FORM.

Niagara Not Above Medicines. LONDON, June 11.—The Times this morning, commenting on the eighth victory of Britannia over Alisa, says that it is not unlikely, should Alisa recover her form, that the "Prize of Wales" would have to submit to an equally long string of defeats.

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FAVOR LOW-PRICE SHARES.

Dealings in Wall Street Attended with Some Animation.

Government Crop Report Leads Buoyancy to the Market.

The fact that the Government crop report was so much better than expected imparted buoyancy to the market.

The report indicates a yield of 23,000,000 bushels of winter wheat and 17,000,000 bushels of spring wheat, making a total of over 40,000,000 bushels.

The prospect for the corn crop is considered excellent. Commercial operators who had been holding off pending the publication of the Government report, appeared as buyers this morning, and the result was an advance in prices all along the line, the rise being stimulated by purchases to cover short contracts.

Lackwanna was the only weak spot and it yielded 2 per cent, selling down to 159 1/2.

The time for deposit of Atchison securities has been extended to June 17. The first week of June the St. Paul road earned \$38,395, a decrease of \$46,511; Texas Pacific, \$10,576, increase \$15,101; Western Union, \$10,576, increase \$15,101; and Wheeling and Lake Erie, \$17,994, increase \$4,901.

Harvey Fisk & Sons have notified holders of Evansville & Richmond Railroad bonds that the settlement with the Evansville & Richmond Railroad has been approved and is now operative.

Each bond of \$1,000 is to get \$60 in preferred stock for accrued interest, making a total of \$1,060.

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All House, Room and Apartment Advertisements printed in The World this week repeated FREE in the Evening World, 14 Words 30 Cents. Over 500,000 Circulation.

Houses and Apartments to Let. (See Times on page 10.)

Unfurnished Houses to Let. SMALL HOUSE, 7 rooms & bath, rent \$40; also single flat, 2 rooms & bath, rent \$20.

Brooklyn. HOUSE NEAR BRIDGE, suitable 2 families, 8 rooms, bath, rent \$40; also single flat, 2 rooms & bath, rent \$20.

Furnished Houses to Let. 27th ST., 21 W.—Established leading-house, let; furniture for sale.

Flats and Apartments to Let. Unfurnished—East Side. GRAND ST., 44-3 & 4 all-light rooms, 2 bath, rent \$12; also 11th St., 4 rooms & bath, all light, rent \$12.

MAIDEN AVE., 10th St. to 11th St.—Elegant flat, 6 rooms & bath, with all improvements; 2 baths; rent \$12; June free. Owner.

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