

GRAND JURORS CALLED TO TELL ABOUT JEROME

Members of March, 1906, Body to Be Asked About the Case of G. W. Perkins.

NET VOUCHER MISSING

Hand Rules That Offenses in First Term Were Condoned by Re-election.

Members of the March, 1906, Grand Jury have been summoned to testify at the investigation before Special Commissioner Hand into the charges preferred against District-Attorney Jerome.

Eight members of the Grand Jury have been rounded up, and they are going to be asked to tell how they were impressed by Mr. Jerome when he appeared in the Grand Jury room and said it would be inadvisable to find indictments in the insurance cases.

Other questions will be asked tending to show that but for Mr. Jerome's intercession, the Grand Jury would probably have handed up indictments. Those subpoenaed were present in the investigating chamber to-day, and Mr. Jerome promptly spotted them. He then rose and made a plea in their behalf.

"I observe present a number of business men who served on the March, 1906, Grand Jury," he began. "They have been summoned here and it will be a hardship if they are required to sit here all day with great loss of time. I submit that they be excused until to-morrow, by which time they may be heard."

The former jurors smiled. Franklin Pierce, who is calling the District-Attorney and the Commissioner Hand, and Commissioner Hand excused the jurors as requested.

Met. Voucher Lost or Stolen. One of the "Met" vouchers found in the abandoned trunk of Investigator Bagby has been lost or stolen. Franklin Pierce missed the document last night and reported its loss to Commissioner Hand to-day. He also told all about it to Mr. Jerome, whom he is investigating.

"Do you know where it is?" Pierce asked Jerome. "No, I don't. You were busy passing it and other vouchers out to the newspaper men. They all know about it. It's in the possession of the Prosecutor. The missing voucher bears the name of Judge Condon, of the City Court, and shows an expenditure of \$9 for 'refreshments.'"

The Jerome investigation switched to-day to the \$100,000 Mexican Central Railway Company gold bond deal of 1901 between the New York Life Insurance Company and Kidder, Peabody & Co., of Boston, which was thrashed out at the Armstrong inquiry.

Mr. Hughes brought out certain important facts which, many lawyers declare, afforded ample material for a review by a Grand Jury.

In 1904 the New York Life Insurance Company sent to Kidder, Peabody & Co. \$300,000 and received in return the million dollar Mexican Central bonds. The bonds were disposed of by Kidder, Peabody & Co. at a profit of \$40,000. This profit was later transmitted by Kidder, Peabody & Co. to the New York Life. The transaction appeared on the books of the insurance company as a purchase and a sale, but the books do not show any profit.

The \$40,000 was turned over to George W. Perkins, but the books of J. P. Morgan & Co. and Mr. Perkins's personal books fail to show a record of the profit.

Mr. Perkins told the Armstrong Committee that he held the money for the "Nylle fund," of which he was trustee. Mr. Jerome yawned during the reading of the testimony.

But Mr. Jerome was not in bad humor. To the contrary, he was really cheerful. He smoked a cigarette for the half hour he awaited the opening of the morning session, and again indulged in a puff during the recess moments. He sang, too, "Harrigan" being his chief selection.

"Yesterday was the dullest day I've had in ten years," commented Mr. Jerome on the proceedings the report of which filled the columns of the newspapers.

Jerome on the Stand. It is in the testimony that the \$30,000 profit upon the Mexican bonds was transferred to Mr. Perkins by the

MANY KILLED IN POLITICAL RIOT IN MARTINIQUE

Mayor of Fort de France One of the Victims of Mob Fighting at That Place.

FORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, April 26.—Several persons were killed and a number wounded in a political disturbance here yesterday afternoon. One of those killed was the Mayor of Fort de France.

President of the New York Life without any action of his company.

This transaction was called to the attention of Mr. Jerome, but it is alleged that no action was taken contemplating action by a Grand Jury. Mr. Jerome explained to Commissioner Hand that the much-talked-of Nylle fund was a complicated matter, designed to encourage agents in getting increased business. Mr. Perkins had command of the fund, said the District-Attorney, and could invest and reinvest at will.

"Did you ever bring the matter of that Nylle fund to the attention of the Grand Jury?" asked Mr. Pierce. "Personally no, but I examined it, and Mr. Kressel and Mr. Smythe, I believe, went to the Grand Jury with it and spent considerable time over it."

"Did not Mr. Fleming tell you that the Perkins \$40,000 profit transaction was an indictment offense and that an indictment could be procured?" "No, I had a conference with Mr. Fleming and was glad of his services. We talked over the matter of the Nylle fund and its various aspects, but at no time did we agree that a just indictment could be had."

That ended Mr. Jerome's examination. Jerome Scores a Point.

It is set forth in the charges against the District-Attorney that in 1902 the affairs of the Metropolitan and Wisconsin road that dividends could no longer be paid out of the earnings and means were devised whereby dividends could be paid without danger of violating the criminal law.

Mr. Jerome protested against this particular charge being laid up against him in the various indictments. "All the knowledge of this Metropolitan Securities has come to light since Mr. Jerome has held office," said Mr. Pierce.

"The people of this county have condoned any offense committed during the last term of office by re-electing Mr. Jerome," said Commissioner Hand. "Gov. Hughes expressed upon me that nothing affecting Mr. Jerome's first term of office must be considered. A living argument, full word, which was furnished by the Commissioner, who said: 'I am afraid that we cannot go into this any matter affecting Mr. Jerome's first term.'"



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