

bring another witness with you. I got Dr. Turner, an old friend, and went and witnessed the second will. I don't remember much of the contents, though it was read. There was so much legal verbiage I couldn't make it out.

GARDNER APPOINTED HIM TO SUCCEED PHYSICIAN.

"Again I went home and heard no more about the case till 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, when Senator Gardner called me up. He said, 'Come quickly to the Haslett house.' I went there and said, 'I've got a power of attorney to act for Mr. Haslett and also to act in the interest of the heirs and relatives. They have decided that they want a new doctor and I want to engage you.' Well, I consented and took charge of the case, Senator Gardner went out.

"When I went up to see the old man I found he had a bad night. I asked him several questions, but he seemed about half asleep. He was very badly nourished and his body action was weak. He was attended by a nurse named Peterson. His heart action was so bad that I prescribed one-one-hundredths of a grain atropine tablets four times a day and a meat juice tonic. The prescriptions were sent to a neighboring drug store.

"This afternoon while I was preparing to leave, Mr. Haslett removed to a large room on the third floor three men appeared at the door. A woman opened it for them and then slammed it. I looked out a window and a man threw open the flap of his overcoat and showed a gold badge.

"I am Chief Magistrate Kemper," he said, 'and if you consent, open the door I will have these policemen break it down.' I let them in. One policeman remained to guard the door while the Magistrate went upstairs. A few minutes later the boy came with the medicine. As I started to take it the policeman caught it from me and then said, 'I will hold this for evidence.' Now, that is my connection with the case in full. When Magistrate Kemper came downstairs and I told him my story he told me to go home. I went."

District Attorney Crosby of Brooklyn this afternoon began preparations to rush the case to the Grand Jury. It was held in Mr. Crosby's office that it was feared George H. Decker, the trained nurse whose statements about Gardner's activities in the drawing of the will and a power of attorney, had landed the former Senator in a cell, might be admitted to bail and then disappear. The order of the case against Gardner rests upon the statements of Decker, and the plan is, it was said, to allow Decker to take an immunity bath before the Grand Jury in order to elude a case against Gardner.

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While the fresh complaint preferred against Gardner to-day did not mention a specific charge of forgery, it was alleged by John H. Lord, of No. 25 Jerusalem street, Brooklyn, in an interview to-day, that the signatures on both wills and the power of attorney obtained by Gardner were forgeries.

Mr. Lord also replied to the insinuations of Mr. Gardner that he (Lord) had been making wills in his own behalf, that he had been in the room at the request of Mr. Haslett did not mention his name in any way as a beneficiary.

"I am not at liberty to give the contents of the will I have in my possession," said Mr. Lord, "but I can say that I am not a beneficiary in it. The proceedings before Magistrate Kemper in the Adams Street Court were exceedingly brief to-day and failed to evolve any of the new sensations that had been promised by the opposing factions in the amazing scramble to get possession of the Haslett fortune.

Building, sleek, and affecting the utmost composure, the man who played one of the premier roles in the great legislative bribery scandal said not a word when the charge was read against him that he had feloniously and corruptly sought to cheat the ailing and mentally clouded old millionaire of his great fortune.

The complaint upon which Gardner was originally arrested, following the startling confession of George H. Decker, the trained nurse who is alleged to have played the Violet Jones role in the case, contained merely a charge of misdemeanor. The new charge had been framed as to allege a felony and Magistrate Kemper raised Gardner's bail from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

The complaint is Attorney Lord, who for years acted as attorney for the ailing and spending recluses, but who suddenly found himself snarled out in the cold from the Bremen street "house of mystery" by a little band of men who had crept into the dust-heaped old mansion in the silence of midnight and had executed powers of attorney and wills that gave them complete custody of the heirs' old man and his great fortune.

The new complaint, attached to the new warrant that was served upon former Senator Gardner when his lawyer brought him to court, reads:

"Deponent (Attorney Lord) states and alleges that the said Frank J. Gardner, in obtaining the signature of the said Samuel E. Haslett to said wills and power of attorney, well knowing that the said Samuel E. Haslett was mentally incompetent to appreciate the nature of his acts, and well knowing that the said Gardner had no authority whatsoever on the bounty or confidence of the said Samuel E. Haslett to entitle him to be either a beneficiary under his last will, or the executor of his estate, or his attorney in fact, with power to dispose of any part of his money or property, did then and there, by means of said wills and power of attorney, feloniously, unlawfully and corruptly, and with intent to cheat and defraud the said Samuel E. Haslett out of his estate and fortune in violation of section No. 922 of the Penal Code of the State of New York, and therefore the deponent prays that the said Frank J. Gardner may be apprehended and dealt with according to law."

Upon leaving court Gardner was asked if he had anything to say in addition to his declaration yesterday that he had come into the Bremen street "house of mystery" in the role of good Samaritan, arriving there in time to rescue and forestall a great plot, and to rescue old Mr. Haslett from those who had permitted him to fall into a decline from hunger and exposure.

"I will have nothing more to say now," he replied. "All statements for me will come from the office of Mr. Siewer."

ACCUSERS HINT AT PLOT LIKE RICE CASE.

On the other hand the accusers of Gardner allege that Magistrate Kemper broke into the Haslett mansion on Saturday just in time to prevent another Rice tragedy.

Dr. H. D. Milton of No. 108 Jerusalem street, the physician who had been engaged by Lawyer Lord to look after the ailing old man, who had been ousted from attendance by the Decker-Gardner faction, made this charge after he had been reinstated at No. 128 Bremen street to-day:

"I am confident that we nipped in the bud what would have been another Rice murder. It certainly looks that way to me. I think that after they got those papers signed it was their intention to do away with the old gentleman."

"Mr. Haslett was somewhat improved this morning, but he will be unable to stand court for some time, if at all. He is suffering from old age and general debility, the latter due to lack of food and exposure. He lived in this dilapidated house all winter without one bit of heat and without sufficient food to keep body and soul together.

"Of his mental condition I don't think he was or is able to sign any legal papers which he is in doubt of. Sometimes his mind is remarkably clear, but his memory good, but on other occasions he can scarcely remember anything. Although I have known him for thirty years he hardly ever recognises me and if I told him I was his brother he would believe it."

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"You can't expect everything in this short time when you consider the years the system and political influence have been controlling things. The force is not run for the politicians nowadays."

WHERE DO THEY GET THE INSIDE INFORMATION?

"I wonder where the reporters get all their inside information about Commissioner Waldo, his relations with the Mayor and with his deputies? Waldo has no idea of resigning. There is no friction in the department. The moment there is a lack of agreement there will be changes in the deputies. Along with those silly rumors comes the report that Commissioner Waldo will apply for reinstatement in the army; that Gen. Wood is his personal friend, &c. It would require an act of Congress to get Waldo back into the army. Is there a newspaper in this city that does not believe fully in the Commissioner's honesty, industry, zeal and special qualifications for the job? Why not give the Police Department an opportunity to do things? The private detective agency employed by the bankers is also working on the holdup. Isn't it about time that the krowls and kicks of the disgruntled kraffers on the inside and the gamblers on the outside were consigned to newspaper waste-baskets?"

WITNESSES FEAR TO TESTIFY IN HOLDUP CASES.

Unable to get witnesses to appear in court against James Boylan because of terror of his revenge on them, Detective Trojan asked Magistrate Apptison in Yorkville Court today to let the man

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