GRAFT WITNESSES AND ALL NAMED CALLED BY WALDO

Policemen, Inspectors and Every Civilian Rounded Up for Inquiry.

DILLON TO HEAR THEM.

New Woman Informer Gives Whitman Startling Evidence.

Police Headquarters was set seething to-day by the speed with which Commissioner Waldo set about looking into the charges of police graft made before the Curran Investigating Committee yesterday. The Commissioner let it be known that he did not mean to give any of the accused officers or bribers, if guilty, a chance to cover their trails.

Inspector Sweeney, who, according to witness George A. Sipp, former hotel keeper, was named by Patrolman Eugene Fox as the later recipient of the $100 which Mr. Sipp paid every month for five years for protection, was called to the Commissioner's office as quickly as the door had closed behind Mr. Waldo upon the latter's arrival.

He was out again in a moment, but was called back a few minutes later after the Commissioner had a talk with Deputy Commissioner Dougherty. He was out and back again after Chief Inspector Schmittberger had visited the Commissioner. Then Inspector Faurot hurried up from the Detective Bureau. Several men were started out in many directions after Faurot's visit.

EVERY PERSON MENTIONED IS CALLED BEFORE DEPUTY.

The object of sending out these detectives was to invite to Headquarters at 5 o'clock this afternoon everybody directly or indirectly concerned in the testimony given yesterday by Mr. Sipp and Thomas J. Dorian, the former's successor in the management of the hotel, who swore he had given $50 to Fox this month and regularly each month of his control.

Policeman Fox, who was summarily suspended yesterday, was ordered to report to Deputy Commissioner Dillon with the others. Persons besides Messrs. Sipp and Dorian who were called were: Max Hochstim, Charles Stomberg, Philip Clau and Jacob Spielberg, who, it was testified, bought Sipp's place, the Hotel Baltic, now the Avenal, at One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street and Lexington avenue.

Millins Walker, the elevator boy in the Twelfth Ward Bank building where Mr. Sipp has offices, was told to appear to tell whether or not he had seen Policeman Fox calling on Mr. Sipp at regular intervals.

The policemen ordered to report to Deputy Commissioner Dillon were Inspector Sweeney, Capts. Thompson and Hussey, former inspectors also named by Mr. Sipp; Capt. Thomas W. Walsh of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station; and Lieut. John Lake. All detectives who worked in upper and lower Harlem in the period covered by Sipp's and Dorian's testimony will be called later it was understood.

Among other activities of the Commissioner were a series of interviews with the detectives of the Adams street precinct in Brooklyn, to which some residents of that borough refer as "the Brooklyn Tenderloin."

TRIALS ON GRAFT CHARGES BEGIN TO-MORROW.

It was announced at Headquarters that the activity of Deputy Commissioner Dillon, aided by Deputy Commissioner Walsh and Chief Inspector Schmittberger, would not be made the excuse for putting off the trials of the policemen already under graft charges.

John J. Skelly, whose name was mentioned by Mary Goode, will be put on trial to-morrow. Mary Goode has promised to appear against him. The trial will be continued until Saturday noon, and then adjourned until Monday. Commissioner Waldo has said that the situation calls for the promptest cleaning up possible.

The trials of Policemen Buckland and Weidekehr, Lieut. O'Grady and Policeman Fox will follow in rapid order.

Commissioner Waldo found time during the day to reduce Acting Captain John J. McClosky of the Gates avenue station, Brooklyn, and assign him as a desk lieutenant at the West One Hundredth street station. McClosky, always a detective, has never had experience in desk duty.

Of the policemen called to appear before Deputy Commissioner Dillon, Capt. Walsh reported sick. It was explained on his behalf that he had been on sick leave, a sufferer from rheumatism for many weeks, and only a day or two ago reported for duty. He was at Headquarters yesterday and his sick appearance caused comment.

WHITMAN SCANS TESTIMONY FOR GRAND JURY ACTION.

District-Attorney Whitman to-day held secret conferences with Harold Deming, assistant counsel to the Curran Aldermanic Committee; Assistant District-Attorney J. Robert Rubin of his own staff, who is co-operating with the Curran Committee, and Deputy Assistant District-Attorney James E. Smith, who is trying to unearth vice conditions in New York.

As a result of these conferences the District-Attorney called for a stenographic transcript of the sensational testimony given yesterday before the Curran Committee, to ascertain if there is sufficient corroborative testimony to take the case before the John Doe Grand Jury and ask indictments.

Several women known as keepers of disorderly houses in the upper west side visited the offices of Assistant District-Attorneys to-day, and three or four of them made statements under oath. As in all the other cases the statements were turned over to Mr. Whitman's corps of private detectives for immediate investigation. No statements as to the effect of their affidavits were given out.

Mr. Whitman seemed elated over his conference with Attorney Deming. "Mr. Deming has laid before me," he said, "certain facts which I think, upon investigation, will yield good results. I cannot at this time divulge the nature of his talk, but I have reason to believe I will be able to follow his revelations to a good purpose. I cannot say when I will take this matter to the Grand Jury, because I don't want to go before that body until I am sure I have a case cinched against some one."

IMPORTANT WITNESS KEPT FROM CURRAN COMMITTEE.

A story was current in the District-Attorney's office to-day that an assistant had had a long talk outside of the Criminal Courts Building with a woman who has told a story even more startling than that related by Mrs. Goode. It is understood she will not be turned over to the Curran Committee, but will be used as a witness before the Grand Jury.

This woman is said to lease an entire apartment house near the Ninety-sixth street subway station, for which she pays an annual rental of $15,000. Every flat in the building, it is reported, is rented for disorderly purposes, the proprietress paying the protection money for all the inmates and in turn collecting from them. It is said the Assistant District-Attorney who interviewed her secured conclusive proof that the owner of the building knew his property was being used for immoral purposes, and that his indictment may be asked, even if there is no indictment against the police officials who are said to have demanded protection money.

The police "system," learning that the woman has given out facts, has made strenuous but unsuccessful efforts to have this woman leave town, it is claimed.

COLLECT CAPTAIN'S GRAFT WAS JOB OFFERED TO HIM, WITNESS TELLS ALDERMEN

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In answer to a question, "I don't like to discuss its reputation, but I understand it's a place where they don't require men and women going there to have baggage."

"The Central Hotel before Mr. Sipp got hold of it was the same—a very bad place," said the witness.

Mr. Buckner asked the witness if he had ever received a campaign contribution from Mr. Sipp, as the latter had testified.

"I did not," was the reply. "I haven't handled a campaign contribution since 1904. All the money for political purposes in my district has since been handled by H. Warren Hubbard of No. 47 West Thirty-fourth street."

Mr. Hayes again protested Mr. Sipp had testified untruthfully and then was excused.

NIGHT MANAGER CONTRADICTS TESTIMONY OF DORIAN.

Nathan J. Michaels, night manager of the Baltic Hotel, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street and Lexington avenue, which Mr. Sipp formerly owned, was an unwilling witness.

Mr. Buckner was unable to get anything regarding the hotel ownership from the witness.

"Is Mr. Dorian connected with your hotel?" asked the Attorney.

"He is the day manager—I am the night manager."

Q. Did Dorian tell the truth when he told us yesterday he had paid $100 a month to Mr. Sipp to give to the police and later $50 a month to Policeman Fox? A. He did not.

Q. How did you know he didn't A. Because I would have known if this money was coming from the business.

Q. Did you pay anything for police protection? A. We didn't have to—we run a respectable hotel.

Q. Did you hear all of Dorian's story yesterday? A. No, sir. I didn't want to stay and I left.

Q. Was Max Hochstim with you? A. Yes; but he left, too.

Q. Why did Dorian tell such a story if it wasn't true? A. I don't know. I thought he and Sipp were up to something. Sipp has been threatening to "break" Inspector Sweeney.

Mr. Buckner announced to the committee that witnesses expected to testify along lines similar to those developed had suddenly been taken ill and couldn't be present. He then took up an inquiry into detective efficiency.

TELLS OF DETECTIVES' DEMAND FOR $1,500 BRIBE.

S. Weiss, a licensed auctioneer at No. 128 East Third street, was the next witness. Following a burglary, he said, he was visited by detectives who agreed to "make good" on the escape of the burglars providing $1,500 was paid. These police, the witness testified, were Daly, Body, Murray, Richard Oliver and Capt. McKinney.

Weiss had been introduced before the committee, by counsel, as a person having knowledge of others receiving stolen goods. He swore that his lawyer, Abraham Harowitz, told him after the burglary that he would be arrested. Lawyer Harowitz and the witness then went to the station house, when arrangements were made to provide bail for the witness the next day. The arrest was postponed until the next day. In an upper room in the station house, the witness testified, he saw Capt. McKinney and Detective Oliver among a group of others.

The next day, according to the witness, Harowitz told him that he wanted $800, with which to "fix up" the burglary charge with the police. It developed that a man named Kaplan was to be protected against a charge of having received the stolen goods. The witness added that he paid "five detectives," and the case against him was not pushed.

Later Kaplan's case was to come up in court, and $1,000 was put in the hands of a man named I. Margolis, to be paid by Harowitz to the police to bring about a dismissal of the Kaplan charge.

"There was a hitch after the money was up" continued the witness, "because all the cops were fighting over the distribution."

"How long have you been buying stolen goods?" asked Mr. Buckner.

"I never was in that business, but I was concerned in the purchase of stolen goods following the Kaplan burglary," answered Weiss. "They told me the goods were in a private house—that a firm had failed."

"WELL, THE GOODS COULDN'T TALK."

"So you can buy $1,500 worth of goods for $300 and think you are not running a fence?" demanded Alderman Dowling.

"Well, the goods couldn't talk," answered the witness.

Louis Kaplan prefixed his testimony with the statement that he never had been convicted of a crime. He said, however, he had been arrested June 10 at his place of business, No. 128 East Third street, where he is a partner of Weiss. On that day, Detectives Daly, Oliver, Murray and Body entered his place and announced that they were going to search for stolen goods.

"They said if I'd give them $350 they wouldn't go into the basement of the store next door. I told them to go ahead. They went upstairs and came back in five minutes, saying if I'd give them $250 they'd go away. I told them I didn't have that much, but friends who came in said they'd put up $150. The detectives said they'd have to talk to Mr. McKinney about it."

It was explained that Mr. McKinney is Police Captain McKinney.

"Mr. McKinney came over and then they said I would have to give them $1,500 to get out of it. Then they went next door into the basement, found some stuff and took it to the police station, and I was arrested."

SAYS THE CAPTAIN'S LAWYER FRIEND WANTED FIXING MONEY

The witness said when he was released on bond he was approached by a lawyer named Harowitz, a good friend of Capt. McKinney. Kaplan spoke to the captain about him.

"Sure, he's a good lawyer," he said McKinney told him.

According to the witness, Harowitz first told him he would have to have $800 for his fee and "to fix the detective." Later, he said, Harowitz made the amount $1,600, which Kaplan gave to Harowitz's partner—Margolis—to give to him.

"It was understood," said Kaplan, "that if I went free the money would go to the detectives—if I was convicted I'd get the money back."

Kaplan was not discharged, but was held for the Grand Jury. Still, he never got his thousand dollars back.

Morris Smerling, convicted of receiving stolen goods, was next called to the stand. He swore that he was visited at No. 18 Canal street by Policemen Oliver and Brenan, who offered to make him "a collector for Capt. McKinney and I was to get $500 a month."

"I got tired of bleeding people and wanted no more of it I told the policemen," continued the witness. "They showed me a list of people who I was to shake down, but I said 'No.' Kaplan was on the list. All of them were auctioneers."

The witness produced "the list." Alderman Smith asked how, after having refused to become a collector he had come into its possession of "the list." The answer was not satisfactory.

Mrs. Smerling corroborated her husband as to the visit of Oliver and Brennan and their alleged offer to pay him $500 a month to collect from the men on the list. She heard the conversation between her husband and the officers, she swore, from behind a partition.

After Mrs. Smerling was excused, Mr. Buckner asked an adjournment.

"We will stand adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon," said Chairman Curran. "We will not hear any witnesses then, but will gather merely for the purpose of going to Police Headquarters to inspect it. Witnesses will not be heard again until our session Monday afternoon."

LONG DELAY IN TRIAL OF A MONEY-LENDER STIRS JUDGE'S ANGER

Brodie Had Habeas Corpus Writ When Ordered to Appear Before Jury.

Jacob Brodie, who was arrested last August on a charge of usury, again evaded a trial this afternoon. Booked to appear before the Court of Special Sessions to-day, Brodie, through his attorney, Aaron J. Levy, secured from Justice Page of the Supreme Court a writ of habeas corpus, returnable Dec. 27. When Levy was ordered to produce his client to-day before Justices Collins, Fleming and Zeller he showed the order of the Supreme Court.

One week ago Brodie gained an adjournment of his case on the ground that he was too ill to appear. Physicians sent to his home by District-Attorney Whitman said that the man was not sick at all but suffering from the effects of dissipation. It was then stated that Brodie's trial would go on to-day.

Before granting another adjournment Justice Collins criticised Levy for his methods in avoiding trial.

"If Justice Page knew," said Justice Collins, "that adjournment after adjournment had been granted to this defendant because of illness, only to find that he had not been ill, I think he would feel that he had been grossly imposed upon. I wish it were possible to enforce the immediate trial of this man as I see no reason for permitting these constant postponements."

In view of Justice Page's action, however, the Justices were compelled to grant an adjournment until Dec. 30, when it was said the writ will have been cancelled and the accused man ready for trial.

APPRAISALS OF ESTATES.

Deputy State Comptroller Wallace S. Fraser transmitted the following appraisals of estates under the inheritance tax law to-day to the Transfer Tax Office of the Surrogates' Court:

Ellen Sage of Chicago, Ill. (died July 1, 1910), entire personal estate, net value, $9,926.

Patrick Lally (died April 25, 1911), net estate, $99,098.

Edward Loewenstein (died July 20, 1912), net estate, $16,578.

Morris Lewenthal (died March 14, 1912), net, $4,327.

WALDO SUSPENDS DEPUTY WALSH'S BROTHER-IN-LAW

Mulvaney Failed to Interview Mrs. Goode as Instructed by Waldo.

Policeman Edward Mulvaney, brother-in-law of Third Deputy Police Commissioner John J. Walsh and attached to the office staff of that high official, was suspended to-day by Commissioner Waldo and he will have to stand trial for neglect of duty.

When Mrs. Mary Goode was arraigned before Magistrate Murphy prior to her appearance before the Aldermanic Investigating Committee she told of her acquaintance with Policeman John J. Skelly and claimed to have paid him for protection. This appears to have been brought to the attention of Mr. Waldo.

The Commissioner ordered an immediate investigation, and assigned the matter to Deputy Commissioner Walsh, a former Magistrate. Walsh now says he turned the matter over to Patrolman Mulvaney, his brother-in-law.

This morning Commissioner Waldo received a most polite letter from Mrs. Goode in effect that she would be glad to apear and testify against Policeman Skelly. In her missive she commented that she would have been willing to visit Headquarters right after her appearance in court, only no one had asked her to. She said that someone had called her on the telephone, but she did not know who the man was.

Patrolman Mulvaney admitted that he was the person who telephoned Mrs. Goode and that he had not gone to see her. Commissioner Waldo was so enraged he ordered Mulvaney immediately suspended for his negligence.

The Closing Prices.

The following were the highest, lowest and last prices of stocks for to-day and the net changes as compared with yesterday's closing quotations:

	High.	Low.	Last.	Net Cha'ges.
Amal. Copper	74⅞	71⅞	73⅞	+ 2⅛
Am. Car & Fdy	54⅞	54⅞	54⅞	+ 1⅛
Am. Can	29⅞	27⅞	29	+ 1⅛
Am. Cotton Oil	56	55⅞	56	
Am. Locomotive	41⅛	40⅞	41⅛	+ ⅛
Am. S. & Ref.	72	67	72	+ 4⅞
Am. S. & Ref. pf.	104	103	103	
Am. T. & T. Co.	140	139⅞	140	
Am. Tob. Co.	290	271	271	+ 5⅛
Anaconda Min.	38⅞	37⅞	38⅞	+ ⅞
A., Top. & S. Fe	105⅞	105	105⅞	+ ⅛
A., T. & S. Fe. pf	102	102	102	+ ⅛
Balt. & Ohio	104⅞	104	104⅞	+ ⅛
Balt. & Ohio pf.	87	87	87	
Brk. Rap. Tran.	88⅛	86	88⅛	+ 1⅛
Cent. Leather	28⅛	27⅞	28	+ ⅛
Central Leather pf.	93⅛	93⅛	93⅛	
Can. Pacific	258	252⅞	257⅞	+ 1⅞
Ches. & Ohio	78⅛	77⅞	78⅛	+ ⅛
C., M. & St. Paul	111⅞	111	111⅞	+ ⅞
C., Mil. & St. P. pf.	140	140	140	
Col. Fuel & Iron	32⅛	32	32⅛	— ⅞
Consol. Gas	139	138⅞	139	+ ⅛
Corn. Prod. Co.	13⅞	13⅞	13⅞	+ ⅛
Erie	31⅛	30⅞	31⅛	+ ⅞
Gen. Elec.	182⅞	181⅞	182⅞	+ ⅞
Gt. Nor. pf.	134	131⅞	134	+ 1
Inter. Met.	17⅛	17	17⅛	— ⅛
Inter. Met. pf.	80⅛	80⅛	80⅛	+ ⅞
Ill. Cent.	126⅞	125⅞	126⅞	+ ⅞
Lehigh Valley	170⅞	168⅞	170⅞	+ 1⅞
Louis. & Nash.	139⅞	139	139⅞	+ ⅞
Mo. Pac.	41⅞	40⅞	41⅞	+ ⅞
N. Y. Lack.	35	35	35	
N. Y. Cen.	109⅛	107⅞	109⅛	+ ⅛
Northern Pacific	120⅞	119⅞	120⅞	+ ⅞
Ontario & Western	31⅞	31⅛	31⅞	+ ⅞
Pennsylvania	121⅛	121⅛	121⅛	+ ⅛
Pressed Steel	34	33⅞	34	
Reading	168⅛	166⅛	167⅞	+ 1⅛
Rep. Steel pf.	84⅞	84⅞	84⅞	— ⅛
Rock Island	23⅞	22⅞	23	+ ⅞
Rock Island pf.	43	42⅞	43	
South. Pac.	109⅛	108⅛	109	+ ⅛
South. Ry.	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅛
South. Ry. pf.	80⅛	79⅞	80⅛	+ ⅛
Tenn. Copper	38	37	38	+ 1⅛
Un. Pac.	158	154	158	+ 2
Un. Pac. pf.	90⅞	90⅞	90⅞	
U. S. Rubber	63⅞	62⅞	62⅞	— ⅛
U. S. Rubber pf.	107⅞	107⅞	107⅞	
U. S. Steel	66⅞	64⅞	66⅞	+ 1⅞
U. S. Steel pf.	109⅞	109⅞	109⅞	+ ⅞
Utah Copper	50⅞	50⅞	50⅞	+ ⅞
Va.-Car. Chem.	43	42⅞	43	

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