GRAFT VICTIM TEN YEARS, BARES THE POLICE "SYSTEM"

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president. The witness said he later had contracted the Sherman House, No. 152 West Forty-second street.

Q. While at the Sherman House did you know any officer? A. Not till after the McCoy trouble. Then I was told I'd have to see Britten of the Britton family.

PAID VICE SUPPRESSOR $50 A MONTH REGULAR.

Q. Did you see him? A. No, but I saw his man at a place in the Bowery near the old Thalia.

Q. How much did you pay him? A. Fifty dollars a month for two months. Then my wife went to Long Island City.

Q. Did you ever pay Britten personally? A. Well, when I had a handbook on Twenty-second street he sent for me to come to No. 112 Fulton street. He told me a man named Mike was postman for him. I gave Mike $50.

Q. How about Long Island City? A. I had a place there with a man named Pickett. He was a Third avenue saloon-keeper. We ran a place on Third street, then.

Q. Ever give anything to Britton while there? A. Yes, one day the door man came in and said a man of Britton's wanted to see me. I sent him up.

Q. How often? A. Well, only twice. We were only on Third street a short time.

Q. What did you do when you went over there? A. We got a tip that it was all right, so we located at the old cat house in Long Island City. I ordered plaster and fixed the place up. Dick Dowling was working a poolroom opposite.

Q. Ever have any dealing with the captain there? A. You mean Capt. Meade. One night he came in and pinched a little fellow who dealt stuss for me. I told Pickett and he said "Never mind, go ahead."

Q. Did you make money there? A. The crap game made $4,000; the poolroom lost; the stuss game won $2,000.

Q. Did you ever pay protection money there? A. After three weeks John Byrne came to me and said Sheriff Harvey of Queens was going to close us up. I said: "I guess I'd better see him." He said: "I guess so." He said the Sheriff could be seen at the Flushing Democratic Club any day between 12 and 1.

SAYS SHERIFF DECLARED DISTRICT-ATTORNEY IN.

Q. Well, what, then? A. Pickett said I'd better see him. We both saw Sheriff Harvey next day. Harvey said to me, "How long have you been in the poolroom game?" I said, "For fourteen or fifteen years." He said, "Well, don't you think you ought to have seen somebody before you came breaking in here?" I said that was why I was there. Then he asked what there was in it if I kept open. I said $50 a week, like the rest got. Then he said, "Well, there's the District-Attorney. He'll have to be seen." I said that would be all right. Then he asked how about the three weeks we'd been open without giving up. I said I'd fix that too, and the next night I gave the Sheriff $400.

After that he sent Burns and Dick Cook around and they got $10 a week spiece. They were poolroom men there.

Q. Did you ever come in contact with the District-Attorney or any representative of his? A. No, sir.

Q. Who was the District-Attorney then? A. Mr. DeWitt.

Q. But you don't know whether he got any of the money? A. I do not.

Q. How long did you stay in Long Island City? A. Three months and three days.

Q. Did you ever hear of Jim McCoy? A. Yes; it was said he was to get the Sherman House in Forty-second street. I had to say this whether I was open or closed. After I came back I went to No. 239 West Twenty-third street. Here I heard we'd be closed up because of the influence of the proprietors of the Vanderbilt Hotel if we didn't "come across."

Q. Do you know Herbert Graham? A. Yes; he was a wardman over at Long Island City.

Q. Where is he now? A. He is at downtown Headquarters.

Q. Did you ever give him any money? A. Yes, we paid him $120 a week, then $60 a month for Britton, and once before an election we had to put up $300. I spoke to Murphy, my partner, and he said he'd speak to Tom Woods, who was friendly with Cassidy. But it didn't do any good, we had to pay the money.

PAID GANNON'S WARDMAN $60 A WEEK.

Q. Did you know Capt. Gannon? A. Yes, when we were uptown.

Q. Did you ever give him any money? A. Not to him but to Carroll, his ward man.

Q. How much did you give him? A. Sixty dollars a week.

Q. What did you pay when you ran the place over on Sixth avenue over the saloon of "Paddy the Pig"? A. I was in business with Jack McAuliffe, the prize fighter, there, but we were fighting the cops.

Q. What do you mean by that? A. We didn't pay them anything except to the policemen put on the door to catch us. W'd give them $5 a week if they were good.

Q. Who did this? A. McAuliffe. Sometimes he didn't pay it and spent it himself.

Q. Do you know Inspector Richard Walsh? A. I know who he is.

Q. Did you ever pay him any money? A. No, sir.

Q. Did anybody ever pay Inspector Walsh anything? A. I don't think so. It was understood he wouldn't take a cent. You couldn't handle him.

Q. Did you ever pay anything to Capt. Stiles? A. No, sir. Once I tried to fix it up with Louis Goldstein, over at the Murray Hill Lyceum, and he said it would be all right if we'd shift our place, but I wouldn't do it. I had a lease and wanted to stay where I was.

Q. Do you know if Capt. Shire agreed to this? A. I do not.

Q. Did anybody get any money while Scheyer was in command?

A. Yes. Inspector McLaughlin had a man named Joe O'Connor we paid $100 a month to. Later we paid it to another collector named Lyons.

Q. Are these men on the force now? A. I think Lyons is.

Q. Did you know Capt. Naughton? A. Yes. He had collectors named John L. Sullivan and McCormick. I think they're still on the force. We paid them $60 a week.

CAPTAINS CHANGED, BUT TARIFF WENT RIGHT ALONG.

Q. Did you ever pay anything to the Eggers squad? A. Yes. Frank England, a poolroom man collected for them. He got $60 a week.

Q. How about Capt. Corcoran? A. He had a collector named Doran. He got the same amount.

Q. And Capt. Burns? A. The same thing—his man was Jerry Murphy.

Q. Did you ever have any dealings with Herman Rosenthal at this time? A. Yes, we planned to open up together, but a man named Farrell, a sergeant who had it in for Rosenthal, wrote to Inspector Walsh, who was away on his vacation, and when Walsh came home there was trouble for us.

Q. Tell us how you hide the stuff when it is necessary. A. We have false closets in the wall. We put the wheels, faro tables and the rest in there. That's what we did the night Walsh came in. Then we had cleaned up we let him in.

Q. What did Walsh do? A. He looked things over and asked Rosenthal how he came up there. Then he told Rosenthal to pack up his stuff and get out. He came back later, but we had got the stuff out.

Q. Has it been your experience that gamblers, when rightly addressed by a police captain, will move out? A. No. Up in the Twenty-first, when Shire was captain, I defied the police. I had my place all fixed up. Delaney said I'd have to go, but I stayed and ran a game anyhow.

Q. How long did that last? A. Eight or nine months.

Q. And you did a profitable business all that time? A. Oh, sure!

Q. When was that? A. In Capt. Shire's time.

Q. And all that time you paid no money? A. No, sir.

Q. Was there a reason for that? A. Well, Jerome was District-Attorney at the time and we understood that if we stayed open and didn't give up he (Jerome) wouldn't bother us. We gathered that from a speech he made.

Q. Did you ever talk to Roundsman Schroeder while Capt. Cray was in command of the Twenty-first? A. I talked to him before Cray came there. He told me about Cray coming to the precinct. Q. Was there a political contest on at that time? A. Yes, sir, William J. Byrne, the leader, was elected Judge. William J. Larney, contested the leadership. Well Larney lost out and then Mike Cruise moved to the district (the Fourteenth Assembly). The way I heard it Cruise was sitting in the Anawanda Club with Charley Murphy and Pickett. Murphy said to Cruise: "Mike, I wish you'd go up in that district. I need you there. So Mike took the hint and moved into the district and became leader.

CAPT. CRAY TAUGHT HIM LESSON FOR OPPOSING BOSS.

Q. What was the result of the fight? A. Capt. Paddy Cray gave me four excise arrests because I was against Cruise and pinched almost everybody in the precinct who wa for Larney. It put me out of business. Alderman "Butch" Lewis tried to help me, but there was nothing doing. Cray stopped me.

Q.—What did you do next? A.—I saw Cruise and asked him to let me open a pool room. He saw Cray, but Cray wouldn't stand for it. Then saw Jack Murphy, but he couldn't do anything. Neither could Alderman "Butch" Lewis do anything. Later Cruise fixed it up, and I opened with Murphy at No. 235 West Thirty-third street. Then Cruise wanted to know what he'd get out of it. We finally agreed on $50 a week. Then we had to pay $120 a week. Of this amount $50 went to Capt. Cray, $50 to the inspector and $10 apiece to their collectors, Stevens and Lee. Later Lee was transferred, but he kept on getting his money. Finally Jack Murphy telephoned me to close up and I closed. I didn't investigate. I supposed he knew what was best.

Q. Did you know a policeman named Cliff? A. Yes, when I had a crap game on Sixth avenue, near Forty-second street, Cliff came over one night and won $17 shooting craps. Later "Rachel" Brown, who is a man, said Cliff was the precinct captain's man. I fixed it up by giving him $25 and promising $25 a week. He got it until we closed up.

Q. Did you know a policeman named Lyons? A. Yes. I met him when I wanted to open a place at No. 16 East Forty-second street. We gave him $100 to fix it up for us to put a roulette wheel and other things. But Acting Captain Bernard Kelliher came around one night and tried to get in, and, when we wouldn't let him, called a squad and smashed his way in. Then we had to close up.

GAVE KANE OF CARUSO FAME $50 A WEEK.

Q. Where did you give up protection money when you had the Windham Club in February, 1910? A. I went to Gerrity's, at Forty-sixth street and Broadway, and met a policeman named Kane. He was a relative of ex-Commissioner—oh, I forget the name.

Q. Was this Kane the man who arrested the singer? A. Cardeo? Yes, I slipped Kane $50 weekly as my contribution.

Q. Ever give aby one else money up there? A. Yes: Officers Ray and Heany! That was after "Con" Hayes succeeded Walsh. The two officers came to the club and saw the doorkeeper. The doorkeeper, whose name was Smith, said the officers wanted to be seen.

Q. You saw them? A. Yes. I gave them twenty dollars. They came round every week after that.

Q. When was that? A. The latter part of 1911.

Q. Were you ever raided by Becker? A. Yes, on Aug. 7, 1912.

Q. Where was this? A. No. 233 East Twenty-third street.

Q. Tell us the circumstances. A. On Aug. 7, about 4 o'clock, the police broke in. It took them twenty minutes. They tore down blackboards and smashed stuff up. Officer James C. White stood at the door and either arrested them or let them go, according as he had a warrant for them or not. He said to me "You're all right. You go out with a cheer."

Q. Did you speak to Becker? A. Yes, I asked him to have the case disposed of, telling him I was interrupted in the place. He talked it over with White and then said he could turn out the men under arrest, but he wasn't in business for his health. I asked him how much he wanted. He said $500, but I told him it was not worth that much. They wouldn't arrest Daly, although they had a warrant for him. They wanted to hold the warrant over Daly's head. We got a lawyer named Sticklin, who lived at No. 207 East Fifty-second street. Then my partner and I agreed with Becker and White to pay $350 for the discharge of all the men. Sticklin insisted on handling all the money because he was a lawyer. But when the case was heard all the men didn't get out. Finally we compromised by having Sticklin give Becker $200.

Q. Did you later try to open a poolroom? A. Yes; I wanted to open up, and saw a policeman named Ray. He promised to find out, and sent me to see several people, and they all sent me back to Ray. Finally he came back and said he didn't want any poolroom north of Fourteenth street.

The witness, going ahead with the case following the raid by the Becker squad, told of the final outcome, when Daly was "turned out."

"Then I gave Sticklin $150. I saw Sticklin give it to White," he said.

Purcell said after that he went into the liquor business in Bleecker street.

Q. Did you pay any more money after this last $150 given to White? A. No.

Q. What did you do next? I ran a handbook on Second avenue for a couple of weeks, then went West.

Q. When did you come back? A. About the trial of the Becker case. I came back at the request of the District-Attorney.

Q. What are you doing now? A. I am working for the Society for the Prevention of Crime.

This concluded Mr. Moss's examination.

Alderman Downing wanted to know if, while Purcell was in the gambling business, he paid as high as $50,000 to gamblers. Purcell said he thought it would be all of that.

"I gured $5,000 a year for ten years," he said, in reply to a question by Mr. Moss. "The expenses were $100 a week or less."

Adjournment was taken till 10.30 A. M. on Monday.

M'CALL GOES INTO OFFICE AND BLOCKS WILLCOX

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deals brought to light by The Evening World, and partially corrected in the last final draft of the contracts.

Here are the most glaring faults of the contracts as they now stand, pointed out by Public Service Commissioner Milo R. Maltbie:

"1. There is no limit upon the discount which the Interborough and B. R. T. can charge to the cost of additions after Jan. 1, 1917, when both contracts go into effect. In all other cases, such as construction and equipment prior to that date, the discount is limited to 5 per cent., and should have been in this case. If the Interborough should issue bonds at 92.5 and the B. R. T. at 94.5 the additional cost thereby incurred would be about 6 per cent. in each case. As the contracts now stand this large discount—twice 5 per cent.—could be saddled upon the city for work done after Jan. 1, 1917, and the city thus made to pay for the financing.

"2. The contracts still permit the Interborough to charge interest to the cost of the subway in excess of the amount which it will be actually required to pay. This ought to have been changed so as to limit the amount charged to actual and necessary disbursements.

"3. Similarly the B. R. T. is to be allowed to charge interest on $40,000,000 from Oct. 1, 1912, four months into the past. No interest should be allowed prior to the signing of the contract and the actual spending of the money.

"4. Neither company has been required under the terms of the contracts to make adequate provision for past depreciation and future expenses for replacing present equipment. It will be larger than they should be allowed in all fairness to the city to make. Provision for accrued appreciation should have been made out of past earnings, a reserve accumulated therefrom, and the preferentials largely reduced.

TOO LONG A DELAY IN POOLING OF RECEIPTS.

"5. The pooling of receipts from the Interborough lines, new and old, is not to take effect until the tunnel to Brooklyn is completed, although the company will have a completed 'H' system in Manhattan and extensions in the Bronx before that time. The pooling of receipts should begin as soon as the 'H' system is finished with the building of the line south from Forty-second street in Seventh avenue, and the line north from Forty-second street in Lexington avenue.

"6. The Interborough contract still contains provisions which will make recapture a theoretical and not a practical matter. The city must pay a premium, or handicap, as you wish to call it, of 18 per cent. above the 'cost,' or over 18 per cent. above the actual money invested. The Seventh avenue line and the Lexington avenue line are disconnected parts of the system. As now planned, a large additional investment would be needed to connect them and property costing between $5,000,000 and $10,000,000 would have to be abandoned. But more important than these and other factors is the probability that the city will have no funds to recapture the Interborough lines under the harsh provisions of the contract, which ought to be modified.

"7—The yearly preferential of $3,580,000 allowed to the B. R. T. is $80,000 more than originally decided upon by the city. The B. R. T. contract as it stands allows the B. R. T. rentals of leased lines which should have been paid out of and not in addition to the preferential of $3,500,000. In forty-nine years this seemingly small increase amounts to nearly $4,000,00.

"8. The cost of certain property and the reconstruction of existing lines are to be authorized prior to the payment of the city's interest and sinking fund, and the B. R. T. is to retain ownership of the property. This violates the fundamental agreement of the conference—namely, that the company shall receive no profit upon its new investment until the city's fixed charges have been paid. The amount involved ranges from $10,000,000 to $15,000,000."

CHORUS GIRL BRIDE FILES SUIT AGAINST RAYMOND BELMONT

Seeks Separation From Millionaire's Son Who Deserted Her After Marriage.

HE HAS GIVEN HER $50.

Belmont Sr. Refused to Tell Her Where Her Hubby Was, She Says.

Mrs. Raymond Belmont whirled the sword of the law threateningly above the Gordian knot of matrimony this afternoon when she filed in the Supreme Court suit for a legal separation from the "bed and board"—or rather, if her statements are to be credited, lack of the same—of the young man who is heir to the Wall street grand duchy of August Belmont & Co.

Mrs. Belmont, prior to the taxicab trip to Jersey City last November, which made her a partner in the firm of Raymond Belmont & Wife, was known about the district of electric signs as Ethel Lorraine, and she had already achieved a modicum of fame as a member, for a brief period, of the tights brigade of the Winter Garden.

Raymond's father is conservatively estimated to be the proud possessor of some $25,000,000. Young Mrs. Belmont asserts to the Court that the sum total of her husband's contributions to her maintenance, support, pleasures, foibles and accoutrement amount to the rather constricted figure of $50.

The renowned Jersey City nuptials of Raymond Belmont and Miss Lorraine occurred Nov. 21 of last year. A cosy little nest of a home was established for Raymond's induction into matrimony at the Gesford apartments, No. 236 West Fifty-fifth street. But in spite of many preparations for a life of staying-at-home-evenings-with-the-wife, young Belmont absented himself from the side of his bride on Nov. 29.

SAYS SHE'S WILLING TO BE HIS LOVING WIFE.

In the language of that game bereaved bride, as incorporated in her complaint, Raymond "abandoned and deserted her" on that date, a week after the Justice of the Peace across the river had made them one," and has since continued to remain away from her without communicating with her, or in any way contributing to her support, although she has been at all times ready and willing to receive him and perform all the obligations to him of a loving and loyal wife and has duly notified him to that effect."

Premonitory rumblings of an appeal to the courts to right her wrongs have been issuing for some time from young Mrs. Belmont, who says she is living in solitary grief at No. 696 Madison avenue. Daily her friends have been expecting to hear that her suit had been filed. It developed to-day that the reason she has been delayed thus long is because she has been unable to locate her recreant spouse to serve him with the papers in the suit.

Through her attorneys, Gettner, Simon & Asher, of No. 277 Broadway, she employed Irving Simon to attempt to serve the papers on young Belmont, either at the home address he had given her, No. 44 East Thirty-fourth street, or at his office with his father's firm, No. 43 Exchange place. When Simon announced his quest had been fruitless she employed David Wolfson to essay the task of making service at the Belmont summer residence at Babylon, L. I. Wolfson was quite as unsuccessful as the former process server.

Thereupon, acording to the statement in an affidavit attached to the complaint, bereaved Ethel called up August Belmont, her husband's father, at his office and asked him:

"Papa, where is my husband?"

To which the master of subways is said to have replied:

"Oh, I'm sure I don't know. I haven't seen him for some time."

She declares in her affidavit that she continued to call the senior Belmont on the telephone both at his home and at his office at all hours of the day and night, but, she swears, her father-in-law invariably denied a knowledge of the whereabouts of his offspring.

RAYMOND IS SOJOURNING IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

At length Herman Asher, of the law firm representing her, wrote to Raymond a letter full or reproach; calling the young man's attention to the fact that he had deserted his wife without cause that he had failed to furnish her with the necessities of life; and urging him to resume immediately his husbandly duties. In answer to this letter, came a letter from Nicoll, Anable, Lindsay and Fuller, attorneys, of No. 31 Nassau street, who announced simply that they had been retained to represent Mr. Belmont junior, in any legal action.

Mr. Asher immediately requested that law firm to accept service of the papers in the case, but the opposing lawyers responded with a curt refusal. Finally, Mr. Nicoll's law firm furnished the information that Raymond was sojourning at Garnett, Hampton County, South Carolina.

Armed with these facts, in affidavit form, Mrs. Belmont went before Justice Hendrick, in the Supreme Court. That jurist gave permission to-day to serve young Belmont with the summons and complaint in the case by publishing a notice of the suit in two New York papers and by mailing copies of the papers to him at the South Carolina town.

Raymond Belmont is twenty-four years old.

Fourth and Fifth at Charleston.

FOURTH RACE—Four-year-old and up; selling; five and one-half furlongs.—Rose Queen, 101 (Deronde), 9 to 5, 9 to 10 and 9 to 20, won; Semi Quaver, 116 (Pickett), 12 to 1, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; The Squire, 118 (J. Hanover), 7 to 2, 7 to 5, 3 to 5, third. Time—1.08. Chilton Squaw, Garden of Roses, Dipper, Jessupburn, New Haven, Tolson D'Or also ran and finished as named.

FIFTH RACE—Four-year-olds and upward; selling; seven furlongs.—V. Powers, 101 (Snyder), 9 to 2, 2 to 1 and 7 to 10, won; Swarts Hill, 99 (Deronde), 15 to 1, 6 to 1 and 3 to 1, second; Banorella, 104 (Buxton), 8 to5, 3 to 5 and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1.29. Claque, O Co E, Blitzen, Busy, Carlton G, Heretic also ran and finished as named.

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