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RECORDS SHOW CONTRACTS DURING PERIOD CONNOLLY SAYS COHALAN GOT 55%

Comptroller's Accounts Tell of "Emergency Orders" Over \$1,000. TAMMANY KIND TO HIM. Oakley, Hayes, Ellison and Others Gave City Contracts to Heating Company.

The charges made by John A. Connolly against Justice Daniel F. Cohalan, based on the allegation that through political influence Cohalan secured contracts from various city departments for the Victor Heating Company, exacting in remuneration 55 per cent. of the net profits on all such contracts, make an examination of the records in the Comptroller's Office for the years 1904, 1905 and 1906 assume an important bearing at this time as substantiation of the Connolly denunciation.

These records indicate exactly such transactions as those alleged in Connolly's lengthy statement of his dealings with Cohalan during the time that Cohalan was exercising his "pull" to secure "open market" contracts for the company in which his erstwhile friend Connolly was interested.

The charter provides that an "open market" order for supplies, construction, work, etc., cannot be authorized by the head of a department of the city government for over \$1,000 without public bidding, and it is an indictable offense for a commissioner to award an order in excess of this figure unless an emergency occurs.

The records of the Comptroller's office show that the Victor Heating Company, during the three years cited, was favored by many orders in excess of the stipulated \$1,000 limit; all entered under the head of "emergency" orders in obedience to the letter, if not the substance, of the charter provision.

In the year 1904, on Dec. 7, the Victor Heating Company received an order for \$1,000 upon a requisition from the Engineering Department. On April 4 the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity gave an order for \$98.03, less than \$1 under the charter limit for "open market" orders, and on the eighth of that month the same department gave an order to the Victor Company for \$96.61—a little bit further away from the limit.

Again on June 15 of that year the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity shaved the margin of legality by giving the Victor people a contract for \$99.12, and in November of that year there were two "emergency" orders for \$1,000 each, one for \$1,000 and the other for \$1,000.

These were contracts for \$4,128.85 and (Continued on Sixth Page.)

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CLINGS FOR LIFE TO STRAND OF ROPE 9 STORIES IN AIR

5,000 Persons Watch Painter's Thrilling Position of Peril High Over Street.

Leo Graf, a painter, hung by a swivelling strand of rope, nine stories above the street from the front of the Alpha Delta Phi Club house at No. 138 West Fourty-fourth street for twelve minutes to-day and was saved.

When he was at last lowered to the roof of the house next door, six stories below, five thousand persons were massed in the street, murmuring with horror, but unable to turn their eyes from what they had believed was certain to be his horrible drop to the sidewalk and his death.

Graf and Gustav Tholen, his assistant, had hung a scaffolding to paint the east wall of the clubhouse. They had worked down, lowering the swinging scaffold as they went until they were eight feet above the roof level. Graf, at the north end of the scaffolding, was directly over the pavement of the front yard of No. 138. Tholen, at the other end, was over the roof of that building, which is over the roof of No. 137.

The rope at Tholen's end parted. The rope at the other end was loosened and the scaffold sagged out of it. Tholen fell with the turning scaffold and was crushed beneath it on the roof, six stories below. He was taken to Flower Hospital.

Tholen died in the hospital without recovering consciousness. Graf, struggling wildly to run up the scaffold as it fell, had reached the north rope and twisted his arm and shoulder into it before the footing went from under him.

He hung swinging over the street, choked by the rope, so that he could not yell for help. Glennore Davis, employed in the Hudson Theatre, across the street, was the first to see his predicament, and his shouts started hundreds of persons doing what they could to help.

For nearly five minutes, while an ambulance arrived in response to the first alarm and the surgeons worked over Tholen, nobody seemed to know what to do about anything. The crowd ran into the street, saw Graf hanging, and every man and woman stood petrified with horror.

Then out of the theatre a man came running with a coil of rope. It was let down to Graf and he had strength enough left to tangle his legs and the shoulder disengaged by the other rope into its coils. The scaffold rope, which was frayed and breaking, was then released and he was lowered to the roof, six stories below. His shoulder was dislocated.

Meatime Hook and Ladder Truck No. 4 had been called by one of the few who had wit to do anything. Graf was saved before the firemen reached the roof.

WOMAN AGAIN IN VIEW THROUGH WEDDING OF DE MUMM, MAN SHE SHOT.



DE MUMM, SHOT BY MRS. BARNES, WED IN LONDON

Parisian Who Figured in Sensational Shooting Takes Miss Scoville for Bride.

LONDON, June 2.—Walter de Mumm, the well known French sporting man, and Miss Florence Scoville, daughter of C. C. Scoville of Seneca, Kan., were married at noon to-day in the fashionable Church of St. George's, Hanover Square.

The greatest interest was taken in the wedding owing to the dramatic incident which occurred last December in Paris, when in the course of a struggle with Mrs. Marie Van Rensselaer Barnes, an American woman, Walter de Mumm received two rather serious bullet wounds.

Mrs. Barnes afterward disappeared and De Mumm did not prosecute her. The attack on him was said to have been brought about by his announcement that he had come to bid her farewell.

A report was spread here to-day through a story told by Josephine Howard, an actress, that Mrs. Barnes had threatened to kill herself in Paris at the time De Mumm was married here because he had deserted her for another.

Miss Howard was quoted as saying that yesterday she received from Paris packages containing Mrs. Barnes's furs and jewelry, and a letter saying she intended to commit suicide to-day. Miss Howard took the first train for Paris after telling the story, saying she hoped to prevent any attempt at suicide by Mrs. Barnes.

PARIS, June 3.—Mrs. Marie Van Rensselaer Barnes, the American widow who shot Walter de Mumm, has no intention of committing suicide, according to O. E. Boddington, her attorney. She has even forgotten De Mumm, said the lawyer to-day, and is utterly indifferent to his marriage to-day in London to Miss Frances Scoville, a Kansas heiress.

Saying that his client refused further notoriety, Boddington refused to give Mrs. Barnes's address, but said he had talked with her to-day.

"Mrs. Barnes is in the best of health," he said. "I talked to her and to her maid regarding the absurd rumors that she had threatened to kill herself. She is in the best of spirits, and says she has forgotten De Mumm."

Miss Josephine Howard, an English actress who came from London, is with Mrs. Barnes here.

\$50,000 IN GEMS STOLEN BY 'SNEAK' IN MAIDEN LANE

Dealer Leaves Office and Returns to Find Desk Broken Open and Diamonds Gone.

BUILDING IN UPROAR. Doors Guarded and Elevators Watched, but Man With Loot Easily Escapes.

Isaac Richard Theiss, who started as an office boy and worked up to be one of the biggest diamond importers in Maiden Lane, rushed from his office on the eleventh floor of the Myers Building at No. 49 Maiden Lane, to-day shrieking: "I've been robbed!"

Theiss declared that a thief had made away with a hand grip containing loose and mounted diamonds worth between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

His alarm set the building, almost exclusively occupied by diamond dealers and jewelers, in an uproar. Other holders of precious stones hurriedly examined their stocks, and a watch was set to see that no suspicious person left the building. The superintendent notified Police Headquarters and detectives were rushed to the scene.

Theiss, rendered almost incoherent by his loss, shrieked and cried in despair and refused to be comforted. He told the crowd that gathered about him he had taken the diamonds from the vault of the Maiden Lane Safe Deposit Company, at Broadway and Maiden Lane, placed them in his handbag and hurried to his office.

GEMS GONE DURING HIS SHORT ABSENCE. He took the centre elevator of the three in the building in which there were three or four other passengers—he thought they were all tenants of the building—and went to his office, No. 49, which is a rather large one, divided into sections, in the rear of the building. Shortly afterward he found it necessary to step out of the office for a moment. He placed the bag on top of his roller-top desk, closed and locked the latter, locked the office door behind him and stepped to the lavatory, only a few steps away.

Theiss says he was gone hardly five minutes. When he returned, he claims, the office door was swinging open, but he thought his office manager, Louis Blog, or his son had arrived, and his suspicions were not aroused. A moment later, however, he saw they were not there, and then turning toward the desk discovered it standing open and the bag containing the diamonds gone.

DOUGHERTY'S DETECTIVES FAIL TO FIND A CLUE. Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty hurried Lieut. Summers, who makes a specialty of Maiden Lane, Lieut. Mike Collins of the Wall street squad, Detective Armstrong, who knows most of the best sneak thieves in the world and their methods, Fingerprint Experts Healy and Kuhn and half a dozen other detectives to the scene.

The desk, of the ordinary rolltop variety, had been opened by forcing the lock, but the office door gave no evidences of having been tampered with. Theiss told Commissioner Dougherty that in the bag were 250 loose diamonds, worth a total of \$25,000, and thirty-one pieces of jewelry, rings and pins, containing diamonds and pearls, he valued at \$15,000. Among the loose diamonds was one of 305 karats, valued at \$1,750. There were several others of 8, 9 and 12 Karats.

The importer said it represented his savings of a lifetime. He has been in Maiden Lane for the last thirty years, the last eight in business for himself. He resides at No. 23 Fuller place, Brooklyn.

WILSON TO KING GEORGE. President Sends Birthday Greetings to British Ruler.

LONDON, June 3.—Among the numerous congratulatory telegrams received by King George from foreign rulers on the occasion of the forty-eighth anniversary of his birth was one from President Woodrow Wilson.

MISS WINGATE ADMITS PERJURY, BUT IS DEFIANT

Victim Who Was Sentenced on Her Testimony Has Bond Cancelled by Judge.

HAS WRITTEN A PLAY. But She Wouldn't Allow a Decent Girl to Make Copy of It.

Geraldine Wingate, a self-styled uplift worker among young girls, admitted before Judge Swann in the General Sessions to-day that she had committed perjury in making a complaint before Magistrate Krotal on which Joseph Raho was sent to the workhouse for thirty days for insulting Ada Miller, a young girl, on the street.

Miss Wingate, who was connected with the Winchester Club at No. 36 Broadway, a rest and refreshment place for net-supporting girls, said that she knew that Ada Miller was not a good girl, but did not know that she went on the streets to earn her living.

"I swore that she was a good girl and had been wantonly insulted by this man, though innocent, because I wanted to protect the girl," she asserted again and again. She refused to answer most of the personal questions put to her.

JUDGE RELEASES HER VICTIM FROM BOND. Judge Swann released Raho from the bond of \$100, which he furnished after his appeal, when the Miller girl said that Miss Wingate had asked her to go through the streets "making eyes at men" so that Miss Wingate could have the men arrested. The sentence of Raho was commuted to the seventeen days in the workhouse for disorderly conduct which he had already served.

Judge Swann said that if Miss Wingate were a woman he would order her locked up and charged with perjury, but that out of compassion for her and her disturbed mental condition he would allow her to return to the Neurological Institute at Lexington avenue and Sixty-seventh street, where she has been a patient since Judge Swann denounced her a week ago as a dangerous woman.

REFUSES TO ANSWER PERSONAL QUESTIONS. Miss Wingate refused to answer a question as to whether Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt had given her a house at No. 28 West Fifth street to help her in her work of reclaiming erring girls. She denied that she had ever represented herself as a secret service agent of the Government in investigating the white slave trade.

Asked as to her connection with the Winchester Club, she replied angrily: "I cannot see what the Winchester Club has to do with this case."

"Were you ever known as G. Winthrop?" asked Assistant District Attorney Reynolds.

"No," was the reply, "there was a Miss G. Winthrop there."

"Was that her right name?" asked Mr. Reynolds.

"I refuse to answer," said the girl, who was on the verge of tears but angry. "except to say that there was a girl there known as G. Winthrop." Miss Wingate refused to tell whether she was herself using her real name on the ground that she did not "want her folks to know what trouble she was in." She also refused to admit that she was ever arrested for larceny in Chicago.

GIRL ACCUSED BY JUDGE, WHO ADMITS SHE IS A PERJURER.



GERALDINE WINGATE.

PANIC IN TEAROOM! SQUIRREL TACKLES BULLDOG AT PLAZA

Auto Hit a Trolley and Added to Excitement at Big Hotel.

A handsome limousine collided with a Fifty-ninth street crosstown car in front of the Hotel Plaza, and a Central Park squirrel fought a bulldog in the lobby of the hotel all at the same moment this afternoon. The squirrel had been limbing one of the latest varieties of the Marquette milk punch.

One wouldn't think that because Mr. C. B. Alexander's limousine side-swiped the street car in front of the hotel entrance a tough park squirrel would tackle a hapless bull dog right where all the ladies were having their afternoon tea. But such was the startling sequence of events.

That squirrel must have been ambling across from the park trees just about the time the crash of loss from the wind shield of the auto startled people of stronger hearts than squirrels. At any rate he took it on the lobe straight into the main entrance of the hotel to the lobby. There a hat check boy was tending the Boston bull which Miss Florence Malone of Brooklyn, had checked while she took tea with her friends.

The bull caught one flash of fur as the squirrel passed and then made for him. The pugilistic little cuss with the big tail squared around and faced the bull for a minute.

He died game and with his teeth meeting in the dog's ear.

"GYP THE BLOOD" INFORMER MAY GO TO SING SING. Pickpocket Gordon Freed on Suspended Sentence as Reward; Failed to "Be Good."

George Gordon, better known as "Diamond," the pickpocket, to whom the police gave credit for turning up "Gyp the Blood" and others of the Rosenthal murder squad, is in trouble again. Judge Rosalsky released him on a suspended sentence at the request of Commissioner Dougherty, as a reward for his services.

Judge Rosalsky heard to-day Gordon hadn't lived up to his warning, but was in Queen's County jail, at Long Island City, having been picked up as a suspicious person in the Decoration Day crowd at Arverne. The Judge issued a warrant to have Gordon brought before him. Detective Thomas of the District Attorney's office was sent after Gordon. After considerable discussion among Queens officials Gordon was sent to Manhattan. Judge Rosalsky has declared he will sentence the man to a term in State's prison. He was originally charged with robbing a woman in a subway train.

ASSAILANTS OF WALDO ARE MISERABLE LITTLE SCAMPS, SAYS GAYNOR

Mayor Declares "Four Little Aldermen" Seek to Gain Prestige by Demanding Removal of Commissioner Whose Work He Extols.

HAD PLANNED AN INQUIRY OF HIS OWN INTO POLICE

Was Forestalled by Committee He Says Waldo Could "Put Into His Breeches Pocket."

Mayor Gaynor came out with a broadside statement this afternoon in which he states that the Board of Aldermen will not adopt the Curran Committee report calling upon him to remove Police Commissioner Waldo from office. The Mayor makes a fierce attack on the four Aldermen who voted for the adoption of the report. He calls them "those four pitiful little Aldermen." They are Aldermen Esterbrook, Curran, Hamilton and Folks.

"There are some honorable men in the Board of Aldermen who will not stand for such a base thing as to adopt the Curran report when it reaches them next Tuesday," continues the Mayor.

"Poor little fellows!" he says again, referring to the four. "MENTALLY AND MORALLY WALDO COULD CARRY A WHOLE CARTLOAD OF THEM IN HIS BREECHES POCKET WITHOUT KNOWING THAT THEY WERE THERE."

The Mayor's statement follows: "What have I to say about the report of the four Aldermen? What is the use of saying anything? For three and a half years, in the midst of many distracting things, and while I have been working and brooding over some of the largest things afoot anywhere in the world, I have found time to work out some large reforms in the Police Department, as the people of the city are now beginning to see. And during all that time certain little people have been nagging at me and trying to get me to do this and that. And these four pitiful little Aldermen now come in at the beginning of the summer with their tissue of falsehoods.

"No wonder the committee would not stand for it. There are some honorable men in that board who would not stand for such a base thing. And these four pitiful little political fellows think they are doing some great campaign work for next fall. Let them wait and see. They want to have Waldo removed. They had better pass a resolution removing themselves and stick out of sight. Poor little fellows! Mentally and morally Waldo could carry a whole cartload of them in his breeches pocket without knowing that they were there.

"Just look at this statement in this report, which says that when written complaints came in from citizens accusing inspectors and captains of wrongdoing the course is to refer the complaint to the officer accused to investigate himself. Just think of an infamous falsehood like that being put in an official document! There never was any such thing in the Police Department, even in its worst days. I receive here weekly a bushel of letters concerning police government, and the commissioner receives a like number. Practically all of them are anonymous. Most of them are false and even malicious. They mention houses and places where they say, some violation of law is going on. Of course, these complaints are sent to the captain and the inspector to investigate to let them know. What else could be done with them?"

As a matter of fact, George Schiel, the old catch of the Giants, claimed that Curran put him out of the league by his remarkable fielding. Schiel was primarily a left field hitter, and in one game Curran robbed him out of four clean hits.

"That fellow Grant has made a reputation stopping my drives," said Schiel, "and more than that, he has sent me back to the minors as a hitter."

Eddie Grant is a college player, having made a great record while on the Harvard Varsity team. He has been a reliable hitter ever since he broke into the big league, and the only reason for his release to New York is that Alameda, the Cuban, has been going so strong that Tinker can use him as a regular. Eddie Grant should be a wonderful help to the Giants in their fight for third successive pennant. As utility man he will be more than a mere successor to Mike Green.

CALLS THEM "POOR, MISERABLE LITTLE SCAMPS." "But the investigation does not end there. Many of the complaints were read in evidence before the Alderman committee, together with the fact that they were preferred to the inspector as the captain, but this lying report is that they were complaints charging the inspector or captain with wrongdoing and