

PLAN SUGAR TARIFF TO GOUGE MILLIONS

ILLEGAL FEE ACCEPTANCE CHARGED AGAINST DU BOIS BY WHITMAN GRAND JURY

Former Commander of West 20th Street Station Indicted in Graft Inquiry.

OUT ON \$2,500 BAIL.

Accusations Against Captain Dates Back to Printing Strike—\$50,000 Reported Paid.

Police Captain Percy Du Bois of the Atlantic Avenue Station, Brooklyn, formerly commander of the West 20th Street Station, Manhattan, was today indicted by the Grand Jury investigating graft in the Police Department, on a charge of receiving illegal fees. This is the same charge preferred against Police Captain William A. Bailey of the West 30th Street Station, who was indicted last week and is the second police official to be caught in the net. Former Gov. Whitman as Assistant District Attorney, has sung about the department.

The specific charge against Du Bois is the acceptance of an unlawful fee of \$100 from the auditor of the Publishers' Printing Company during the strike of the printers from Sept. 26 to Nov. 25, 1919.

Du Bois surrendered at the District Attorney's office and was arraigned before Judge Crain in General Sessions. He pleaded not guilty and was released in \$2,500 bail.

The indictment was returned after Mr. Whitman went before the Grand Jury with three witnesses and presented ledgers, checks and other documents in connection with protection money said to have been paid by employing printers during the strike.

Information reached Mr. Whitman and his assistants a few days ago that during the strike certain printing contractors spent more than \$50,000 for the protection of their plants and employees and that this money was distributed among the police in those parts of the city in which the printing plants were located.

Mr. Whitman got into communication with the counsel of the Publishers' Printing Company of No. 207 West 25th Street, which prints the Literary Digest and a number of other publications. The attorney later brought to Mr. Whitman's office Aaron Ganz, secretary and treasurer of the company; Charles Ellicott, its auditor, and Ralph I. Bartholomew, head of its sales department, together with a large collection of the records of the firm's money payments, checks, etc.

These three witnesses and the documents were taken before the Grand Jury, and upon their testimony the indictment against Capt. Du Bois was found.

Mr. Whitman had received information that the money of the printing firms had been distributed through a private detective agency in this city. In Mr. Whitman's of-

HINTON AND KLOOR HAD PLANNED TO DISARM FARRELL

Were to Go Ahead for Aid But Feared to Leave Knife With Him.

Lieut. Walter Hinton, testifying today at the Naval Inquiry at Rockaway Point, described the disastrous balloon flight that carried himself and Lieuts. Kloor and Farrell into the wilds of Northern Canada. He declared that at one point in their tedious struggle back to civilization he suggested to Lieut. Kloor that they take away from Lieut. Farrell a knife he was carrying, and leave him while the other two pushed on in the hope of getting help. This, however, was not done.

Lieut. Hinton made no mention of the first fight in which Lieut. Farrell punched him on the jaw, but his testimony contained the first admission that Lieut. Farrell had become exhausted during the long march. During the previous testimony of Lieut. Hinton and Lieut. Kloor, mention of the condition of Lieut. Farrell had been studiously avoided.

"We refrained as much as possible from drinking water," said Lieut. Hinton, "because it was so cold it cut off our wind."

"The second day of our march Lieut. Farrell was so tired we stopped, built a fire and rested for an hour. Several times after we resumed Lieut. Farrell dropped from exhaustion. Finally, at my request, he took off his flying suit, which was bearing him down, and I carried it."

Lieut. Hinton said Lieut. Farrell gave him his money, \$94, saying, "If any of us gets out of this it will be you." He then recounted details of the rest of the trip until help was reached.

There was tense interest manifested when Hinton reached the subject of the attack made on him by Farrell at Mattice after newspaper men had told Farrell of Hinton's letter, published in New York newspapers, in which Hinton stated Farrell wanted to kill himself and let the others take his body for food.

Hinton said he went to Farrell to communicate to him an order from Secretary Daniels not to talk to newspaper men. "When I gave the orders to Farrell he flew into a rage," said Hinton.

Admiral Klein remarked at this point that he did not know whether this testimony was wanted.

Continuing, Hinton said: "Farrell made statements which I did not consider fair, due to his overwrought nerves and condition. I do not consider he was responsible for what he said or did."

Fifteen minutes later, he said, all differences between himself and Farrell were straightened out.

TWO GREAT LINERS HAD STORMY TRIPS IN TERRIFIC SEAS

New Rochelle and Frederik VIII. Arrive in Port All-Glistening With Ice.

ONE BADLY BATTERED.

Passenger on the Frederik Brings Part of \$2,000,000 in Art—Crew on Riot.

The New Rochelle of the Baltic Line, after battling with hurricanes for sixteen days, arrived from Danzig and Havre this morning sheathed with ice, her forward ports smashed, her beams and timbers warped, her wireless—which had been swept away—restored in makeshift fashion and her passengers grateful for relief from the worst experience many of them ever had undergone.

In addition to the trouble caused by the storms, there had been difficulty with some members of the crew, who, it was said, bought pistols and liquor in Danzig and amused themselves en voyage by shooting things up in the fore-castle. Several shots were fired from portholes and one man got on deck with a gun, which was taken from him. The police boat John F. Hyland met the ship. It was said that two members of the crew would be arrested for theft of food which they sold in Danzig and that a search would be made for the pistols. It was also rumored that several members of the crew had smuggled \$200,000 worth of jewelry.

One man was wounded to death by the waves. He was Joseph Robinson, master at arms of New York, twenty-eight years old, who served so well in the army during the war that he was decorated by the French and British as well as the United States.

Five days ago, in the worst of the hurricane, Robinson was on deck when he was swept to the rail and was about to be washed over when Boatsteward Axel Johnson, at the risk of his life, worked to the rail and caught him.

THRILLING EFFORT TO SAVE MAN WHO DIED.

It appeared that both would go over, but Johnson held on to the rail with one hand and circled Robinson's waist with the other. The two were brought back to safety, but Robinson had been so battered that he died half an hour later. At 12 o'clock that night, in the presence of a few passengers who braved the storm and came on deck, he was buried at sea.

A woman and her two-year-old child were saved from death by Arthur McCarthy, the chief steward, on the same day that Robinson was killed. A wave over the bow swept McCarthy the length of the deck, and the woman, a steerage passenger, clinging to her child, was about to go overboard when McCarthy seized her. There was a real panic among the passengers.

Just before the wireless was swept away a message was received from a Norwegian ship bound for New

York. It was said that the ship had been battered by the waves and that the crew was in a state of panic.

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BIG FIGHT JULY 2 DECLARES RICKARD, DENYING IT IS OFF

Promoter Says Every Cent Called for in Agreement Has Been Posted in Bonds.

N. Y. WON'T GET BOUT.

Best Offers for Dempsey-Carpentier Contest Come From Canada and England.

Tex Rickard, who with Charles B. Cochran and William A. Brady will promote the international fight between Dempsey and Carpentier, today denied the report that the big fight was off.

"You will hear all sorts of reports now," he said to a reporter for The Evening World, "that there will be no fight owing to the different State boxing commissions throughout the country enforcing a reduction of the admission to pugilistic events. That, however, will have no effect on the heavyweight championship."

"I know of no other reason or the source where these unauthentic reports that I read could have originated."

"Every cent of money called for in the articles of agreement is posted in surety bonds with a New York Bank and the Paris office of J. P. Morgan & Co. also holds Carpentier's forfeit to assure his carrying out the contract. The two other promoters and myself have likewise posted sums to bind the match."

"It is a safe prediction that the fight will not be held in the State of New York."

"The best offers we have had to date have come from Canada. England has also bid for the contest, but no definite battle ground has been agreed upon yet, nor will be for at least six weeks."

"All I can say is that the fight is on and will be held somewhere the afternoon of July 2."

Jack Kearns, manager of Dempsey, in San Francisco, said he knew nothing about the fight being called off and declared it was just one of those rumors that originated from nothing out unconfirmed gossip.

Nothing to Report Fight is Off, Says Carpentier.

Margaret Seely Blossom, Noted Statuesque Beauty, Is Bride of Millionaire



Playwright's Widow Wed to Rich Broker and Sportsman Monday, Is Report.

Mrs. Margaret Seely Blossom, widow of Henry Blossom, musical comedy playwright and librettist, is to be married to E. Clarence Jones, millionaire broker and sportsman.

Mrs. Blossom confirmed the news to an Evening World reporter today, but she would not say when the event is to take place or whether it had taken place.

The story became current this afternoon that the couple were married on Monday afternoon by the Rev. O. M. West of Jersey City. Over the telephone this afternoon Mr. West refused either to confirm or deny the report.

"You will have to get your information elsewhere," he said.

"The news has been a great surprise to your friends," said the reporter.

NEW TARIFF WOULD COST PUBLIC OVER \$360,000,000 IN INCREASED SUGAR PRICE

Means a 4-Cent a Pound Boost in Retail Rates and a \$112,000,000 "Gouge" for the Benefit of Those Hoarding Stocks and Beet and Louisiana Cane Growers.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Under the pretense of protecting the American farmer the Republican majority in Congress, with the aid of the Democratic members of the Senate and the House from the South and the Democratic members from the powerful beet sugar States of the West, is aiming to tax the people of this country \$366,000,000 in the next ten months for the benefit of speculators who took a gambling chance, when they thought the price of sugar would continue to rise, and now find themselves facing enormous losses.

The medium through which the projectors of this plan hope to accomplish their object is the Fordney Emergency Tariff Bill, which is now before the Ways and Means Committee of the House. Appropriately enough, this bill is entitled "An act imposing temporary duties upon certain agricultural products to meet present emergencies, to provide revenue, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Some of the other purposes are to protect the beet sugar refiners, the Louisiana cane growers and refiners, the banks which have advanced money on the sugar crops, and the vast accumulation of refined sugar stored in this country, and the speculators who feverishly invested in sugar last spring and in the early summer when, through an error of business judgment, they figured that, because of a short crop in Cuba, sugar would remain at a high level for a year or more. THE OTHER PURPOSES ARE TO MAKE THE PEOPLE PAY THE LOSSES OF MEN WHO HAVE SUFFERED BUSINESS REVERSES.

The underlying excuse for the Fordney Emergency Tariff Bill—which is to be in force for ten months after its adoption—is that it will provide increased revenue for the United States Government in the shape of receipts of duties. As a matter of fact only 50 per cent of the sugar used in the United States is imported. Only half of the increase paid upon the consumer would go into the United States Treasury. The other half would go into the pockets of the speculators who stored and now want the public to pay their losses.

WORCESTER FIGHTS THIRTY FIRES WITH \$2,000,000 LOSS

Fifty Business Places Destroyed—Families Driven Out in Zero Weather.

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 19.—Fire which threatened for a time to destroy the whole business section of this city caused a loss estimated at more than \$2,000,000 and sent hundreds of shivering families to the streets in zero weather early today.

The fire started in the seven-story Knowles Building on Main Street, in the heart of the city, and this building was quickly laid waste. The fire then spread across Main Street to a group of three-story buildings, and in a short time fully thirty fires were raging. Flying embers having set fire to the roofs of many tenement buildings.

Fifty business places, including six retail stores, six manufacturing plants and a large number of offices of doctors, dentists and other professional people were wiped out. Guests of the Park and Bancroft Hotels stood ready to leave, but these buildings were saved.

State and city police are investigating stories that some of the fires were incendiary. A dress suit case was found in flames twenty feet back of a burning structure at North Foster and Union Streets, and a barrel of blasting oil close to the rear wall. Fire Department officials took the suit case for further examination.

SWEEPING INQUIRY ON CITY OFFICIALS

ALBANY, Jan. 19.—Creation of a New York Charter Commission to investigate all departments and officers of the New York City Government is the purpose of a bill introduced in the Legislature today by Assemblyman Edward J. Neary, Republican of Queens. The measure carries an appropriation of \$50,000. The Commission to be appointed under provisions of the bill would include eighteen members, seven to be named by the Governor, five by the Speaker of the Assembly and three each by the presiding officer of the Senate and the Mayor of New York. Council required to conduct the Assembly would be furnished by the Attorney General.

CONFESSES KILLING U. S. NAVAL NURSE

Negro Was Arrested in Baltimore Few Hours After the Slaying.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 19.—Henry A. Brown, a negro, today confessed he killed Harriet Kavanaugh, a nurse at the naval hospital here, according to the police.

Detectives Bradley and Hammerstein of Baltimore were said to have elicited the confession after a long grilling of Brown, who was arrested in Baltimore a few hours after Miss Kavanaugh was found Saturday.

QUAKE AT LAKE GEORGE.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 19.—What are believed by residents to have been earthquake shocks were felt today for three minutes at Corinth and Lake George.

Driver Killed When Train Rans Away.

Morris Glasser, twenty-eight of No. 20 Clark Street, the Bronx, was killed this afternoon when a team of horses dragged his truck across Manhattan at 177th Street and Washington Avenue. The Bronx man ran into a tree. A large crowd of women shoppers witnessed the accident, and several became hysterical.

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