

POLICE NOT ONLY CITY EMPLOYEES IN BRIBE FUND

Go-Between Testifies Several Others Paid Burke for Promotion.

17 PATROLMEN CALLED.

Men Alleged to Have Paid \$2,500 Each to Be Placed on Stand.

George Henry White of No. 116 Third Street, Long Island City, alleged go-between for Michael J. Burke, former saloon keeper, who is alleged to have "reached" members of the Civil Service Commission in the interests of city employees seeking promotion, testified this afternoon before Commissioner of Accounts David Hirschfeld that Burke helped several other city employees besides policemen.

Patrolman Patrick J. Twomey yesterday told the Commissioner he had collected \$1,500 apiece from seventeen policemen for Burke and White was called as a result. White had been on the stand during the morning session of the inquiry and, declaring he "would tell all," gave his testimony. Commissioner Hirschfeld was not satisfied, however, and White was locked in the office library to think the matter over. He added considerably to his testimony at the afternoon session.

When he resumed the stand, White said Burke made a business of smoothing the way for city employees through the Civil Service Commission. "I often came down to the Municipal Building with Burke," said White, "and we always went to the fourteenth floor and frequently we met Patrick Ryan, the finger print expert. Burke told me that Ryan and Secretary Stengel were good friends and would do anything they could for him. Many of the clerks called Burke 'Mike.'"

"I remember the case of a man named Armstrong who took the examination for the cops and was six pounds overweight. He called on Burke and Burke met him on the fourteenth floor the next day. He was weighed and got the appointment, and is now on the patrolmen's eligible list. Burke sent a case of whiskey, he told me, to somebody in the Civil Service Commission, in payment for fixing up the Armstrong matter. I was with him when he fixed up a fireman named O'Brien and a policeman named James Barry, who were after better ratings."

White said he had a lot of names at home of city employees who had employed Burke to help them in the Civil Service Commission. He was told to bring them in Tuesday morning and was excused until that time. A lot of Burke's cancelled checks were produced in the proceedings this afternoon. White said he recognized one of them for \$3,500 as having been given by Burke to a bootlegger named Guzzetta.

Commissioner Hirschfeld said Burke is at Clonessens, Milltown Post Office, County Galway, Ireland. Assistant District Attorney O'Neill attended the hearing in an official capacity to-day.

Four employees of the commission whose names have been mentioned in the case were present when the investigation was resumed to-day. They were Charles Stengel, Secretary; Patrick Ryan, finger print expert; Miss Barbara Widder, an examiner, and F. Menck, an attendant. President Abraham Kaplan, of the Civil Service Commission, sat with Commissioner Hirschfeld.

The opinion of Patrolman Twomey and other contributors appear to be that Michael J. Burke appropriated the bulk of the money and took it with him to Ireland, where he is living to-day and intends to remain. White was the first witness called to-day.

"I knew Burke about ten years," he said, "and about five years ago I found he had a big pull with the Civil Service. He could get people promoted. "Along about last June Twomey and I met by appointment one night on the Queensborough Bridge. Twomey said he was going into an examination and he understood I had a friend named Burke who had a pull and he asked me to see Burke. "Burke said he could fix it to promote Twomey and his friends for about \$1,200 each, but for me to collect \$1,500 each. I supposed Burke would give me something. Twomey was to put up no cash, but was to get the others in."

"All I ever got was \$300, which Burke loaned to me at different times. I went to the pier with Burke when he sailed for Ireland. He told his manager, Moran, to let me have money whenever I asked for it. I got no money from Moran." Commissioner Hirschfeld was not satisfied with White's story. The investigation was suspended while the Commissioner attended a conference at the City Hall, and White was locked up in the library of the office with instructions to refresh his memory. Twomey yesterday said that he collected \$25,500, which he gave to Burke. The money was deposited in a Harlem bank. Burke drew it all out but \$2.50.

Princess Mary Breaks Bonds of Royalty. Defying Tradition, to Wed Man She Loves

King George, Queen Mary, Court and Chancellor Bow to Will of Europe's First Princess in Her Choice of Englishman.

As She Had Planned From Childhood; She Chooses Viscount Lascelles, Sportsman and Rich, but Not of Kingly Line.

Once upon a time romance had little place in the royal houses of Europe. Romance was set aside for the exigencies of State. There were chancelleries to be considered. There were recognized alliances to be made or strengthened. There were international matters not to be overlooked. Romance was for the commoners, not for royalty.

But Princess Mary, the only daughter of King George and Queen Mary of England, has set aside all these things and her engagement, which has been announced by the King, is ample token that romance and nothing else has led her outside of royal houses in choosing a husband. Although her fiancé, Viscount Lascelles, is heir to an earldom, he is not royal and, in all likelihood, in earlier years would never have been considered eligible for the hand of the leading princess of Europe. There would have been those chancelleries, those other courts to consider.

Even so, there is doubt whether King George or Queen Mary would ever have been able to prevail against the will of Princess Mary. Always she has shown possession of that will, that determination to cling to what her heart dictated. Long ago she declared—and it must have given a certain shock to Queen Mary, if not to the King—that she intended to marry the man her heart singled out for her rather than one selected on the a-marriage-has-been-arranged plan observed by the reigning houses. There was another keen intent of hers, and this was that the man of her romance should be British through and through, from the roots of his family tree to the topmost branch.

And it has all come, just as she wished, Viscount Lascelles. Romance isn't just for the commoners, after all.

Although a rigid formality has, and perhaps always will surround the life of royalty, Princess Mary, from her earliest years, has given evidence of impatience with much of it. She was something of a freebody when she was a girl and the playmate of her two elder brothers, the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert. Perhaps, too, she lorded it a bit over the younger ones, Henry and George.

She went in for outdoor sports, lived as much in the open as she could and at Sandringham, where she was born on April 25, 1897, was constantly in the saddle. She became the sturdy, ruddy out-of-doors girl which one sees everywhere about the English countryside.

Whatever were her attachments in those early days, nothing is known of them, and perhaps there was none very serious. There was doubtless little chance for them, as she was surrounded by tutors and governesses and such-like mentors when she was not riding or fishing or on the tennis court.

But there was, none the less, a parental search of Europe for a husband for her. All the reigning houses of the Continent came under the royal eyes, which appraised and estimated the eligible males with a view to an alliance with the House of Windsor, as the King has now decreed its name.

Before the World War the family preference seemed to be settled upon Grand Duke Adolf of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, but the great conflict eliminated him. He went at once to fight on the Kaiser's side. There was another Teuton in the field, Prince Sigismund, son of Prince Henry of Prussia, but he, too, drew the sword against England. The Crown Prince George of Greece became ineligible because the German Emperor was his uncle. The Grand Duke Boris of Russia faded from the picture because, for one thing, Queen Mary opposed his suit.

When the wife, or other reasons, eliminated these royal suitors, others appeared in quick succession. There were rumors that Princess Mary might marry Prince Regent Alexander of Serbia or the Crown Prince of Sweden, or another born to the purple. But nothing at all was heard from Princess Mary, not a word as to what she felt about it. As a matter of fact, she may already have had her heart set upon Viscount Lascelles, and King George and Queen Mary may have known all about a potential rebellion in the breast of the Princess against mating her to some one in whom her heart was in no wise interested.



PRINCESS MARY.

MARRIED HIS AUNT; DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL MOTHER TOLD HIM

Groom 20, Bride 52; She Was Widow of Man With Whom He Had Worked.

The circumstances under which Robert Brennan of No. 7 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, a Government meat inspector, asked an annulment of his marriage were such as to cause Justice Kelly in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to postpone his decision until he could make further examination.

Brennan said that as a youth of nineteen he came to the United States from Ireland and looked up a family to whom he had been recommended by his mother. He obtained employment as a butcher in the same shop in which the man of the family worked. His friend died, he said, and being then twenty-one, Brennan married the widow, Elizabeth, who was fifty-two; this was in 1907.

Five years later his mother, Mrs. Mary Brennan, who now lives at No. 873 Elton Avenue, Brooklyn, called at his home, which was then at No. 1339 Corona Avenue, the Bronx, and informed him that his mature wife was her own sister.

Mrs. Brennan and a neighbor from Ireland corroborated his story in court. "Did you know you had committed a crime by marrying your aunt?"



LORD LASCELLES.

Justice Kelly asked the inspector, "I didn't know she was my aunt." Brennan replied, "She didn't tell me." "Did she have any money?" asked the Justice.

"No," said Brennan. "There is more here than is plain," said Justice Kelly, putting the case over. "There is nothing to explain why a young man of twenty should have married a poor woman of fifty-two, whether she was his aunt or not."

Up Again as Alleged Burglar. Frank C. Ames, No. 142 West 127th Street, recently released in \$5,000 bail on a burglary charge, was arraigned this morning on another such charge in the Tomkovic Court and held in \$15,000. He was arrested yesterday afternoon on the complaint of Samuel Turkel, No. 722 Lexington Avenue, who said he found him robbing his apartment.

Citizens of All Classes Hail Evening World Plan, a Peace Christmas Festival

Called "the Dawning of a New Era"—Commander Booth of Salvation Army and Bishop Manning Praise Idea and See In It a Spirit of Love That Will Spread Over and Benefit the World.

If You Approve of—

Open and lighted churches, parish houses, Y. M. C. A.'s, K. of C. Y. W. C. A.'s and all other similar gathering places, clubs and settlement houses, and the holding of welcome receptions in all from Dec. 18 to Jan. 1.

Community caroling and community Christmas trees in all public parks and squares.

Free matinees in theatres for poor children during the week of Dec. 18.

Visits to neighbors and friends, the sick in hospitals, and inmates of prisons and institutions.

Free automobile rides for invalids and children.

The inviting of a child or a stranger as a Christmas dinner guest.

The giving of a toy, old or new, by every child, to another child.

The supplying of Christmas entertainment for hospitals, prisons and Salvation Army dinners, if you are an actor, actress or musician.

The lighting of every public building, railway station, store, bank or hotel with Christmas signs.

A hearty greeting to every neighbor and stranger on Christmas Day.

Or of the general idea of making Christmas, 1921, the greatest of Peace and Good Will festivals.

Then—

Fill in the coupon, sign it, and send it to The Evening World.

Are you going to be a Peace and Good Will Volunteer? Will you help to carry out The Evening World's suggestion that Christmas, 1921, be made the world's greatest festival of Peace and Good Will?

You'll find yourself in good company—ministers, Government officials, business men—all are saying that The Evening World's idea is right and they intend to do their share to make a bigger, brighter Christmas this year.

Yesterday The Evening World published endorsements from the Rev. Caleb Moor, the Rev. Charles B. Jefferson, Rabbi Silverman of Temple Emanuel, Dr. Fickard of the Metropolitan Temple, Dr. Russell of Rutgers Church, Walter T. Deack, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; James P. Hallinan and William P. Larkin of the Knights of Columbus, William A. Brady, theatrical producer. They vote unanimously for the great Christmas on record and they are going to work to see that it is really so.

To-day comes Commander Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army, with the assurance that a light will be kept burning wherever the army may welcome man, woman or child.

"The Salvation Army will do all that you suggest, and THEN SOME MORE," writes Commander Booth, in a note to the editor of The Evening World.

That's the spirit that will make the festival of the world when it ventured its Christmas suggestion. CITY OFFICIALS VOLUNTEER TO CARE FOR THE PARKS AND SQUARES.

Park Department officials cordially endorse The Evening World's suggestions, and Acting Commissioner Ryan says he will co-operate in every way with organizations who participate in the festivities suggested for the parks and squares. Mr. Ryan called attention to the fact that there are few evergreen trees in the parks and note which can be destroyed for Christmas tree purposes.

He suggests a "get together" meeting of the department with representatives of the Community Service and

THANKSGIVING DAY A Special Turkey Dinner

- Celery
Chicken or Cream of Oyster Soup
Roast Young Turkey with Dressing and Giblet Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Boiled Onions with Butter Sauce
Mashed Turnips
Mashed Potatoes or Candied Sweet Potatoes
Bread or Home Made Rolls
Mince Pie and Cheese or Pumpkin Pie and Cheese
Ice Cream and Cake
Tea, Coffee, or Milk



"We Will Do Our Part," Writes Evangeline Booth, Endorsing Evening World Christmas Plan

CONGRATULATIONS to The New York Evening World! You have sounded a keynote that heralds the new and better day when you talk of a good will expression from all the churches and welfare organizations to all the people everywhere from Christmas week to the advent of the New Year.



The Salvation Army has no churches. It has meeting places for its corps in various parts of the city and thirty institutions for the relief of the needy men, women and children, besides its headquarters, but you can depend upon the Salvation Army to keep a light burning in every window, just as it has done for forty years, and to have genuine well-wishers just inside the door at each place to make the visitor thrice welcome. We have no hours any way, and never close; but we will stress this period from before Christmas until after New Year's Day and do our full part.

Leader of the Salvation Army, Evangeline Booth.

We will send you later a list of the places where we will burn our lights and make the stranger especially welcome.

You have hit upon a thing to do that will be fruitful of much good. This is the most difficult winter we have faced in years, but the spreading of good will everywhere will make it all much easier and doubly worth while. Depend on the Salvation Army to do its full part.

suggests that a campaign to give "down and outers" a new start be added to The Evening World's suggestion for Christmas activities.

A boxer who has entertained the men in the hospital at Fox Hills is ready for a bout with any hantam weight for any Christmas entertainment.

A mother, whose own Christmas will be her saddest, offers the toys of her own little boy, who died a month ago, to the children of the poor. Many children who have many will surely spare one toy to some other child, as The Evening World has suggested.

Mrs. Pauline Dempsey, who sang at the camps during the war, wants to sing at Christmas for the soldiers, for the sick or for the prisoners. She is President of the Roosevelt Women's League, No. 197 West 133rd Street. One of the league's activities is the Empty Stocking Circle to provide food, clothing and other necessities for poor children. The Circle will welcome the assistance and co-operation of any peace and good-will volunteers.

A. L. Payne, a retired vaudeville and concert singer, makes his services available any time, but especially desires to help the Salvation Army in return for what they did for him overseas.

Read The Evening World's suggestion for making the world's greatest Christmas.

There's some Christmas activity outlined in which any man, woman and child can join, or if anybody has something else to suggest the suggestion will be welcomed and passed along.

THEATRE SCAFFOLD FALLS; SIX INJURED

Two Rescued From Wreckage After Crash at New Brooklyn Structure.

Thomas Carmo of No. 231 South Fifth Street, Brooklyn, and Daniel Ric of No. 35 Catharine Street, Manhattan, were rescued from the wreckage of a 40-foot scaffold at the new Commodore Theatre, Rodney Street and Broadway, Brooklyn, to-day and taken to Williamsburg Hospital, where both are in a serious plight with spinal injuries.

Dr. Brexler of Williamsburg Hospital treated four other bricklayers and helpers taken from the wreck. They were Benjamin Kemp of No. 515 Vernon Avenue, fingers crushed; Henry Nagler of No. 236 Chester Avenue, cuts on arms and body; Joseph Goldfaden of No. 244 Delancey Street, Manhattan, hip broken, and Thomas McNamara of No. 233 South Ninth Street, Brooklyn, head and legs cut and bruised. They were all taken to their homes.

An inquiry to fix responsibility for the collapse of the scaffold was started.

Milk Confidence advertisement for Sheffield Milk Co. featuring 'Sealect' milk. Includes text: 'WHEN you open a bottle of Sheffield Milk you know that its content is rich, clean, fresh, safe and wholesome. Sheffield Milk has won and held your confidence. The same quality that you find in a Sheffield bottle you will find in a tin of Sealect Evaporated or Condensed Milk. Tell your grocer you want you want Sheffield "Sealect" Milk (CONDENSED) Milk (EVAPORATED) SHEFFIELD CONDENSED MILK CO., New York'