GOLD BRICK MAN CAUGHT

ONE OF A PARTY ACCUSED OF SWINDLING A FARMER OUT OF $4,000 NEAR SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

The police, with private detectives, have arrested a man in this city who they say is one of the cleverest now in the gold brick business. He is James Blackwell, of many aliases, and he is wanted in Springfield, Mass, on a charge of swindling Daniel Leonard, sixty years old, a farmer at Feeding Meadows, near that city, out of $4,000. Frank Smith, alias Frank Northwood, alias White, alias "Red" Adams, alias Big Charlie, was arrested in the western part of the State and went to Springfield without remonstrance. The police say the gang have made $110,000 out of their schemes to sell gold bricks.

As Leonard was returning from church one morning, he was met by Smith, who wanted to sell him two bricks of gold at a discount. Leonard and his brother drove to Springfield, where he drew $5,000 from the bank to buy a brick. Smith said the bricks were in charge of an Indian who lived in the woods, and that they would drive out and complete the bargain. The Indian was Blackwell disguised. He showed them a big gold brick, and Smith bored it to show Leonard how fine the gold was. He drove into town to see the assayer, but said the assayer was not in, and told him to see an assayer in the hotel, opposite. Smith and Leonard drove into the city while Blackwell hurried to the hotel, where he changed his disguise to that of an assayer. He pronounced the gold fine, and wanted to buy it. Leonard would not let him, but bought it himself for $4,000. They went back to the woods, found the Indian, who gave the brick to them, and Leonard drove home with his bargain. Next day he became suspicious, and drove hastily into the city, and a reward of $500 was offered for the men.

They were heard of two weeks later in Dallas, Tex., and were then traced to Montreal. They went to the Gordon House, kept by Lorin Gordon and his son, W. J. Gordon, at Danville, Quebec. Blackwell represented himself to be Stephen J. Pratt, a ranch owner in Arizona. He was looking for one Alonzo Gordon, who had once befriended him, and became friendly with the Gordons. He had a gold mine in Arizona, samples of which could be seen in St. John, in the keeping of an Indian. The Gordons went to see the Indian, who was again in a dense wood. The Indian, who was Smith, pretended he could not speak English, and Blackwell interpreted his language. The Gordons were told that a brick could be bought for $5,000. Pratt said the gold could be sent to an assayer in Philadelphia, J. C. White, of No. 1,025 Davis-st., who was really Bosteller, a third man of the gang. The Gordons said they would go to the bank and get the money, but they sent word to the Chief of Police of St. John. Blackwell and Smith were suspicious, and escaped out of town hurriedly. Sergeant Campau, of the St. John police, caught them and they were arrested, but forfeited their bail.

Blackwell and Bosteller could not be found until four days ago, when Blackwell was discovered at No. 70 East One-hundred-and-fifth-st., Manhattan. He was living with his wife under the name of Fisher, and Detective Foye was put on the case. It was found that every time the door bell rang Mrs. Fisher went to see who was there. Foye got into the house through the rear, and signalled to Detective Boyle, who was in front, to ring the bell. As soon as Mrs. Fisher came out Foye hurried in and saw Blackwell, who did not resist arrest, and was taken to Police Headquarters, where he spent the night. He was remanded to the Tombs.

DEFENCE ENDED IN POWERS CASE

WHICH SIDE HAS PRODUCED MORE PERJURED EVIDENCE IS IN DOUBT.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 10.—In the case of Caleb Powers, ex-Secretary of State, charged with being an accessory before the fact in the Goebel assassination, the defence rested its testimony this afternoon. Several witnesses in rebuttal were introduced by the prosecution. The jury will be taken to Frankfort either on Monday or Tuesday to view the scene of the tragedy. When it comes to considering the evidence, the jury will not have to decide the question of which side has dealt in perjury, but which side has been burdened with the larger amount of that product, as in the last few days contradiction and impeachment have been the leading feature. There are few who believe the trial will result in a conviction, but many anticipate disagreement.

Mrs. John Davis, the wife of one of the men charged with being an accessory to the Goebel assassination, was the first witness introduced to-day by the defence. The prosecution interposed a formal objection to the eligibility of the witness, but the Court overruled it. Caleb Powers, she said, boarded at her house. John Powers was also there on January 25. She testified that the latter was ill in his room at her house that day and did not leave his room after 11 o'clock. This was in contradiction of the testimony of Robert Noakes, who told of an alleged conversation with John Powers at the State House, in which he said the latter told him "to stay close to the building as something was going to happen as soon as Goebel and those fellows came down."

Solomon Wilder, of Whitley County, testified that Robert Noakes was at Corbin in March and asked him not to tell anybody he was in town, as he might be arrested in connection with the assassination conspiracy. Wilder declared Noakes said he believed Caleb Powers innocent. According to the witness the members of the Noakes Military Company at Corbin, instead of being desperadoes, as Noakes had alleged, were mostly good men.

On cross-examination, Wilder admitted that a number of the members of Noakes's company had been tried for various crimes, murder being the charge in several instances.

The defence then asked to be allowed to offer as evidence the act of the Legislature appropriating $10,000 for the apprehension and prosecution of the assassin of William Goebel. No objection was offered, and the act was made a part of the testimony.

Walter Day, former Republican State Treasurer, testified that Youtsey sent for him the day before the shooting. He went to see Youtsey, and the latter told him that for $900 he would settle the contest. Witness pressed Youtsey to know how he would accomplish it, but the latter would only say that for that amount he would settle it. The witness refused to confer further with Youtsey.

At the conclusion of the testimony of ex-Treasurer Day the defence in the Powers case rested.

The Rev. John Stamper, who testified for the defence several days ago, was the first witness called by the prosecution in rebuttal. He was recalled for the purpose of laying the foundation for a contradiction. He denied that he told several people several days after the confession of his brother-in-law, Wharton Golden, that he believed the latter had told the truth; that he did not want him to fall into the hands of the other side, as they might do him harm. He admitted that on the occasion referred to he accompanied Golden and the other parties to Frankfort, and that he borrowed a pistol.

A question by Attorney Bradley as to whether Stamper had not at that time said that he was very much in sympathy with the prosecution was objected to by the defence, and the jury was withdrawn while it was argued. Bradley said the purpose of the question was to show the interest of the witness in the subject matter and subsequently to show that he had changed his sympathies to the defence since he had received money from representatives of that side. The proof, he said, showed that Stamper had been playing fast and loose with both sides, and the question was as to his credibility. The Court decided that the question was competent. The witness said he had no recollection of having made the statement. He did tell J. C. Cantrill that Golden had told the truth, but would not tell all he knew until he got on the stand.

Henry Hazlewood, a lawyer of Laurel County, testified that he heard James Sparks, of London, say that Goebel would be killed and Taylor would pardon the man who did it; that the pardon was already written out with a blank left to fill in the name of the man who did it. Sparks testified for the defence several days ago, and at that time denied having made the statement. Chief of Police Zach Losby was called and contradicted the statement of the Rev. Mr. Stamper, who had denied making certain remarks in regard to the truth of Wharton Golden's statements.

PROHIBITIONISTS ACT AS WELL AS PRAY.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Aug. 10 (Special).—Militant prohibition had a startling and successful exemplification at Wallace, a new oil town recently founded around a bunch of gushers, ten miles from this city, yesterday. Harrison is a prohibition county, but the influx of oil men induced William G. Harris to open a "speak easy," and it flourished. The church people decided to take the matter in hand, and when appeals to the county authorities brought no response three hundred men, women and children met at the Presbyterian Church, three miles from Wallace, to pray. When the prayers were finished it was suggested that the Lord would prefer works to prayer, and the whole congregation went on foot toward Wallace. Harris heard of the army of Christians before they got within a mile of his place, and loaded his stock and fixtures into a wagon and got away. The church people tore down the shack, and might have reasoned with Harris roughly had he remained.

ACCUSED OF ROBBING A FARMER.

Oswego, N. Y., Aug. 10.—Mrs. Emma Pierce, a prominent resident of Granby, this county, was held for the Grand Jury for robbing Hiram Reed, a wealthy Sterling farmer, of $50 while the latter was asleep at the Eagle Hotel here, two weeks ago. The prominence of the people has aroused much interest in the case.

CROP REPORT DISAPPOINTING.

CAUSES WILD EXCITEMENT ON COTTON EXCHANGE—DECREASE IN CORN YIELD.

When the regular monthly Government crop report was given out at the Cotton Exchange yesterday, it caused excitement among the bears that for a time almost approached a panic. It had been expected that the report would be a good one, but as it happened it was bad. It furnished a big surprise, as it made the condition of the crop only 76 per cent, or two-tenths of 1 per cent better than on July 1. This announcement caused consternation among the shorts who had not covered early in the week. A wild rush of buying orders came into the pit, and the result was that cotton jumped up 20 points, and then rose 5 more on urgent buying for abroad and for the South. It was fully an hour before the excited covering movement subsided, and then the market eased off under realizing.

Mr. Brown, the statistician of the New-York Produce Exchange, said that the contents of the Government's report indicated a total yield of 513,977,000 bushels, as against last month's indication of 510,256,000. Last year's actual harvest was 547,303,840. Winter wheat conditions are not shown, but spring wheat showed a yield of about 180,229,000 bushels, an increase over last month's indications. The corn yield indicated about 2,190,790,000 bushels, a decrease of about 50,000,000 bushels.

BEATEN BY TWENTY RUFFIANS.

BARGE CAPTAIN FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN ROWBOAT—HE PLUCKILY LEAVES HOSPITAL.

The crew of a New-York Central tug yesterday morning saw a man unconscious, bruised and bleeding in a rowboat off Jersey City. When the police learned of it Captain Smith went out with a patrol boat and found the man and the boat a short distance north of Ellis Island. The injured man was Edward Keller, captain of the barge James Hughes, which lies at anchor in the Upper Bay. His head was bleeding from several wounds, and his legs and arms were fearfully bruised.

The patrol towed the boat to Pier A. Keller was sent to the Hudson Street Hospital. He is a powerfully built man, over 6 feet 2 inches tall, and well developed. He said he had some trouble with Jersey City ruffians not long ago and that yesterday morning they caught him in lower Washington-st. There had been twenty of them, and though he had fought for some time they, with the help of clubs and stones, had finally knocked him down and kicked him on the head and all over the body. When they left him he had got up and crawled to his boat to try to row to his barge. The heat and loss of blood had left him unconscious, and he had drifted helplessly about the river in the pathway of many tugs and lighters.

The surgeon's bandages almost entirely covered his head, but he decided he was well enough to try again to row out to his barge, and succeeded in doing it.

POLICE HEROES TO BE PROMOTED.

PROCEEDINGS TAKEN TO ENABLE THEM TO ESCAPE THE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

By the consent of the counsel for the Civil Service Commissioners writs of mandamus were issued by Justice Giegerich yesterday to compel the Commissioners to certify to the appointment as roundsmen of Lawrence E. Patterson, Samuel F. Harrigan, John P. Leary and Michael W. Maguire. Half a dozen similar cases went over by consent of the Corporation Counsel. The men were promoted without Civil Service examination for gallantry, and the Civil Service Commissioners declined to certify to their names on the payroll.

About a month ago, in a similar case, Justice O'Gorman decided that the Police Board had the power to promote for gallantry independently of the Civil Service Commissioners.

Patterson rescued Kate Monahan from drowning in Brooklyn on September 4, 1899. Harrigan and Leary did heroic work at the Windsor Hotel fire, and Maguire saved the lives of a whole family at a fire at No. 1,383 Third-ave. on December 16 last.

INSPECTOR SAYS GREEK BRIGANDS.

HE THINKS TWO BAD MEN HAVE BEEN ADMITTED, BUT THE GREEK CONSUL KNOWS NOTHING OF THEM.

An inspector at the Barge Office said yesterday that he thought there were two Greek brigands among the immigrants who arrived here last Tuesday. They came on the steamship Amsterdam from Antwerp, and were admitted. The inspector found out, he says, that 20,000 francs was offered by the Greek Government for the men, if taken alive, and 10,000 francs if dead. It was the purpose of one of the brigands, the inspector said, to have the Greek Consul in this city make out for him an affidavit stating that he was in this country. This, the brigand thought, would relieve his family and friends of being suspected of sheltering him, the penalty for which, it was asserted, was death. One of the bandits, it is rumored, has gone to Chicago. The other is believed to be in New-York.

Demetrius N. Botassi, the Greek Consul-General in this city, says he knows of no such men.

They are said to have held among the mountains many rich captives, keeping them for ransom, and murder, it is alleged, is among their crimes.

STOCK EXCHANGE SEAT SOLD FOR $35,000.

NO COMBINATION WITH OTHER EXCHANGES FOR A CRUSADE AGAINST BUCKET SHOPS.

The sale of a seat on the New-York Stock Exchange for $35,000 was reported yesterday. The purchaser's name was not disclosed. The price paid was $6,500 below the highest record, and is accepted as a reflection of the dull times prevailing in the financial district.

An official of the Stock Exchange stated yesterday that to the best of his knowledge there was no truth in the report that the Exchange contemplated combining with the leading kindred institutions of the country in a crusade against the bucket shops. The subject has been tentatively broached from time to time, but it has never engaged the official attention of the Governing Committee of the local Exchange.

PORTO RICO'S FINANCES.

RECEIPTS AT THE RATE OF OVER $2,000,000 A YEAR.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Secretary Gage has received a statement of the receipts of the Government of Porto Rico in the month of July, as follows:

Customs	$106,880
Internal revenue	56,534
Miscellaneous	4,232
Total	$167,646

This is at the rate of over $2,000,000 a year, and is eminently satisfactory to the Treasury officials. The report also says that the exchange of Porto Rican money for that of the United States had been practically accomplished on August 1.

STANDARD OIL FIGHTS ASSESSMENT.

DECLARES ITS BROOKLYN PROPERTY IS VALUED 15 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN MANHATTAN.

A. N. Johnson appeared before Justice Lambert in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday in behalf of the Standard Oil Company. The company objects to the assessments on its property in the Fourteenth and Seventeenth wards, Brooklyn. Justice Lambert granted a writ of certiorari to review the assessments in question. The property is mostly in North Twelfth-st., North Tenth-st., North Eleventh-st., North Thirteenth-st., Ash-st. and Oakland-st., extending to Newtown Creek.

The company says that the assessment amounts to $320,000. It is alleged by the company that its property is assessed at a valuation 15 per cent higher than property of like character in Manhattan and The Bronx.

PROSECUTION RESTS IN MURDER TRIAL.

Middlebury, Vt., Aug. 10.—The prosecution in the Eastwood murder trial here rested its case this forenoon, after the Court had refused to permit Mrs. Eastwood, wife of the defendant, who, it is alleged, was shot by her husband on the same night on which, it is charged, he killed Franklin E. Fenn, to appear as a witness.

The Rev. Jerome Wood, pastor of the Methodist Church at Jamaica Plain, Mass., who was stationed at Greenfield in 1896, testified to-day that Mrs. Eastwood, who joined his church in December, 1896, left her husband soon afterward. Later, after witness had induced Eastwood to sign the pledge for one year, Mrs. Wood secured Mrs. Eastwood's consent to live with her husband again. Witness had heard Eastwood threaten his wife and use profane language toward her.

GREAT NEED IN INDIA STILL.

FARMERS TRYING TO SOW THEIR FIELDS DESPITE SPREAD OF CHOLERA.

The Committee of One Hundred on India Famine Relief received the following cable dispatch yesterday from William T. Fee, United States Consul at Bombay and chairman of the Americo-Indian Famine Relief Committee:

Dr. Hume and I have just made the tour of Gujerat and Rajputana, in the northern part of the famine district. Cholera spreading, but the people everywhere attempting to sow their fields. Suffering will increase during rainy season. Extreme need of funds for clothing and blankets. Many destitute, helpless children. In some cases poor farmers must be aided to buy or to obtain the use of oxen. FEE, Chairman.

The committee yesterday sent by cable £2,000 to the Americo-Indian Famine Relief Committee at Bombay.

AN INVESTIGATION ASKED.

DOINGS OF "NATIONAL INDIA RELIEF ADMINISTRATION" CAUSE ITS OFFICERS TO RESIGN.

By the resignation of its president and treasurer public attention has been drawn to the fact that there is in existence a society known as the National India Relief Administration, which has for its ostensible object the raising of money for the starving natives of India. Although somewhat akin in name to the India Famine Relief Fund, which was organized by some of the best known men in the city and which has already collected over $200,000 for the sufferers, the National India Relief Administration is in no way connected with it. The manager or director of the "administration" is a young man named Charles Seaton, said to be a lawyer, and who has an office at No. 71 Wall-st. His name does not appear in the City Directory. For several days Mr. Seaton has had a number of women solicitors employed in selling tickets for an entertainment announced to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on September 17. It is said that these women are collecting cash contributions also.

Mrs. Irwin, wife of James D. Irwin, a Custom House broker, of No. 48 Wall-st., was the treasurer of the association. She resigned on Thursday for the reason, Mr. Irwin explained to a Tribune reporter, that one of Mr. Seaton's female solicitors had represented herself as Mrs. Irwin.

"We could not for a moment think of countenancing anything of that nature," Mr. Irwin said, "and after an interview yesterday with Mr. Seaton my wife resigned."

Mr. Irwin said that his wife had never handled any of the funds collected. It was decided that the Bank of New-York should act as depository of the funds, but so far as Mr. Irwin knew no deposit had yet been made. It was learned further that Mrs. Amelie Compton Swift, of No. 136 East Eighteenth-st., who was the president of the administration, has also resigned.

An effort was made to see Mr. Seaton yesterday, but without success. When a Tribune reporter inquired for him at his office a young woman who came forward said: "I will see if he is in. Will you give me your name, please." Having been told she disappeared through the door of an inner office. She returned three or four minutes later with the information that "The gentleman in here says Mr. Seaton is not in."

It is understood that some of the downtown firms who have given money to the "administration" have requested the New-York Bureau of Information, No. 60 Liberty-st., to investigate.

INDIA FAMINE CONTRIBUTIONS.

John Crosby Brown of No. 59 Wall-st., treasurer of the Committee of One Hundred on India Famine Relief, reports the following contributions received yesterday:

Through the Oakland National Bank, Oakland, Ill.	$25 00
Through Mrs. Rose Stubbs, Americus, Kan.	16 12
Linsberg Milling and Elevator Company, Lindsberg, Kan.	10 00
Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Amity, Ill.	20 00
Cotuit Union Church, Cotuit, Mass.	45 00
Through the First National Bank of Dover, Dover, Del.	20 00
Through Burton & Co., State Bank, Kellogg, Iowa	50 11
Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Orleans, Ill.	24 50
Through the Bank of Girard, Girard, Ill.	14 20
Wayne Presbyterian Church, Wooster, Ohio, through the Wooster National Bank	13 00
M. M. Davis, Los Angeles, Cal.	30 00
W. H. L. and A. L.	20 00
W. E. Cullum, Dickson, Penn.	10 00
Through J. S. Lapham & Co., Northville, Mich.	16 00
Christian Endeavor Society, Spring Mills, N. Y.	24 15
Through Melbourne State Bank, Melbourne, Fla.	10 00
Epworth League, of Cedar Township, Rockwell City, Iowa	12 75
Through First National Bank, Paris, Ill.	20 00
Narragansett Baptist Church, South Ferry, R. I.	19 33
Union Church, Orion, Ill.	23 65
First Presbyterian Church, Metuck, N. J.	19 00
Through Wells Fargo & Co. Express	16 10
Through Denver and Rio Grande Express	16 00
Through United States Express Company	29 00
Through Adams Express Company	25 90
Through National Express Company	19 42
Through Southern Express Company	11 40
Through First National Bank of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio	14 45
Fifty-six contributions of less than $10 each, aggregating	180 79
Previously reported	202,425 54
Total to date	$203,198 47

"C. R. S." has sent to The Tribune office $25 for the Indian Famine Fund, which has been turned over to the committee.

ELEVATOR BOY FOUND DEAD IN SHAFT.

The body of William McLaughlin, eighteen years old, who lived at No. 214 East Sixty-fifth-st., was found yesterday afternoon lying in a well at the bottom of the elevator shaft in the seven story apartment house Blenheim, No. 2,491 Broadway. He had been employed as the elevator boy in the place for three weeks. Peter McDwyer, the janitor, had called to McLaughlin about 4 o'clock to bring the elevator down from the top to the first floor. McDwyer received no reply and climbed to the top floor, where he found the elevator empty. Dr. Z. A. Haas, who occupies apartments on the first floor, found the body. It was removed to the police station in an ambulance and later to the boy's home by an undertaker. Dr. Haas said the boy had been dead half an hour when found. The police believe the boy's head got caught between the grating and the elevator, and that he was crushed to death and then fell into the shaft.

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