

POOLROOM RAIDS SWEEP CITY.

POLICE, UNDER MADOO'S ORDERS, MAKE SIMULTANEOUS DESCENT ON TWENTY-TWO PLACES.

Capture 152 Telephones and 13 Western Union Instruments—Syndicate Building and "Roof Garden" Scenes of Excitement.

Under orders from Police Commissioner McAdoo raids on twenty-two alleged poolrooms were made yesterday. The places raided included one in the Park Row Building, a house on the roof of a Broad-st. building, "The Allen's" and "Honest John" Kelly's. One-hundred-and-fifty-two telephones and fifteen telegraph instruments, of which thirteen were Western Union, were confiscated. "Honest John" Kelly was arrested.

It is said that seventy poolrooms were "put out of business" by the raid. Mr. McAdoo characterized it as "a very serious blow" to the poolrooms.

Commissioner McAdoo issued his promised statement, expressing his good faith in the promises of co-operation made by the Western Union and the New-York Telephone Company. He said it was understood the police must take the initiative in the removal of telephones from poolrooms.

MADOO SHOWED WAY. THINK IT DEATH BLOW.

New-York Telephone Company Will Do the Rest.

Police Believe Sweeping Raids Will Close Poolroom Doors.

The crusade against the poolrooms, begun by Captain Goddard, and continued by the drastic act of the Western Union Telegraph Company, directing the complete shutting down of "preferential" racing news, reached a climax last night when the police, acting under instructions from Police Commissioner McAdoo, swooped down in full force on seventeen alleged poolrooms and exchanges, including "The Allen's" and "Honest John Kelly's. While an interesting feature of several of the raids was the information given that the Western Union, as promised, had already cut their wires that very morning, and also that few telegraph instruments were found, no less significant, in view of the New-York Telephone Company's repeated assurances of co-operation, was the discovery of 152 of this company's instruments in the raided places.

In a statement issued in the afternoon, Police Commissioner McAdoo reiterated his conviction that the telephone company was honest in its assurances, but declared that it was understood the Police Department must take the initiative. The telephone company has promised that wherever the initiative was taken by the police and the place where telephones were used was closed the company would remove its wires, and neither replace them nor have any contract with those concerned in conducting the raided business. Last night's raids showed that the police had availed themselves to some purpose of the company's promise.

Commissioner McAdoo's comment late last night on the raids, that the blow dealt to the poolroom system was a very serious one, was apparently borne out by several poolroomers, who declared solemnly that one big "exchange" and at least sixty poolrooms had thereby received their quietus. The raids are believed in police quarters to foreshadow a stubborn series of assaults on poolrooms and exchanges of all descriptions that will be without precedent in the history of the city.

As recent events tend to demonstrate, the Western Union, the various telephone companies, the Police Department, the District Attorney's office and the City (to have at last agreed to wage war together on the poolroom evil, it is considered that for the poolroomer at least today marks the beginning of the end of his career in this city.

"I will not discuss or divulge the details of my operations or my intentions in the future against the poolrooms," said Mr. McAdoo through his secretary last night, "except to say that I am doing everything in my power to break up the system in New-York. No matter what the poolroom men say, the public can rest assured that the blow delivered at the system to-day is a very serious one."

An enigmatical statement made yesterday by Robert C. Clorrey, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, aroused comment regarding the order of the Western Union.

"Is the abolition of your racing department to be permanent?" Colonel Clorrey was asked.

"So far as I know or can say," was Colonel Clorrey's reply, "the racing wire has been declared to be illegal, and unless it is proved—well, I am not going to talk about the future. Let that take care of itself."

Colonel Clorrey said that the Western Union would not lease its wires to poolrooms, and that it was now engaged in "snipping" such wires.

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D. ROTHSCHILD GUILTY.

Ex-President of Federal Bank Convicted of Stealing \$10,000 Note.

David Rothschild, ex-president of the defunct Federal Bank, was found guilty yesterday of stealing a note for \$10,000 made by Hiram A. Nessler and endorsed by Henry J. Benjamin. The note was made at the Federal Bank on January 4. Nessler admits he made the note, but declares Rothschild refused to discount it for him. He says Rothschild kept it, and two days later discounted it in his own bank, depositing the proceeds in his own account.

"Oh, I tell you, my friends," said Assistant District Attorney Rand in his summing up, "his bad business to discount your own note at the Bank of Justice. Some day, some day, they are coming due. Tell us, David Rothschild," he continued, striding toward the defendant, waving the indictment in his hand, "tell us, manufacturer, broker, banker, man of standing, man of note, trusted customer of other people's money, can you meet that note?"

"David Rothschild," said Mr. House, Rothschild's attorney, in his address to the jury, "before you in his proper person. He is not here as one owing several thousands of dollars to the Federal Bank. He is not here as the proprietor of the Globe Security Company or the various other names by which it may have been known, which lent money to people at usurious rates. He is not here as the head of any of the concerns whose dealings have been spread broadcast throughout the country. He is before you on one specific charge of stealing a note of the face value of \$10,000 which he discounted in the ordinary course of business for a lifelong friend."

Mr. House made a long plea for the acquittal of his client. At its close he said the least he expected was a disagreement of the jury. Of the twenty-four requests to charge handed up by Mr. Verhaas, Recorder Goff read only twelve, and Mr. Verhaas insisted on reading the other twelve. Mrs. Rothschild was in court with her mother and two women friends when the jury went out, but left the room before it returned with the verdict. The maximum penalty of the crime is ten years in State prison.

MR. ODELL GOING ABROAD.

The Governor and His Son to Sail Tuesday—Will Stay Till June 14.

Governor Odell is going to Europe on Tuesday next on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, to be gone till June 14. The Governor told some of his friends at the meeting of the State Committee yesterday of his plans. He will be accompanied by his son, Herbert, who was graduated from Columbia last year.

"I'm going almost wholly for the rest that I expect to get on the voyage," said the Governor last night.

The Governor and his son will land at Cherbourg, and go to Paris, where they will stay four days. In London they will have three days. They plan to return on the Kaiser Wilhelm on his regular return trip. The Governor and Mrs. Odell visited Europe prior to 1900.

Soon after his return from Europe, the Governor will go to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, on June 21.

WOODED WITH STOCKS AND BONDS.

Aged Widow Successfully Tempted Him, Young Man Testifies.

Baltimore, May 20.—An ante-nuptial agreement, under which Charles Lewis married Mrs. Catherine Woodell when he was twenty-eight years old and she sixty-six, was the defence of Lewis in the suit against him by Mrs. Emma Freyette, a daughter of the late Mrs. Lewis by her first husband. Lewis told the court that he never wooed the woman, but that she sought him and offered him stocks and bonds if he would marry her.

Mrs. Lewis's daughters and grandchildren charge that Lewis married the aged woman to get possession of her property, and that he induced her to part with property valued at \$80,000.

A charming Japanese romance by Edith Watts Mumford, in to-morrow's Tribune.—Adv.

GENERAL KUROKI AND THE SCENE OF HIS REPULSE.



TO EXONERATE BOARD. U. S. NOT LAND HUNGRY.

ALDERMEN END PROBING. PRESIDENT TELLS POLICY

Failed to Call Three of Most Important Witnesses. Brutal Wrongdoing and Impotence Might Require Intervention.

The aldermen's committee which has been investigating the report that \$300,000 was demanded by the aldermen for the passage of the Port Chester road's application for a franchise in the Bronx ended its so-called probing yesterday without hearing a number of important witnesses. Three of these are Aldermen James P. Hayes and William F. Maxon, of Mount Vernon, and L. A. Cuvillier. Mr. Maxon made the public statement that at a hearing in Albany he was approached by a man "interested in the other side," who said that the Mount Vernon people were a "lot of fools" for passing the Port Chester franchise for nothing.

Alderman Hayes, who announced his willingness to testify before the committee if he had been called, could have told the name of the alderman who last winter, it is said, asked him how much the Mount Vernon people got for passing the Port Chester franchise, and said that the application would never get through the board here unless somebody "saw the captain."

Mr. Cuvillier, who had volunteered to testify, also might have given the name of this alderman. No. 1514 to 1528 Broadway, smashed down an office door on the fifth floor, and carted off ten men, eleven telephones, a lot of buzzers and two telephone switchboards. In two places nothing was found.

"Honest" John Kelly was arrested in a Forty-first-st. house, through which Inspector Walsh asked the gambler to show him. The police even went into the New-York Theatre building, No. 1514 to 1528 Broadway, smashed down an office door on the fifth floor, and carted off ten men, eleven telephones, a lot of buzzers and two telephone switchboards. In two places nothing was found.

Another witness who might have been called and was not is Mr. Stumpf, of "The North Side News," of the Bronx, who, according to Mr. Gotshall, told him he heard Davis tell the \$300,000 bribery story. The reporter who wrote the story that appeared in The Tribune concerning the rumored demand for \$300,000 told Alderman Doull yesterday that he was ready to testify, but Alderman Doull told him his testimony was not wanted.

It was reported yesterday at the City Hall that the report of the investigating committee would recommend that the aldermen take immediate action on the Port Chester application.

Before leaving the City Hall, Alderman Doull said that the committee would make a report to the aldermen on next Tuesday completely exonerating the railroad committee and naming William C. Gotshall as the originator of the stories about alleged bribery.

The report will be denunciatory of the newspapers for daring to criticize the aldermen, and it will give the aldermen clean bills of health. The "tammany men," it is said, will use this report to justify further holding up of the Port Chester franchise's resolution.

President Gotshall of the Port Chester road was the only witness before the investigating committee yesterday. He told of the application for a franchise by his company on January 26, 1904. His examination was in part as follows:

Q—Who are the directors of your company. A—I don't see any reason why I should answer that. I am not here as president of the company. Q—Is Mr. Mills, W. Wirt Mills, a director? A—No. Q—Did you see Mills before? A—Yes. Q—Will you swear? A—No. Q—Will you tell what you know about this bribery thing? A—The Tribune said on May 3 I was asked about the status of the Port Chester road. I told what I had heard about the \$300,000. A few days later, when I was in Cleveland, "The Herald" telegraphed me about the story. I wired back that I knew nothing more than I had read in the papers. I said I had not been asked for any \$300,000. On the evening of May 6, a reporter for "The World," Frank Hughes, came to my house and wanted to talk to me about the bribery charges. I told him that to all his questions should answer "I don't know anything about it. I can't comment on it." Mr. Mills told me that he had got the story from a man at the City Hall named Davis.

Q—Did you see Mills before? A—Yes. He came to me before about a question of third rail system. I knew him from that. Another man from the New York Tribune, told me that he had the story from Davis. I don't know Davis; never saw him. Mr. Mills had nothing whatever to do with getting the franchise for the Port Chester road. He sought me out. I never tried to get him as a press agent.

Q—Do you know that Mills holds options on lots along the line of the Port Chester? A—No. Q—Is D. O. Mills a stockholder of the company? A—No. Mr. Mills' chief report is the first man who spoke to me about this matter. I do not remember any one else. I told The Tribune that I knew nothing about the matter except what I had heard, and that no sum of \$300,000 had been demanded of me. No alderman or any one acting in their behalf has ever asked me for a dollar in behalf of the franchise.

Q—You have full opportunity now to say here publicly anything you may wish in regard to this charge. Do you wish to say anything? A—No.

"There is no need of going into this matter any further," said Mr. Burr, then. "It has been proved that no money was asked of Mr. Gotshall."

Chairman Doull then declared the hearing closed.

The Bronx is prepared for the public hearing to be held before the Railroad Committee of the aldermen next Monday afternoon on the Port Chester application. It is the determination to convince the aldermen by the presence of an imposing delegation that the sentiment in The Bronx for the construction of the Port Chester road is sincere and not manufactured, as has been charged by some of the aldermen. The delegation will consist of the following:

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"THE WASHOUT" is the title of the picture on the striking first page cover of to-morrow's Tribune Sunday Magazine. All autists should have a copy.—Adv.

JAPAN'S LOSS ON LAND AND SEA

KUROKI'S ARMY MEETS CHECK IN MOVEMENT WEST—THE HATSUSE'S DESTRUCTION.

Wittsoeff's Report of Disaster Off Port Arthur—Rumor of Assault on Fortress—Cossacks Pursue Japanese for Miles.

Admiral Wittsoeff succeeded in getting a report of the destruction of the Hatsuse through the Japanese lines. As seen from shore, it appeared that mines exploded under two Japanese battleships, sinking one and damaging the other. Admiral Togo's full report repeats the statement that the mines exploded under the same vessel. The estimate of 651 lives lost has not been changed. An accident to the Bogatyr was denied.

Part of General Kuroki's army was checked and driven back on the main body, sixty miles west of Feng-Wang-Cheng, according to a dispatch from New-Chwang. The Japanese were said to number 20,000 and the Russians 32,000. Losses on both sides were reported severe. General Kuropatkin sent word of a skirmish north of Feng-Wang-Cheng, in which a Japanese detachment was pursued for fifteen miles.

Tokio advices say that an attempt will be made to carry Port Arthur by storm. An explosion, supposed to have been near the fortress, was reported from Che-Foo, seventy miles distant. Fifty Russians, an official dispatch says, were killed in a skirmish on the peninsula. Part of a Japanese army has landed at Taku-Shan.

JAPANESE DRIVEN BACK. SINKING OF THE HATSUSE

Cossacks Pursue Troops Fifteen Miles—Monday's Retreat. Wittsoeff Reports Another Battleship Damaged by Mine.

St. Petersburg, May 20.—A report has been received here saying that General Kuroki has been repulsed with great loss. The report cannot be confirmed.

The following dispatch from General Kuropatkin to the Emperor, dated at Liao-Yang, May 19, has been received:

A detachment of Cossacks engaged a detachment of the Japanese advance guard on May 18 north of Feng-Wang-Cheng, in a mountainous district. The pursuit of the Japanese was stopped at Datan-tai, thirteen miles north of Feng-Wang-Cheng. Our casualties were six Cossacks wounded, two horses killed and eight horses wounded.

There is no trace of the enemy in the valley of Tashokha, as far as the road leading to the Tchangoulin Pass, eighteen miles north of Feng-Wang-Cheng, or in the valley of the I River from Sanchaida to Kwan-Dian-San, on the road to Doum-Sar-Linta.

A squadron of Japanese cavalry which left Kwan-Dian-San on May 17 for Salmadza, was repulsed by one of our patrols at Sanchao, twelve miles from Kwan-Dian-San. The patrol retired without loss.

Japanese infantry 2,000 strong advanced on May 15 toward Salsitzapudza, which was evacuated on May 15.

New-Chwang, May 20.—The reports of the Japanese retreat toward Feng-Wang-Cheng are officially confirmed. The Japanese, numbering 20,000 men, came upon 32,000 Russians in a strong position on Monday, sixty miles west of Feng-Wang-Cheng. It being unwise to risk a battle, the Japanese retreated in good order and with great rapidity.

Unofficial Russian advices say a pitched battle was not fought, but rumor says there was considerable loss on both sides in the clashes, the Cossacks harassing the flanks of the Japanese. This division presumably was executing a reconnaissance. The pursuit was checked when the main body of the Japanese was met.

This news apparently accounts for the withdrawal to an unknown destination of warships and transports from Tower Hill, ten miles north of Kai-Ping, and of renewed defensive activity at New-Chwang.

The latest authentic reports show that there are two divisions of the Yalu army. One is moving on Hai-Cheng and the other was going toward Liao-Yang. It is believed the Russians concentrated their forces and struck the enemy south of Liao-Yang, driving the Japanese back. Reports say that the Japanese loss was heavy.

It is understood that the siege guns removed from the New-Chwang forts and taken to-day. A field battery was also placed in position.

Almost all the railroad telegraph line between New-Chwang and Port Arthur is working, and the Japanese are tapping it.

Tien-Tsin, May 19.—It is announced from authentic Russian sources that the Japanese army from the Yalu to-day sustained a severe defeat and was driven back to Feng-Wang-Cheng.

BAR ARMY AND NAVY MEN DENY FUNSTON SWAM THE BAG BAG.

Radical Action by Musicians' Union Against United States Bands.

The American Federation of Musicians took a stand against the army and navy in convention yesterday, similar to that taken by other labor unions recently against the State militia. After unions recently against the State militia. After a bitter discussion of army and navy bands, a section was added to the constitution declaring that any member of the United States army, navy or marine corps should be honorably dropped from the rolls.

Resolutions were also adopted declaring that enlisted bands are at present maintained by unjust competition, despite an appeal by the federation to the President of the United States. It is getting legislation that would increase the number of enlisted musicians and forbid remuneration of enlisted musicians and forbid remuneration of any other duties than those for which they were enlisted. A fine of \$100 will be imposed on any union failing to keep the spirit of these resolutions.

In spite of this expression of sentiment, the delegate from Los Angeles asked for a special dispensation allowing the members of the union in that city to furnish music in conjunction with the United States army and navy bands at a Knights Templar parade next August. The man from California was severely squelched and his petition denied.

TO STOP SUNDAY CONCERTS. Brooklyn Clergyman and Police Official Both Prepare to Enforce Law.

The Rev. Cortland Myers, pastor of the Baptist Temple, Brooklyn, who has started a crusade against Sunday night performances in the theatres in that borough, intends to have his men stationed in all the playhouses where so-called sacred concerts are given to-morrow night, to see whether or not the law is being violated. If any violations are noted the facts concerning them will be presented to Assistant District Attorney White on Monday.

Dutiful Police Commissioner Farrell said yesterday he would instruct all captains to see that the law was not violated by the theatres to-morrow night.

FOR A DINNER SET, \$25,000. Mexican Miner Gives It—Not Long Ago He Was Getting 30 Cents a Day.

Austin, Tex., May 20.—Pedro Alvarado, of Parral, Mexico, who owns the famous Palmello mine, has just purchased a dinner set of solid silver, for which he paid \$25,000. The set contains six thousand ounces of silver. He is building a house at Parral to cost \$60,000.

Alvarado was working in a mine for 30 cents a day a few years ago when he discovered the mine which has made him one of the richest men in Mexico.

MOTOR CARS ON RAILROADS. By W. H. Hayden, of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey, in to-morrow's Tribune.—Adv.