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there is nothing to show that Freier had anything to do directly with the agreement to pay members of the committee for their votes in favor of his company.

The bill charging conspiracy to perform the felony of bribery contained three counts, directed at Senator Stanton C. Pemberton, of Oakland, and D. W. Holstlaw, of Iuka, and Representative Joseph S. Clark, of Vandalia. Caplages were immediately ordered issued and their bail fixed at \$5,000 each.

At this time, according to Holstlaw's statement, there was nothing said as to when or at what place the money should be paid. Later, he said, he received a communication from Broderick, but could not remember whether it was by letter, or whether word was sent him in some other way.

He said that a month after he received the \$2,500 for his vote for Lorimer from Broderick he received a letter from Broderick asking him to come to Chicago. He did as requested, and again met Broderick at his saloon.

Holstlaw detailed his conversations with agents of various desk concerns. On the night of January 17, 1910, the day before the contract was let to the Ford & Johnson Company, of Chicago, at a figure \$10 higher than the next highest bid, Holstlaw said he visited Freier at his room in the St. Nicholas Hotel in this city.

Holstlaw said that Freier then told him he would have to talk to Johnston and that anything Johnston did was all right. Holstlaw said he told Johnston that he wanted \$2,500 for his vote in favor of the furniture contract, and that Johnston replied he could not pay that much, that the \$1,500 he offered Holstlaw was \$500 more than any of the other members of the committee was getting.

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election. Broderick also asserted that he knew nothing of any legislative "jack pot" or its distribution. Senator Holstlaw's confession, resulting in the indictment of Senator Broderick, is the fourth confession obtained since the exposure of the alleged Lorimer bribery scandal on April 30.

The first confession was made by Representative Charles A. White, of O'Fallon, Ill., who admitted that he had received \$1,000 from Lee O'Neill Brown for his vote for Lorimer and \$900 as his share of the legislative "jackpot."

Although not named as a blackmailer by the men whose names he had involved, White's confession resulted in grand jury investigations in Cook and Sangamon counties. In the Cook County grand jury room on May 5 White's confession was substantiated by Representative H. J. C. Beckmeier, of Carlisle, Ill.

This second confession resulted in three indictments in connection with the Lorimer case. These were against Lee O'Neill Brown, leader of the Democrats in the Legislature, of Ottawa, Ill., on a charge of bribery; Representative Robert E. Wilson, Democrat, on a perjury charge, and Representative Michael S. Link, of Mitchell, Ill., Democrat, perjury.

Following an offer of immunity, Link made the third confession, and the indictment against him was nolleed. Brown and Wilson were arrested and gave bond. Brown in the sum of \$15,000 and Wilson in the sum of \$5,000.

Brown was brought to trial in Judge C. S. Murphy's court on the 21st of this week. Most of the week was consumed by counsel for the defense in attempting to show that he had not figured in the bribery case. In this they were not immediately successful, and on Friday, May 20, the grand jury returned a verdict against him on the charge of conspiracy.

The confession of Holstlaw created the greatest sensation of the senatorial bribery scandal, as until to-day he had not figured in the Lorimer case. He was not called to Chicago by State Attorney Wayman, but the authorities had not considered him as a probable source of information.

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State's Attorney Burke believes the confession of Holstlaw and the other evidence before the Grand Jury to-day opens several new avenues for investigation which probably will involve several members of both the House and Senate, and would not be surprised to have a number of applications for immunity both tickets.

Three big gates to the field of corruption are thrown open: The "jackpot," the furniture deal and the payment of money for votes in the Senatorial contest. State Attorney Burke says he is satisfied the ramifications of corruption in each of these lines will make Springfield the mecca of legislators for some time to come.

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Senator Broderick, Democrat, is a well known Chicago politician. He was elected to the state Senate in 1898 and has served in the upper branch of the Legislature continuously since that time. Senator Pemberton is one of the best known members of the Legislature. He served his first term in 1896, and during the 1897 session acted as President of the Senate.

Representative Joseph S. Clark figured prominently in the investigation following the confession of Representative White in the Senatorial bribery case. He is a lumber dealer of Vandalia, and a member of many fraternal organizations. Senator Holstlaw also is one of the prominent members of the Senate. He has taken an active part in the proceedings of the upper branch, and is known throughout the state. He is a director of several state banks.

The furniture deal dates back to the regular session of the 45th General Assembly, when Representative L. J. Pierson, of Wilmette, introduced a bill providing for new chairs and desks for the Representatives' hall and the Senate chamber. The measure was passed but vetoed by Governor Deneen on recommendation of Secretary of State Rose, who insisted the new furniture was not needed.

Records of the commission show that bids were not advertised for, but Representative Pierson, who acted as secretary for the commission, wrote to several firms asking for prices and samples. On January 19, last, the commission met and awarded the contract to the Ford & Johnson Company, of Chicago, for the Johnson & Hatcher Furniture Company, of Springfield, acts as local agent. Otto Freier, of Chicago, was agent for the Ford & Johnson Company, and with A. B. Johnston, of Springfield, local agent, concluded negotiations. Ford & Johnson submitted the highest prices for desks, being \$10 more each than the figures submitted by the Derby Desk Company, of Boston.

organization controlled by Lorimer with intent to give control to "The Tribune." Tells of Break With Deneen. He traced his break with Governor Deneen largely to a difference of opinion between the two as to the wisdom of spending independent of action by the national government to throw mud by the state into the deep waterway to the Gulf project, which the Governor favored and he opposed.

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