

ACCUSED OF REBATING IN IMMIGRANT TRAFFIC

Interstate Commerce Commission Submits Alleged Evidence to Henry A. Wise.

ONE ROAD WILL BE SUED

Charges Are That Discounts Are Made to Foreign Agents Which Constitute Violation of Pool Here.

Charges of rebating by the railroads in their efforts to obtain immigrant traffic for their lines by allowing large discounts on the tickets sold by foreign agents have been laid by the Interstate Commerce Commission before Henry A. Wise, United States Attorney, for investigation and such action as he may find advisable to bring.

The complaint made by the Interstate Commerce Commission was taken as an indication that the various railroads leaving New York had again started in their fight for immigrant traffic, and that, being unable to conduct it on United States territory, they had shifted their operations to Europe.

Mr. Wise admitted yesterday that a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission came to him early in August to discuss the question of these alleged rebates.

The commissioner submitted evidence gathered by the commission during its investigation into all branches of the railroad business, and this material was turned over to one of Mr. Wise's assistants to bring out further facts concerning the allegations and to institute legal proceedings against the railroads.

To Bring Suit Against B. & O.

It was learned that the government would bring an equity suit against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company to decide whether this practice of the railroads constituted a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, as the railroads were contending that they did not rebate, but simply allowed commissions on the ticket sales made for them by the foreign agents of steamship companies.

Although Mr. Wise would not discuss the matter beyond confirming the fact that an investigation was being made by his office and that a suit would be filed, he would not accept the term "test case" suggested by a railroad official. He said all cases of this kind were now being called test cases, no matter how serious the government might be in its desire not only to enforce the Sherman law but perhaps to bring actions for the punishment of offenders against that statute.

The investigation into alleged rebating by the railroads is expected to revive for final adjustment the question of immigrant pools complained of occasionally during the last four years. Inquiries into the transportation of immigrants from the ports of entry into the interior were made by the Interstate Commerce Commission more than four years ago, but no grounds for action were found at that time.

Formation of Pool.

The impression was that the immigrants, after passing through the hands of the steamship pool, came to Ellis Island to make the pleasing acquaintance of a pool designed for their benefit. This was the railroad pool, formed for the quick and economical handling of the newcomers, and it had a sort of semi-official sanction of the government.

Under the system formerly prevailing the various railroads running out of the city fought for the Ellis Island traffic, and a road would get a dozen or perhaps half a carload of immigrants from one ship to be distributed throughout the country. They would be brought over to the mainland and held for several days at considerable expense to themselves, until the road could get together enough immigrants to make up a special train and send them West.

Robert Watchorn, as Commissioner of Immigration, advised that the railroad traffic be placed under one management, so the business could be divided equitably among the roads and trains could be made up daily to take the immigrants out of the city instead of having them sit up their small capital by being detained in New York.

The pool was formed, and accordingly the roads have shared the traffic and a special rate for immigrants has prevailed from Ellis Island to various places South and West.

DIEGLE'S SENTENCE STAYED

Suspended Until Court Can Pass on Writ of Error.

DuPont, Ohio, Sept. 15.—Judge Allread, of the Circuit Court, today granted a suspension of sentence in the case of Rodney J. Diegle, the convicted sergeant-at-arms of the Ohio Senate, until the court can pass upon a writ of error in his case. The court declined to issue an order increasing Diegle's bond, which the state asked. Diegle was not in court.

MRS HANNAH JOWETT DEAD

Mother of the Pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Dies Suddenly.

A Special Educational Supplement is a part of To-day's Tribune

This section contains articles of interest on dramatic schools, musical institutes, colleges and preparatory schools, as well as announcements of the most prominent institutions of this character in the East. See that your copy of To-day's Tribune includes this supplement.

FRANCE AND GERMANY NEAR AN AGREEMENT

Authoritative Statement Issued in Berlin Speaks of It as "Assured."

DIPLOMATS IN CONFERENCE

Squeezers Worked by French Financiers on Berlin Market Continues—Exchange Rates on Paris Still Soaring.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—Considerable progress is believed to have been made to-night toward a settlement of the controversy between France and Germany over Morocco.

The French Ambassador this evening delivered to the Foreign Minister, Herr von Kiderlen-Wächter, France's reply to Germany's note. The two diplomats engaged in a conference lasting an hour and a half.

As a result of this conference it was learned from an authoritative source that an agreement between the two powers seems assured. Several questions, however, yet remain open to further discussion, yet both sides are showing good will and no impediment to the conclusion of a settlement is expected. It has been decided that no further communication on the Moroccan question, direct or indirect, shall be published until the negotiations between M. Cambon and Herr von Kiderlen-Wächter have been completed.

The semi-official "Cologne Gazette" says: "France's reply to the German propositions indicates compliance on various points, and in several other instances requires only simple changes to accord with Germany's views." While a complete agreement has not yet been reached, according to the newspaper, a new note embracing the points agreed upon and new propositions which Germany considers debatable will soon be communicated to Paris.

"Any way," the "Cologne Gazette" says in conclusion, "the efforts to bring about an understanding between Germany and France have made considerable progress."

The withdrawal of French balances, however, continues, causing a further sharp advance in the Paris eight exchange rate, which reached \$1.375 today, after the make-up of the official quotation, but the Imperial Bank of Germany sold heavily at \$1.25, in order to keep the rate within the export limit.

An advance in the private discount rate was also due to French withdrawals. The tendency of the market forehadows an early advance of the Berlin bank rate.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The Foreign Office awaits quietly the result of the presentation by the French Ambassador, M. Cambon, of the French reply to the latest German note concerning Morocco. There is no reason to expect a response from Berlin before the middle of next week. It is understood, however, that M. Cambon will send to the Foreign Office by a special courier who will leave Berlin to-night a detailed report of the interview which took place to-day with Herr von Kiderlen-Wächter.

It was announced at the Ministry of War to-day that the soldiers whose terms of service are expiring would return to their homes as in ordinary years. This will do much to relieve the public concern.

At the same time an unofficial announcement comes from Berlin that German soldiers whose periods of duty are ending will also be released from service.

Tokio, Sept. 15.—There was a flurry of excitement in Tokio to-day when news was bulletined about the streets that the German army had attacked the French. The rumor came in special dispatches from New York City, and was denied after it had enjoyed a brief existence.

KATE CLAXTON TO SUE

Actress Will Ask St. Louis Court to Set Divorce Aside.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] St. Louis, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Kate Stevenson, widely known as an actress under the name of Kate Claxton, will appear in Judge Vandeventer's court to-morrow to prosecute her suit to set aside a divorce obtained by her husband, Charles A. Stevenson, in 1901.

YALE MAN DELIVERS COAL

Athlete Begins at Bottom by Driving Wagon in New Haven.

BISHOP GREER'S HOME ENTERED BY BURGLARS

Thieves Steal Several Trinkets, but Are Thought to Have Been Scared Away.

STRONG BOX NOT TOUCHED

Valuable Vases and Other Articles Missing When Servant Enters House, but the Silver Is Not Disturbed.

Bishop Greer's house, at No. 7 Gramercy Park, which has been closed for the summer, has been entered by burglars, according to information received yesterday by the police. Various traces indicated that the intruders were disturbed in their work and had to leave hurriedly without being able to get at the most valuable articles, locked in a large safe and in various strong closets.

The discovery of the attempted looting on a large scale was made yesterday morning by a man in the employ of William Armstrong Greer, the Bishop's son. Twice a week this man went from young Mr. Greer's home in West 9th street to see that everything was in order in the Bishop's house. Yesterday he saw immediately upon entering the house that things had been disturbed, and without losing time he informed his employer.

Mr. Greer hurried to Gramercy Park and made a hasty inspection of the house. His first care was for the papers and books of his father, which he found untouched. Then he opened the safe, in which jewels and silver were stored. Everything was intact, and there were no indications that the burglars had tried to open the steel box.

Among the things missed by Mr. Greer were several valuable vases cherished by his mother, and many other trinkets which he had been accustomed to see distributed in various rooms had also disappeared. Several closets and drawers had been forced open, and it appeared as if some of their contents had been removed.

The matter was treated lightly last night by Mr. Greer when seen at his home, No. 56 West 9th street. He said that he did not believe the loss would prove a large one, and although he had informed Bishop Greer by telegraph of the occurrence, he had also advised him not to cut short his vacation because of the robbery. He added that he could not tell as yet what had been stolen, but that he would make a thorough examination to-day.

"The burglar, or burglars, did not enter by the door," Mr. Greer said. "They removed the bar on a window downstairs and entered through it. Their first search seems to have been for silver and jewelry, but when they found that these things had been either removed or locked securely away they gathered up whatever small valuables they could lay their hands on and got away."

"I reported the matter to the police captain of the precinct, and I suppose the police are working on the case now. The most valuable things in the house were some of my father's trinkets and the silver. My mother took her jewelry with her when she went away."

Mr. Greer thinks that the burglars were in the house when his servant entered and that they thought he was a watchman and fled.

Bishop Greer, accompanied by Mrs. Greer, left New York last June to spend their vacation at Bar Harbor. Their house was closed for the summer, and the usual precautions were taken to bar doors and windows against intruders. It was thought unnecessary to install a caretaker or to protect the house in any unusual way.

The house is situated in the most frequented part of Gramercy Park. There are half a dozen clubs near by, and the house is well known as Bishop Greer's residence. Anything unusual, like the backing up of a van or the removing of furniture, would have immediately attracted attention.

Bishop Greer is expected to return to the city at the end of the month, unless he decides to come home earlier to see for himself whether the burglars made a successful haul.

STEAL WOMEN'S FINERY

Burglar's Band Includes a Girl, Westchester Police Believe.

It is believed that porch climbers, who have as one of their number a girl, robbed the home of Alderman David L. Whitmore, at No. 240 Prospect avenue, Mount Vernon, last evening. Mrs. Whitmore states accounts for the loss of a black satin dress and a jacket.

The total value of the plunder taken from the Whitmore house was about \$1,000. As soon as word was received at the Mount Vernon police headquarters detectives were sent out to find a man and woman, one of whom carried a suitcase. The same porch climbers who robbed the home of George Lippincott, a New York banker, who lives in New Rochelle, had a hand in the Whitmore robbery, according to the local police.

Many houses in Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Larchmont have been robbed by porch climbers in the last few weeks, and in each instance some part of the plunder has been woman's apparel, so there is confirmation for Mrs. Whitmore's theory.

CHAMPION FAT MAN KILLED

Middleboro, Mass., Sept. 15.—A few ounces of steel flying from a machine to-day killed Frederick K. Robbins, who weighed five hundred pounds. Robbins was the heaviest man in Plymouth County. He was feeding corn to a grinding machine, when one of the knife blades broke off and the flying steel penetrated Robbins's brain, killing him instantly. He was forty-one years old and unmarried.

ROUTE OF PRESIDENT TAFT'S OCEAN TO OCEAN TRIP WHICH BEGAN LAST NIGHT.



ROCKEFELLER, JR., MISSES DEATH BY FEW INCHES

Steel Girders Fall from Roof of Father's House Among Workmen, Injuring Five.

HE LEAPS TO SAFE PLACE

Helps to Drag Victims from Under Wreckage at Pocantico Hills, and Gives First Aid—One Man Will Die.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., escaped death by inches and five workmen were terribly injured, one fatally, in an accident which occurred on Mr. Rockefeller's father's house at Pocantico Hills, at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Rockefeller hastened to give first aid to the men, while he dispatched others to get doctors and nurses. The garage was turned into a temporary hospital, and there three doctors and five nurses worked last night to save the lives of the injured men.

The family returned from Seal Harbor, Me., yesterday, and Mr. Rockefeller went up to the hill to see how the addition of ten rooms to his father's house was progressing. The roof was being raised to give space for ten additional bedrooms. As the men were hoisting a bundle of steel girders to the roof the tie rope broke and the steel slipped through the noose.

Mr. Rockefeller saw what had happened and realized the danger. He yelled, "Jump for your lives, men!" and then sprang back as the bundle of steel came crashing to the ground. A large number of Italian laborers were at work on the ground helping stone masons. They did not realize the danger and failed to grasp Mr. Rockefeller's warning. The bundle of steel broke and the beams scattered as they struck the ground, mowing the men down.

After the crash Mr. Rockefeller rushed in to pull the injured men from under the pile of steel. His hands and clothing were soon spattered with blood as he helped in the work of relief. Men rushed into the house, and the telephones were busy calling up doctors in Tarrytown. Dr. A. C. Chase was soon on his way in his automobile, and others quickly followed.

The Tarrytown Hospital was called up and asked for aid, but word came back that it was filled up and could not take the men. Mr. Rockefeller then ordered the garage made ready for a hospital, and cots were rushed there, while an automobile was sent to a drug store for bandages and medicines. Five trained nurses were taken to Pocantico Hills in automobiles. It was feared that the men would die from loss of blood. All were unconscious. Dr. Chase made a hasty examination and found that one man had a fractured skull and would probably die. Another was paralyzed, while the other three men had bad cuts on their head, but not fatal injuries.

Mrs. Rockefeller had been informed of the accident, and fearing that something might have happened to her husband, rushed to the stable. He tried to lead her away and told her everything possible was being done to help the men. She would not go into the house, however, and stood by her husband's side, eager to help and give suggestions.

After John D. Rockefeller, sr., had completed his handsome home on the hill at a cost of about \$2,000,000 he found he had made a mistake in not providing enough bedrooms. This was made evident when his daughter, Mrs. Harold McCormick, visited him with her children. There was no place for them to sleep without taking the servants' rooms on the top floor, and these were small. He lived in the house this spring, and after he went to Cleveland the contractors took charge.

The steel work was subcontracted to the Goodwin company, and the men who were injured were employed by Joseph Verandi, an Italian stonemason. Mr. Rockefeller has been unfortunate in his houses at Pocantico Hills. Two of them were destroyed by fire.

ASSETS COLLARS AND SOCKS

Los Angeles Clerk States His Liabilities at \$1,397.175.

Los Angeles, Sept. 15.—C. R. Woodruff, said to be a clerk, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday, giving his liabilities as \$1,397.175 and his assets as three suits of clothes, six shirts, a dozen collars, a dozen neckties, twelve pairs of socks and six suits of underwear, all of which he claims are exempt.

Among his liabilities is an item of \$100,000 due under contract to buy a certain preferred stock in the Swofford Brothers Dry-goods Company, Kansas City, and \$500,000 on 200 notes endorsed by Woodruff & Given to J. J. Swofford, of Kansas City. In addition, there are a series of notes and judgments representing business ventures in Kansas City and St. Louis.

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER

96 per cent of 4 glasses stoppered bottles.



A CHARACTERISTIC POSE OF THE PRESIDENT WHEN SPEAKING. (Copyright, 1911, by Underwood & Underwood.)

PRESIDENT GOES WEST

Boston Gives Him Enthusiastic Send-Off on Long Trip.

FIRST SPEECH AT SYRACUSE

Another at Erie To-night—King George Congratulates Him on Birthday.

Boston, Sept. 15.—President Taft left Boston at 7:35 o'clock to-night on his trip of 13,000 miles, which is to cover twenty-four states and continue until November 1. His departure in the special train prepared for his party was signaled by an enthusiastic demonstration from several hundred persons gathered at the South Station.

INJURED AVIATOR HONORED

Cross of Legion of Honor for M. Nieuport, Hurt at Verdun.

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LION CLAWS LITTLE GIRL

Shocking Accident in Tent at Syracuse State Fair.

CHILD CAUGHT BY THE HAIR

Had Slipped Under the Ropes to Get a Close View of the Animals.

Syracuse, Sept. 15.—Clawed and bitten by a huge lion in a side show at the state fair this afternoon, Laura Burns, seven years old of Morrisville, is hovering between life and death to-night at a Syracuse hospital. The girl was frightfully injured and may not recover.

Cages of lions were roped off with clothed line, so that spectators were not allowed to get nearer than four or five feet from the cage, but the little girl slipped under the rope barrier. The lion reached out and fastened its claw in her hair. He drew the child to the cage, while her screams rang through the tent. With his other paw he clawed at the child's face and tried to draw her body through the bars. Attendants ran to the child's aid, but the animal held her fast in his grasp.

The girl's screams attracted throngs to the tent. People crowded through the entrance and jammed against the cage. Attendants beat the lion with bars and prodded the animal until the child was released.

When the little girl had been released from the animal's claws it was found that the lion had torn out one of her eyes, torn off an ear and lacerated her face and the upper part of her body.

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POLICE SPY FIRED AT CZAR'S PREMIER

Bogroff, a Revolutionary Socialist, a Jew and a Member of the Secret Service.

EMPEROR HIMSELF IN PERIL

Assailant Admits It Was His Intention to Attempt Life of "Higher Personage," but Feared Anti-Semitic Outbreak.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 15.—There have been sensational developments in the inquiry at Kiev into the shooting of M. Stolypin. The inquiry has disclosed the crime to have been of revolutionary origin and carried out by an agent of the protective political police especially stationed in the theatre to guard M. Stolypin.

Admission card No. 408, entitling its holder to a seat in the eighteenth row of the theatre, was found on Bogroff. It was issued by the municipality upon a personal request signed by the inspector of political police, M. Kullabko, and by him handed over to the agent of Bogroff.

The municipality had taken the precaution to photograph Kullabko's receipt, and in the face of this overwhelming evidence protective police headquarters was obliged to admit the facts of Bogroff's past.

It is declared that this first attempt at a revival of terrorism was planned by the executive committee of the Jewish band of social revolutionists and Finnish revolutionists, recently federated. The rapid progress of the inquiry was due to the eagerness of the municipality to clear itself of a charge of reckless distribution of admission cards to the theatre.

Bogroff Betrayed Comrades.

Dmitry Bogroff is an orthodox Jew. He was graduated from Kiev University in 1906. During his course there he joined the Social Revolutionary group, which entrusted to him in 1907 several serious commissions. He was selected for the second attempt on M. Stolypin's life, but did not carry out his orders. Instead, he informed the police and betrayed a large number of his comrades, using the tactics of Eugene Azeff, who in 1909 played the double role of leader of the Revolutionary Socialist party and political police spy to gain the confidence of the police chiefs.

Like Azeff, Bogroff in this double role was tolerated by the police as their sole means to maintain a permanent spy in the revolutionists' camp through which they could secure information concerning the consecutive steps of the revolutionists.

As a member of the central committee of the Social Revolutionary party Bogroff visited St. Petersburg last spring on business of his party, and returned to Kiev on September 8 to assist in the protection of the Emperor and the members of the imperial family at the manoeuvres.

Had Czar's Life in Mind.

At the inquiry to-day Bogroff declared that he had intended to attempt the life of a higher personage than M. Stolypin, but feared this would precipitate an anti-Jewish outbreak.

Bogroff's brother Vladimir was arrested here to-day.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, Sept. 16.—Grave fears are expressed at Odessa that the attempt on the life of Premier Stolypin will provoke pogroms at Kiev and elsewhere.

"The Times" St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs that rumors are rife there to the effect that Bogroff, like Azeff, combined terrorism with service in the police. It has been asserted and corroborated that Bogroff was employed in the secret police at Kiev for two years and specially assigned to watch the safety of high personages during performances in the theatre.

The correspondent adds that Premier Stolypin knew that a plot against his life was suspected at Kiev.

Kiev, Sept. 15.—Peter A. Stolypin, Premier of Russia, who was shot down in the Municipal Theatre here last night in the presence of Emperor Nicholas and his children, will, in all probability, survive his wounds. Late to-night the surgeons, after a consultation, announced that the Premier's condition was satisfactory. They declared that no complications were feared and that there were good hopes for their patient's recovery.

Details of yesterday's attack on Premier Stolypin show that it resembled in some degree the assassination of President McKinley at Buffalo. During the first intermission of the opera many members of the audience went forward to shake hands with M. Stolypin. Among them were persons unknown to the Premier, but whom, nevertheless, he met graciously and answered questions they put to him.

During the second intermission the same informality was in progress, and when the lawyer, Bogroff, approached M. Stolypin the latter interrupted a conversation with M. Sukhominoff, the Minister of War, and faced the newcomer. The next moment pistol shots broke the comparative silence of the audience.

Bogroff, after he had emptied his revolver, point blank at the Premier, rushed into the aisle, still clutching the weapon. He had reached a side exit in his effort to escape, but here an officer intercepted him. The next moment the would-be assassin was felled and trodden under foot by the angry spectators of his crime. The officer unseathed his sabre and endeavored to drive back the people, but too late to prevent Bogroff from being trampled into insensibility.

Slept Four Hours.

Following his removal from the playhouse the wounded man slept for four hours, after which the first consultation was held. The first intimation of the probable outcome from those in attendance was that the Premier had been dangerously wounded, but probably not fatal.