

**FOWLER IS WILLING TO TELL WHITMAN ALL**

**Kingston Man, Indicted as Tammany "Bagman," Ready to Confess.**

**M'GUIRE FRIGHTENED HIM**

**County Prosecutor Figures That According to New Evidence a Group of Six Was Involved in Gift Collections.**

Everett P. Fowler, the Kingston lawyer indicted for alleged extortion of cash from barge canal and state highway contractors to fill the coffers of the Democratic State Committee, is willing to make a full confession. District Attorney Whitman obtained practical assurance of this from Fowler's lawyer after a long conference at the attorney's home in Madison avenue yesterday.

As a result of the talk Mr. Whitman is satisfied that Fowler was only one of a group of "bagmen" who "shook down" the state contractors. There are at least six of them against whom the finger of evidence points clearly. All that is lacking in the way of corroboration is the sworn testimony of Fowler, and District Attorney Whitman is fairly confident of that.

Mr. Whitman learned yesterday that the "bagmen" held at least one meeting in New York City, which brings the graft trail nearer to its "terminal moraine" than it has ever approached before.

**Reel's Name in Limelight.**

All through the preliminary revelations made by Fowler through his counsel, runs the name of C. Gordon Reel, former Superintendent of Highways, who was succeeded by Governor Sulzer's commission. Enough corroboration was obtained yesterday to prove conclusively that conspiracy obtained among the bagmen, and indictments charging grand larceny are already in sight.

Fowler made overtures to Mr. Whitman early yesterday morning. He reached the city late Friday night and lost no time getting the District Attorney on the telephone. He said he wanted to meet the District Attorney secretly, either at his house, the Bar Association or anywhere Mr. Whitman might suggest. Mr. Whitman at once asked who Fowler's lawyer was. Fowler said he was represented by D. A. Cunningham, District Attorney of Ulster County, a Republican. He explained that Cunningham appeared as his personal adviser only.

The significance of Fowler's choice of counsel is interesting from the fact that Mr. Whitman is well acquainted with Mr. Cunningham, and made campaign speeches for him in Ulster County which materially aided his election. Cunningham was a candidate for State Controller in the Republican State Convention in 1912. Mr. Whitman told Fowler that he wanted to talk with Cunningham. Fowler remained in his hotel and Cunningham went to see Mr. Whitman.

Fowler's nervousness began when George H. McGuire, of Syracuse, broke down during the John Doe investigation and admitted he sent the famous "M." telegram to John A. Hennessy. When his indictment became a matter of hours, Fowler went to three or four influential friends in Kingston for advice. All advised him to see Mr. Whitman at once.

Fowler had made up his mind to do as they advised last Tuesday. Then he changed his mind. One of the things that Mr. Whitman will want to know if Fowler visits his office in the Criminal Courts Building to-morrow morning will be who caused Fowler to change his mind.

The District Attorney made it plain to Cunningham at the outset that two courses lay open to Fowler. Either he could come down to the Criminal Courts Building and go before Judge Crain, in General Sessions, for arraignment or he could take the elevator up

to the third floor and see Mr. Whitman. It was made pretty plain to Mr. Fowler that he would forfeit his liberty for some time to come if he chose the former course.

**Will Surrender To-morrow.**

Fowler was not under arrest when he reached New York. Mr. Whitman's detective, "Joe" Russo, arrived in Kingston with a bench warrant for his arrest about the time Fowler, with his counsel, was boarding a train bound for Manhattan. While Cunningham was conferring with Mr. Whitman Judge Crain was sitting in his chambers at the Criminal Courts waiting to admit Fowler to bail, which, it was said, was ready. At 12:30 p. m. William D. Embree, Assistant District Attorney, who was waiting to arraign Fowler, announced he had received word by telephone that Fowler would not surrender himself until to-morrow.

As a result of Mr. Whitman's talk with Cunningham Fowler was allowed to return to Kingston to spend to-day with his family, with the understanding he will come back in time to present himself either before Judge Crain or the District Attorney at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. The District Attorney feels very confident that Fowler will occupy one of the easy chairs in his private office at that hour.

The following facts were established when Cunningham left Mr. Whitman yesterday:

That Fowler's political ambitions led him to take charge of holding up the highway contractors in Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo; that he established headquarters in each of these districts, and that he sent out the printed notices calling on the division engineers to summon the contractors to meet him in his headquarters, where they were to turn over the money, either in cash or in checks.

It was one of these printed notices that was received by Seneca P. Hull, of Cortland, whose contribution of \$250 to Fowler formed the basis of Fowler's indictment.

It was established the contractors were told that it would be impossible for them to get any more awards if they did not come across. Those who were told they could have the inspectors changed in their districts if the inspectors weren't "satisfactory." Changing inspectors, it was pointed out, didn't mean that any of them would be dropped. It meant merely a "transfer." It was shown that contractors whose awards were pending were informed that their bids would be revoked if they did not pay.

**"Bagmen" Meetings Held Here.**

It is known that John N. Carlisle, Duncan W. Peck, John A. Benschel and C. Gordon Reel were present at one of the conclaves of contractors at a place designated by Fowler. In this regard it was learned that the "bagmen" held other meetings in New York City. Particulars concerning one of these meetings are known, but District Attorney Whitman declined last night to talk about it.

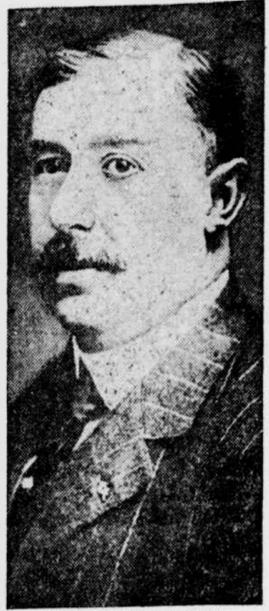
It is also known that other meetings upstate were attended by Norman E. Mack, Reel, Fowler, William H. Kelley and others.

Norman E. Mack remained yesterday in his room at the Hotel Knickerbocker, where he has been quartered since Friday evening. He was plainly worried over the developments since his arrival. He declared that he had never seen the check for \$250 which S. P. Hull had made payable to him on October 31, last.

"My indorsement is there, so, of course, I must have seen it, but it came to me in the regular way that all contributions came and I never paid any particular attention to it, and I give you my word that I don't remember a thing about it. I never had anything whatever to do with Mr. McLean's statement. That was the treasurer's duty, and one in which I, as chairman, was not in any way concerned," said Mr. Mack.

**TO SAVE JACKSON'S BIRTHPLACE.**

Fairmont, V. Va., Nov. 15.—Jackson's Mill, on the West Fork River, near here, where General Thomas J. ("Stonewall") Jackson was born and grew to manhood, has been donated to the West Virginia Daughters of the Confederacy by wealthy citizens of Fairmont. The mill and old Southern house were erected more than a hundred years ago by Colonel Edward Jackson, a soldier of the Revolutionary War and grandfather of the Confederate leader.



EVERETT P. FOWLER.

**CONTRACTORS PREPARE FOR TESTIMONY HERE**

**Canal and Highway Builders Hold Conference at Oswego to Discuss Procedure.**

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Oswego, N. Y., Nov. 15.—A conference of large canal and highway contractors was held here to-day to discuss procedure to be followed in case they may be called to appear as witnesses and testify in District Attorney Whitman's John Doe inquiry in New York next week. This, following closely a conference held in Fulton yesterday, at which it is said a representative of John A. Benschel, State Engineer, appeared, has started all kinds of rumors. The meeting to-day is said to have been attended by W. J. Hartnett, of the Pathfinder Construction Company, which concern has had several contracts in this county in the last three years; J. A. Calkin, of the Calkin Contracting Company, that is just finishing up a \$100,000 contract for a state road twelve miles long between this city and Fulton; Joseph Connors, former Democratic Mayor of Fulton, who has a state contract in connection with large construction at Phoenix; Mr. Hutchinson, whose home is said to be in Cayuga County and who has been an inspector for the state in highway construction, and two others, said to be contractors who are or who have been engaged in building state roads in Jefferson County.

Mr. Calkin admits that he paid \$500 to George McLen, treasurer of the Democratic State Committee, but he denies that there was any meeting in his office to-day. When asked if the contribution to the Democratic State Committee was a voluntary one, he said it was not, but declined to say who suggested that he make it, and made the statement that it would all come out in two or three days. He may appear as a witness in New York. Despite denials, there are many things that indicate that the meeting was held here, but no one can be found who will admit it or discuss it.

After a conference in Fulton yesterday among Hartnett Connors, H. P. Burgard and a stranger, said to be a representative of State Engineer Benschel, the first named three had a conference with an officer of a Fulton bank where they are said to have had deposits. Burgard is the man who is said to have made an early visit to Whitman for the purpose of furnishing the latter names of contractors and amounts of money contributed, with the expectation, it is said, that the books of his own firm might escape examination. Burgard was not present at the meeting here to-day, although it is said he was invited, and Mr. Benschel was not represented.

It is understood here and along the river that a friendly relationship exists among Mr. Burgard, Mr. Hartnett and State Engineer Benschel.

It is pointed out that Hartnett, who was a grocer before he became a highway builder, was sure that he was going to get the twelve miles of state highway contract that fell to the Calkin Company.

At that time C. Gordon Reel, Duncan W. Peck and State Engineer Benschel comprised the Highway Department. Calkin's bid was about \$3,000 lower than Hartnett's, but it became noised about, it is said, that the latter was going to get the job. Calkin made a protest to Reel and threatened to get a court order if the contract did not come to him and review the entire proceeding in court. Reel told the others. Calkin has the correspondence and the contract awarding him the job. Since the campaign against the bagmen started it is openly stated that contractors all through the Oswego district have been frequently raided, not only for funds in campaigns but to carry on contests in primary fights.

**WANTS ENGINEERS NAMED**

**American Institute Urges Mitchell to Make Appointments.**

The American Institute of Engineers, of this city, through its secretary, Eugene W. Stern, of No. 101 Park avenue, gave out a letter yesterday addressed to Mayor-elect Mitchell, urging him to appoint experienced engineers to these city offices: Commissioner of Bridges, Commissioner of Docks and Ferries, Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity; at least one member to the Change of Grade Damage Commission, and one or more members to the Board of Catskill Water Supply. The Institute did not suggest any candidates.

**GOV. POTHIER SCARED**

**Rhode Island's Head Sees "Yellow Peril" in Tariff.**

Providence, R. I., Nov. 15.—The recent tariff legislation has opened the way for a commercial "yellow peril," in the opinion of Governor Pothier, expressed to-day in a speech before the Southern New England Textile Club. The Governor declared that the new tariff would result in the lowering of wages of textile mill operatives and would deprive American manufacturers of their home market. "That there may be a 'yellow peril' commercially no thoughtful man will deny," said Governor Pothier. "The races of the Orient are progressing

steadily, and it is only a question of time when they will enter the markets of the world with products which will come into competition with those of advanced nations. We shall have to protect our labor and the products of our labor against the extremely low wages of the Orient if these nations enter the industrial field.

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