



BANK FOR SAVINGS MEETS RUN DUE TO GIRLS' GOSSIP

More than \$800,000 Paid Out, and Offers of Aid Are Refused.

CROWD BESIEGES DOORS ALL DAY

Depositors Demand Money, and Getting It, Wonder Why They Asked.

BANK'S AFFAIRS SOUND

Superintendent Van Tuyl Finds Securities Intact and Can't Understand Run.

False reports regarding the condition of the Bank for Savings, at 22d street and Fourth avenue, brought out a run on that institution yesterday.

The Bank for Savings is one of the strongest in the country, among its directors being August Belmont, Adrian Belmont, Jr., Charles A. Peabody, Robert Bacon and William Sloane.

Other Banks Offer Help. During the day Mr. Trimble received numerous offers of assistance from other banks, among them the Chemical National Bank, the New York County Bank, the Second National Bank and the Guaranty Trust Company.

Mr. Trimble declined all these offers, however, saying that the bank was in no need of assistance. He declared that all depositors asking for their money would receive it and that the sixty-day rule would not be invoked.

The Bank's Statement. There is no basis whatever for the false rumors which have been circulated during the last few days concerning the Bank for Savings.

This Morning's News.

Table listing various news items and their page numbers, including 'Web Closing on Cassidy', 'Bomb Throwing Found', 'Amend Federal Reserve Law', etc.

TO THE NATIONAL GUARD AND NAVAL MILITIA.

In next Sunday's Tribune (February 1) there will be published an interview with Major General O'Ryan, in which he tells of his work as a student in the Army War College and his plans for the further development of the National Guard of New York.

SHE'D TATTOO CRIME AWAY

"Mme. Mercury" Urges Mayor to Brand Criminals. And now comes Mme. Mercury suggesting to Mayor Mitchell that the way to decrease crime is to tattoo criminals with a mark across the forehead or on the cheek.

MOVE TO AMEND RESERVE MEASURE

Sponsors for Law Want to Attract Small Trust Companies and Savings Banks. [From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Jan. 29.—Serious consideration is being given by the sponsors for the federal reserve law to the advisability of certain modifications which would make membership in the federal reserve organization more attractive to the smaller trust companies and savings banks.

M'COMBS TO FRANCE AGAIN

If He Accepts Post Tumulty Is To Be Chairman. [From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Jan. 29.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, will succeed Myron T. Herrick as Ambassador to France if the President has his way, and it is possible that the nomination of McCombs will be sent to the Senate soon.

MURDEROUS PRIESTS CURSED IN CHURCH

Anathema Formally Pronounced on Three Chained and Convict-Garbed Men. [By Cable to The Tribune.] Odessa, Jan. 29.—An unusual and striking ceremony was witnessed a few days ago in the Catholic church of Petrakoff, Poland. It was the formal excommunication of three monks concerned in a notorious scandal and murder in a monastery at Yasn Gora and sentenced to terms of imprisonment nearly two years ago.

Mrs. Cross Not Poisoned.

Bridgport, Conn., Jan. 29.—Coroner John J. Phelan, who is conducting an investigation into the death of Mrs. Hannah H. Cross, widow of a wealthy New York jeweler, here last November, said tonight that his inquiry had so far shown that she died from natural causes.

4 MINUTES TO FIND BOMB MAN GUILTY

Jury Acts Quickly in Case of Sylvestro, Accused by Informers.

JUDGE URGES A 40-YEAR PENALTY

Defendant, Dazed at Verdict, Refuses to "Squeal" on East Side Outrages. The jury in Judge Rosalsky's part of General Sessions took just four minutes last night to put the stamp of its belief upon the hideous stories of bomb outrages told by the witnesses against Angelo Sylvestro, by returning a verdict of guilty. Judge Rosalsky was moved to comment upon the evidence.

At the request of Sylvestro's counsel sentence was postponed until to-day. Judge Rosalsky asked the defendant if he had anything to say to the District Attorney. "I ain't got nothing to say to the District Attorney, your honor," he mumbled.

Sylvestro was led away in a daze. It had seemed to him impossible that his emphatic series of denials could have been so lightly discarded. When he took the stand yesterday he said that he had never spoken to any of the three "bomb shovers" who testified against him, except "Zump."

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FREEDOM ASKED AS PRICE OF EVIDENCE

Court Defers Sentence of Nomination Buyer Lest It Affect Jury's Verdict. William Willett, in the ordinary course of events, would appear to-day for sentence before Justice Jaycox, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn.

It is inferred, also, that District Attorney Croysey still hopes, by prolonging the pressure, to persuade Willett to turn state's evidence and lighten his penalty. Willett, it is understood, has already agreed to take the stand against Cassidy and Walter if his sentence be suspended.

TWO SCHOOLMA'AMS SCARE BEAR AWAY

Animal Backs Off When Pocket Flashlights Are Turned On It by Young Women. [By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Goshen, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Miss Margaret Connelly and Miss Laura Fitzgerald, who live here and teach school at Mount Eve, ten miles from Goshen, encountered and vanquished a large bear yesterday morning.

J. L. COWLES QUILTS HIS JOB

Postal League Rejects U. S. Ownership of Railroads. Boston, Jan. 29.—James L. Cowles, of New York, general secretary of the Postal Progress League, which he assisted in organizing twelve years ago, resigned to-day after the league had declined to endorse government ownership of railroads.

CHIEF WITNESSES IN GRAFT INQUIRY YESTERDAY.



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GAFFNEY IDENTIFIED; BARNES MURPHY AID

State Chairman Opposed to Legislative Search for Crime.

SOME REPUBLICANS IN OPEN REBELLION

Albany District Attorney Refuses to Send "Big 4" Case to Jury.

FLAYED BY OSBORNE

Investigator Asserts His Intention to Appeal to Glynn for Special Prosecutor.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, Jan. 29.—William Barnes, Jr., has come out openly against a state-wide graft investigation such as is proposed by the progressive Republican members of the Assembly.

Barnes' idea of an investigation is solely for the purpose of proposing remedial legislation. Part of his editorial flat follows: "Disposition to make the legislative investigation, for which a committee of Republican Assemblymen and Senators is considering ways and means, a task for the Assembly alone should not be."

Search for Crime Opposed. "It is not a John Doe proceeding whose purpose is to determine whether a crime has been committed. The purpose of such an investigation must be—else the investigation cannot rightfully be—used as a basis for legislation, constructive, corrective or remedial, whichever the conditions disclosed may appear to require."

Barnes' efforts to block a graft investigation will be fought on the floor of the Assembly. Assemblymen Stoddard, Nelson and Crane, of New York; Lockwood, of Brooklyn; Eadie, of Queens, and Knapp, of Chemung, are expected to lead the fight against him.

Alexander issued a statement asserting that the evidence submitted to him by James W. Osborne against John A. Bense, State Engineer; Duncan W. Peck, Superintendent of Public Works; C. Gordon Reel, former Superintendent of Highways, who formed the Dix Highways Commission, and Reel's deputy, Charles F. Foley, was not sufficient to submit to a grand jury.

When Osborne heard this he said there was sufficient in the charges to warrant indictments, and that he would ask Governor Glynn to call an extraordinary term of the grand jury in Albany County and appoint a special deputy Attorney General to present the evidence.

Osborne charged that Alexander had promised to confer with him before making known any decision in the case of Bense, Reel, Peck and Foley. Commenting on Alexander's statement, Osborne said: "District Attorney Alexander does not express any opinion whatever regarding the neglect of duty by the Highways Commission. The law required the contracts to be let by public bidding, and when that was not done there was a violation of law."

PALMER REFUSES TO QUIT

Says Glynn Never Suggested Osborn Becoming Chairman. Albany, Jan. 29.—Talk of making William Church Osborn chairman of the Democratic State Committee got a setback to-night, when George M. Palmer, the chairman, said that he had no intention of resigning. Further, he said such a move never had been suggested to him, and added specifically that the subject was not discussed when he called on Governor Glynn a few days ago.

Stewart Finally Able to Remember Who Asked \$150,000 Graft.

FIVE TAMMANY MEN BEFORE GRAND JURY

Peck and Bense Seek to Explain Method of Letting Contracts.

WHITMAN'S BUSY DAY

Indictment of Murphy "Bagman" and Others High in Party Expected.

James E. Gaffney, Charles F. Murphy's "bagman," was identified yesterday by James C. Stewart, the contractor, during a two hours' secret conference with District Attorney Whitman as the man who demanded \$150,000 from Stewart's \$3,000,000 large canal contracts soon after the 1912 election and at the time the Canal Board was holding up the bids.

Stewart will tell the special grand jury about Gaffney to-day. He will also tell how he went to Murphy the day Gaffney demanded the money to protest against that kind of politics. He will testify that Murphy pretended that he didn't know about the "bad, bad man" Gaffney, and when Stewart went the next day to see him again Murphy wouldn't see him.

Officials Sign Waiver. They were: Mitchell May, Secretary of State; John J. Kennedy, State Treasurer; Edward Lazansky, former Superintendent of State; Duncan W. Peck, Superintendent of Public Works, and John A. Bense, State Engineer. Former Lieutenant Governor Thomas Conway, Controller William H. Sohmer and Attorney General Carmody will testify to-day. Mr. Bense, who did not complete his testimony, will reappear to-day.

In brief, the witnesses who testified that they had more than a mere "perfunctory" knowledge of Stewart's bid, said he lost his principal contract because his bid was more than 10 per cent higher than the estimates of Bense. Peck, who can award the contracts without action of the Canal Board if the bids are less than 10 per cent in excess of Bense's estimates, was confronted with the fact that this contract was finally awarded to the P. McGovern Company for an amount that exceeded Bense's estimates by 20 per cent.

Peck was also called on to explain why he voted against the "contingent" bid of Stewart's which would have disposed of two contracts for \$25,000 less than it cost the state to split the bids between the McGovern and the Stewart companies.

Peck Grows Dramatic. As Peck came out of the grand jury room he waved the reporters aside and went down in the elevator, saying that the law would not permit him to tell to what he had testified. On the way down he changed his mind about talking and came up to the grand jury floor again.

"I never saw James E. Gaffney but once in my life, that was at a dinner in Albany several years ago," he said in answer to questions. "I know Charles F. Murphy—of course I do. I've never talked with him or with Gaffney about Stewart's contracts. This talk about a hold-up of Stewart's contracts is based on garbled and inaccurate newspaper information."

Assistant District Attorney Clark brought to the attention of the grand jurors that after Stewart made his second bid for 72A contract Bense raised his estimate about \$250,000, which made Stewart's bid less than 10 per cent of the estimate. Peck then awarded the contract to Stewart on March 18, 1913.

May Acts as Guide. Stewart's second bid on 72A was \$1,534,732.25, which was \$409,896.25 above Bense's original estimate of \$1,124,836. Bense's last bid was \$1,534,003.25. The final estimate was \$1,393,585.50. The McGovern company bid was \$1,571,278.50. Secretary May, whose home is in