



**U. S. ATTORNEYS  
BEGIN PROBE IN  
FUND SCANDAL**

**Lott's Attorneys Now Deny  
for Him That He Signed  
Hold-Up Letters.**

**CIVIL SERVICE MAY  
ALSO ORDER INQUIRY**

**Custom House Men Are  
Now Ready to Tell All  
They Know.**

United States Attorney Marshall yesterday took the first step in the campaign contribution letter scandal circling around Surveyor Thomas E. Rush and Representative George W. Lott. He assigned Assistant United States Attorney Gordon Auchincloss and Frank M. Roster to begin an investigation this morning.

Mr. Marshall's letter to the Department of Justice in Washington detailing the Tribune's story was forwarded last night to the United States Civil Service Commission. To-day it is expected that the commission will apply to Attorney General Gregory for advice. It will then be decided which investigation is to take precedence.

Mr. Marshall said yesterday that if the Civil Service Commission wishes to begin its inquiry first, he will wait until that inquiry is finished before he signs into the scandal to any depth. Meanwhile, however, Auchincloss and Roster will begin a preliminary investigation, so that no time will be lost should the commission defer to Mr. Marshall's office.

**Parr Faces Dismissal.**  
An odd feature of the situation came to the surface yesterday. The Tribune's first story was printed on Tuesday morning. At noon Richard Parr, special deputy surveyor, who, according to talk around the Custom House yesterday, is held responsible for the disclosure, was served with a complaint alleging that he was not in his office when the surveyor telephoned for him.

This has added fuel to the fire, for it was said yesterday that a great number of the Surveyor's employees are so worked up over the scandal that they will readily testify before the federal grand jury that they received letters, and will also give information which may show Assistant Attorneys Auchincloss and Roster who furnished the list of employees' names and addresses to Tammany Hall. And they will bring the letters and envelopes with them.

Representative Lott, who, it is said, told a Tribune reporter that he would not join Surveyor Rush in a demand for an investigation by the United States Attorney and the United States Civil Service Commission, conferred with his attorney, S. Stanwood Jencks, of Beckman, Menken & Griener, 22 William st., yesterday morning, and then, accompanied by Mr. Mencken, went to Mr. Marshall's office, where he left a letter expressing a wish to have a federal grand jury inquiry, and also stating that he would be willing to appear and waive immunity.

**None Knows Who Did It.**  
In a letter to The Tribune Mr. Mencken said he was authorized by Representative Lott to deny that he had signed a letter such as The Tribune reproduced in facsimile on Tuesday, or that he had signed any letter of that general nature, and that he furthermore denied knowledge of the sending of such a letter to any federal, state or city employee.

**WAR DECRIED BY WILSON  
President Speaks at Unveiling  
of Kearny Statue.**

Washington, Nov. 11.—President Wilson spoke to-day at the unveiling of a statue to General Philip Kearny at Arlington National Cemetery and said:  
"There is nothing noble or admirable in war itself, but there is something very noble and admirable occasionally in the causes for which war is undertaken, and there is something very noble and admirable in some of the characters which war develops."  
"If a man's character can go through the fire and come out resplendent, then you know that it is of the true quality of the best human stuff."  
The President said General Kearny typified the best kind of leader produced by the United States, adding that many another man had stood alongside of him with the same qualities and the same distinction of service.

**"SLAVERS" BOMBS  
IMPERIL JUDGE**

Explosions Caused by Hunted Gangs Near Bronx Courthouse.

Vengeance sought by friends of "white slavers" whose lot north of the Harlem has been made hard by Judge Louis D. Gibbs, of Bronx County, is believed to have inspired the explosion of a bomb in the Brook av. plaza at the main entrance to the courthouse shortly before 11 o'clock last night.

Judge Gibbs shares this belief with the police, but declared stoutly that he would not be intimidated into leniency. He had been conducting a forgery trial in his chambers during the evening, and had gone down the stairs and out into the plaza when the explosion occurred. He said at the time he felt that he was being followed, and believes the bomb was hurled by some person or persons who sought his life.

One of the bronze pillars on one side of the twenty-foot entrance to the courthouse was almost completely shattered by the force of the bomb, and its neighbor on the other side was damaged. Glass all over the building was broken. Under Sheriff Michael J. Garvin, who was the architect of the building, estimated the damage at \$15,000. Much of the interior woodwork and decoration was damaged.

It is believed that the explosion was similar to the one which occurred in the neighborhood of the courthouse a few days ago. The explosion was heard for blocks, and the shock was so great that Mrs. Mary E. of 567 Egle av. was crossing the plaza at the time and saw the flash, which was knocked down.

Windows on a southbound Third av. elevated train passing at the time were broken, and a few passengers were slightly cut.

**TEACHER UNDER  
BAN IN 'MOTHER  
BAITING' CENSURE**

**Miss Rodman's Defence of  
Stork "Lack of Cour-  
tesy" to Board.**

**BULLIED, INSULTED,  
ROBBED, SHE SAYS**

**Her Note to Tribune Cause  
of Edict—Suspended  
with Mrs. Wagner.**

The letter for which Miss Rodman is to be tried was printed in 'The Conning Tower' of The Tribune last Tuesday morning, as follows, including F. P. A.'s comments:

**The Conning Tower**

Sporting Note.  
Sir: Now that the Braves have cracked under the strain—or haven't they?—and the tennis season is over—or isn't it? Never mind. Won't you come with me, anyway, to see a game of mother-baiting? The next one will be played at the Hall of the Board of Education, 500 Park Avenue, on Wednesday, at four o'clock. The majority of the members of the Board of Education are expected to play on one side, and on the other, two women, each with a baby a few days old. The object of the game is to lick the mothers out of their positions in the public schools. It will be played according to the rules of the Board of Education.

Mother-baiting is popular with the majority of the Board. The game is rather rough, but, like wife-baiting, which used to be so popular, it is always played for the good of the women. Some people who are as indifferent to the pleasures of others as Anthony Comstock appealed to the Mayor to stop the game on the ground that it is injurious to the morals of the community, but the Mayor replied that he does not care to interfere with the self-expression of the Board of Education.

We should like to have your opinion of mother-baiting.  
HENRIETTA RODMAN.

Mother-baiting, as Miss Rodman describes it, sounds like a jolly sport. The object seems to keep the losers out in the open air.

As to mother-teachers, did Experience, we wonder, have any children?  
Two more women were added yesterday to the list of victims of the anti-teacher-mother campaign of the Board of Education.

One was Mrs. Lora M. Wagner, who was suspended because of her two weeks' absence to bear a child, and the other was Miss Henrietta Rodman, a teacher and vice-president of the League for Civic Service of Women, who was informed that she was to be suspended because of the letter she wrote to F. P. A., and which was printed in The Tribune last Tuesday. In it Miss Rodman referred to the "mother-baiting" tendencies of the board.

Superintendent of Schools Maxwell sprang the news of her suspension on Miss Rodman just as she was leaving the building, where the board had voted to discipline Mrs. Wagner.

"Are you Miss Rodman?" he inquired, stopping her at the elevator. "Yes," she called out, and he said, "I am sorry you wrote that letter to The Tribune. I shall have to bring charges against you and ask for your suspension."  
"May I ask what section of the by-laws I have violated?" Miss Rodman asked.

**BRITISH GUNBOAT SUNK IN DOWNS;  
GERMANS RECAPTURE DIXMUDE;  
CZAR AGAIN WINS IN PRUSSIA**

**ASQUITH SEES  
NO DEARTH OF  
WAR RESOURCES**

London, Nov. 11.—The French have learned to outdo the enemy in the art of trench making. An officer writes that not only have his men fitted a cooking range in their trenches, but they have half a dozen bathtubs, properly tiled, screened off and fitted with a hot and cold water shower.  
Better still, a regular system of drainage is to be installed next to the baths in the shaving saloon, and the soldiers are now at work on a café and concert hall, all underground, to be warmed and lighted and something less than half a mile from the German lines.

**GERMANS GIVE WAY  
ON EASTERN FRONT**

Fall Back with Austrians Along the Whole Poland Border.

Petrograd, Nov. 11.—All along the fringe of Poland, from Thorn to Cracow, the Austrian and German armies continue to fall back under increasing Russian pressure.

The northern army, commanded by General von Hindenburg, retired on Sulece, north of Kalisz. The southern army, commanded by the Crown Prince, apparently is concentrating around Czestochowa. The Austrians are being pushed back to the gates of Cracow and probably are now well within the line of their forts, which begin about two miles beyond the Russian frontier.

It is now clear that a gigantic blunder the German General Staff made in ordering the advance on Warsaw, which was certainly based on an underestimate of the Russian strength. The defeat near Warsaw has been a heavy blow to the Germans, while for the unfortunate Austrians, who were dragged into this ill-fated expedition it has been disastrous. The Germans could have devised no better means of finally ruining their ally. Instead of helping the Austrians to prolong the struggle in Galicia and so protecting their own approaches to Silesia, the Germans risked the remnants of their ally's forces on the foolhardy enterprise and so destroyed whatever hope the Austrians may have had of recovering lost ground, or even effectively defending their still unconquered areas in Galicia.

At the same time the Germans greatly weakened their defensive force, for the German and Austrian losses during the short Polish campaign have been very heavy, and they have cleared the ground for the Russian advance.  
General Headquarters issued the following official announcement to-night: "In East Prussia our troops are approaching the Eastern outlets of the region around Lake Mazowiec."  
"In the vicinity of Gollub, Mlawa and Soldau engagements have occurred which have been in our favor."  
"In Galicia we are continuing a vigorous offensive."

**SIX HEROES DIE  
TO SAVE CRUISER**

Petrograd, Nov. 11.—Correspondents of Finnish newspapers report the heroic sacrifice of the crew of a picket cruiser which was being attacked by a mine in the Gulf of Finland.

**VANCOUVER WATERS  
CLOSED TO SHIPPING**

Ottawa, Nov. 11.—It was announced to-day that the western portion of Broughton Strait, near Vancouver Island, had been closed to navigation for purposes of defence.

**SUBMARINE SINKS  
BRITISH WARSHIP**

Enemy Craft Steals Up to Deal Harbor and Torpedoes the Niger—All on Board Saved, with Only Four Men Injured.

London, Nov. 12.—The British torpedo gunboat Niger has been torpedoed by a submarine in the Downs, according to an official announcement made at midnight. The Niger foundered, but all the officers and crew were saved. Two men were severely and two slightly injured. The Admiralty statement says:

"The Niger, Lieutenant Commander Arthur T. Muir, was torpedoed this morning (November 11) in the Downs. All the officers and seventy-seven of the crew were saved. Four men were injured. It is thought that there was no loss of life. The Niger has been employed in semi-combatant duties."

**ASQUITH SEES  
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WAR RESOURCES**

London, Nov. 12.—In a speech delivered in the House of Commons yesterday after the opening of Parliament Asquith declared that he doubted whether the war would last as long as some people originally predicted, but that it would last long as certain.

"However, the longer it lasts," continued the Premier, "the more the great resources and strength which the empire possesses will be available to fill the gaps, to replace the losses and maintain our position. The empire is on trial, and the experiences of the last three months have inspired us with the confident hope that the longer the trial lasts the more clearly will we emerge from it as the champions of a just cause."

Mr. Asquith expressed warm appreciation of the support which the government had received from all parties. England was engaged in an unprecedented contest, he said, and regarding the justice of her share in this there was no difference of opinion in any part of the empire. The Lord of the Admiralty, subsequently would make a more detailed statement, but he said at once that the responsibility for the expedition was shared by the government as a whole.

Regarding the sending of British marines to Antwerp just before the fall of that city, the Premier intimated that Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, subsequently would make a more detailed statement, but he said at once that the responsibility for the expedition was shared by the government as a whole.

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**ALLIED FORCES  
CROWDED BACK  
ON RIVER YSER**

Kaiser's Troops Massed on Line to French Port of Dunkirk.

Paris, Nov. 11.—The Germans have resumed their attack on the allied lines between the coast and the Lys River, and, while the French claim generally to have held their positions, the Germans have succeeded in capturing the town of Dixmude, which has been the centre of some of the fiercest and most sanguinary fighting of the war.

The country between Dixmude and Ypres, where the belligerents have been engaged in violent attacks and counter attacks for weeks past, and where the losses have been heavier even than those in the battles of the Yser, is again the scene of a battle, which for fury has seldom if ever been equalled.

Behind Dixmude is the direct road to Dunkirk, one of the French ports on which the Germans have set their hearts, and, if they can break through here, the Allies will be compelled to fall back to new positions.

The invaders, therefore, have been concentrating their forces at this point, and their success in taking Dixmude, where they claim to have captured 800 prisoners, and positions across the canal to the west of Langemarck, where, according to the Berlin report, 2,000 prisoners fell into their hands, shows that the statements so freely made that they have been sending troops from the west to Poland are without foundation.

**NORTH CAROLINA  
STILL A MYSTERY**

Navy Department Unable to Get Any News of the American Cruiser Reported to Have Met with a Mishap in Turkish Waters.

Washington, Nov. 11.—While Navy Department officials assert that they have no fears as to the safety of the armored cruiser North Carolina, which was rumored to have been blown up by a mine in the harbor of Beirut or elsewhere in Turkish waters, diligent efforts were made, though without result, to get news of the vessel.

**BULGARIA MAY BE  
A SECOND BELGIUM**

Censored Dispatch Quotes Premier as Declaring Neutrality, but Adding That Nation Isn't Obligated to Assist Porte Against Allies.

London, Nov. 11.—The Athens correspondent of "The Morning Post" sends the following dispatch concerning the Bulgarian situation, and explains that its report has been heavily censored.