

NEW ARRESTS IN BAFF PLOT; HOLD UP INDICTMENTS

Prosecutors Confident as Grand Jury Takes Holiday Recess.

HISTORY OF FEUD BARED BY RABBI

Clergyman Shows Papers Recording Bitter "Poultry Ring" War.

The December grand jury, which has been investigating the Barnett Baff murder case, adjourned yesterday until January 7, when it will resume the inquiry.

PHOTO FOR FIANCE FATAL

Girl Upsets Dark Room Lamp and Dies of Burns.

Developing a photograph for her fiance, Mrs. Marie C. Bullock, recently divorced from her husband, Ernest R. Bullock, of Pomona, near Suffern, set fire to her clothes and was burned to death in Ellenburg yesterday.

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the so-called "poultry trust" in presenting each side of the controversy. Rabbi's Papers Bare Feud.

Assistant District Attorney Deuel conferred with Rabbi Magnes yesterday. Assistant District Attorney Delehanty said afterward that Mr. Deuel was not ready to make a report as to the value of the papers. It is understood, however, that aside from giving some insight into the belligerent conditions which existed among the poultry dealers for months prior to Baff's death, the statements probably will not furnish any valuable new evidence.

Most of the affidavits were made by Baff's rivals in the live poultry business, charging his firm with highhanded methods in its business transactions. They allege that Baff forced the retail poultry dealers in Harlem and the Bronx to form an association and agree to rent two places of business from Baff, paying \$5,000 for one and \$250 a week for the other. They further allege that Baff forced them to agree to buy at least six carloads of poultry a week at a cent a pound above the quoted New York market price. The affidavits state that Baff arbitrarily refused to purchase any more poultry from any one, with the hope of arousing public opinion against the "highhanded wholesalers," particularly in the Jewish neighborhoods of the city. The strike was called off within two weeks.

Come, the affidavits intimated strongly that such conditions as the Baff firm were creating should not be allowed to continue. Several of the statements charge that Baff arbitrarily refused to purchase any more poultry from any one, with the hope of arousing public opinion against the "highhanded wholesalers," particularly in the Jewish neighborhoods of the city. The strike was called off within two weeks.

An affidavit of the Baff firm summarized conditions in the poultry trade at the time and arched that the retail dealers—"the tricked bunch we have ever come in contact with"—were using every effort to put the Baffs out of business. They determined to fight "the strike" to the finish. The affidavit further states:

"You will notice that every one was willing to give in as soon as they commenced to strike, but we were determined to hold out until we had a pretty good souvenir of the strike, for while he was talking business in one of the restaurants in the market, he called a 'chicken puller' who unlocked the car, but they did not go far, as we got our own unloading gang together."

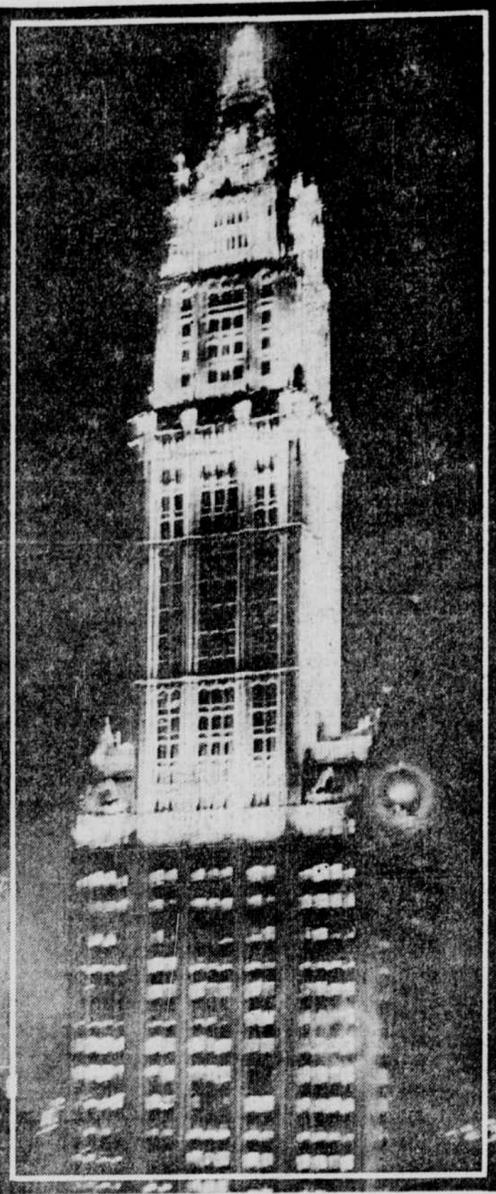
The three Cohen brothers, who were leaders among the "chicken pullers," are all under detention in the Baff murder case. Assistant District Attorney Delehanty said yesterday he would oppose any application for the lowering of bail for the Cohens, or any attempt to get any of the witnesses out of the House of Detention, pending the resumption of the grand jury deliberations.

More Arrests in Case. Two more arrests were made yesterday. William Seymanaki, thirty years old, delegate of the teamsters' union, of 148 Essex st., Jersey City, was arrested at Cortlandt and West sts., and later held in \$10,000 bail as a material witness, by Judge Malone in General Sessions. Seymanaki was locked up in the Yorkville prison. Meyer Shine, a "chicken puller," of 213 Forsyth st., was arrested last night by Detective Wittenberg, and taken to the District Attorney's office, as a material witness.

District Attorney Whitman conferred with Mr. Perkins and Mr. Delehanty before going to Albany yesterday, and it was decided not to ask the grand jury for the indictments until further corroborative evidence, now in view, was obtained. At the request of the District Attorney, Judge Malone held over the grand jury yesterday.

At the District Attorney's office yesterday was given out the name of the rabbi, who, The Tribune announced exclusively Wednesday morning, had affidavits and statements made by members of the "poultry ring" and the independent dealers, including Baff, prior to the murder. The rabbi, Judah L. Magnes, head of the Kehillah, at the Hebrew Charities Building, 356 Second av., had attempted to act as arbitrator between the warring business factions among the poultry dealers a year ago. The affidavits were submitted to the rabbi at the time by B. Baff & Son and various members of

THE WOOLWORTH'S GLOWING WELCOME TO 1915.



CITY GIVES NEW YEAR A ROUSING WELCOME

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places in town where the business done was as large or greater. Try to figure it out yourself, then make up your mind your estimate is more accurate than many thousand bottles as you like.

Played Baseball with Old Year. A vacant chair at a table in any of the restaurants in town at the time the clocks were playing baseball with the old year—striking it out—was easier to find than a cent that did not have the advantage of the occasion to remain open all night, with or without a special license.

Many of the hotel proprietors yesterday handed blueprints of their dining and grill rooms to draughtsmen in order to estimate the number of tables that could be imposed upon the floor area allowing sufficient space for a thin waiter to crowd his way between chairs, then took the architect's measure and arranged them by cramming in more tables.

Under the glare of millions of electric lights, an unwieldy but for the most part orderly crowd paraded the streets of the city with sufficient measure made the hours preceding the birth of 1915 speed as they gathered in the restaurants. Police arrangements were excellent, but, considering the crowds and the occasion, there was a little for the "coppers" to do. Here and there an excess of spirits led to pranks demanding police activity, but they were only incidents of its orderliness.

Large as the fun-loving population of the city is, and many of them turned out in evening clothes, clinging gowns and cloth topped shoes, they were outnumbered by the streams of persons from out of town. Every city within commuting distance of New York sent its quota of pleasure seekers. Celebrations there were in their home towns, but who would not spend the evening in New York, to share in the country's official welcome to the New Year?

There Was Noise in Plenty. Peddlers with ticklers, rattles and other devices that make for sport and discomfort were kept on the move by the police. Having been officially deemed unnecessary to the joy of the festivities, they were largely barred. But for all that there was noise in plenty. Enough horns were sold to make the early hours of evening noisy, and the final minutes of the departing year were one continual, ear-splitting blare of sound.

For the first time in its history, Trinity Church had a rival to attract the attention of the thousands who came to the lower end of Manhattan to end the Old Year and say good morning to the New. Just about everything and everybody was "lit up," so the Woolworth Building took its cue. A new system of lighting arrangements made the immense Gothic tower stand out against the sky in an unparalleled radiance.

After this morning the lighting is to be a nightly feature, so far as the tower is concerned. The initial illumination, however, taxed every electric light bulb in the entire structure.

At intervals of two minutes another floor was made brilliant, until the entire building seemed ablaze. Then high efficiency nitrogen lamps equipped with specially designed reflectors, flashed up on the tower from the lower part of the building. When midnight struck, the clock in the world's greatest building, St. Paul's Church, the tower seemed reared against the sky like a spectacle from Fairyland.

The chimes in the tower of Trinity Church were first rung at 11:30. At intervals until midnight their liquid notes floated over the financial district, packed with the older and staid part of the city's population, gathered to listen. At five minutes past 12 a service was held in the church, the Rev. Dr. Manning celebrating Holy Communion.

Watch Services Were Held. Watch services in other churches were also observed in the earlier hours, including the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the Church of the Ascension, the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and scores of others.

Each restaurant and grill had its individual "surprise" for its patrons. In advance by the unheard-of demand for tables, an estimate of the crowds to be entertained was gleaned by the managers. And they did their part to see that entertainment was abundant.

At the Waldorf, the Astor, the Biltmore, which celebrated its second birthday, the Knickerbocker, the Ritz-Carlton, the Plaza, the McAlpin and every other prominent hostelry guests were given a programme of unusually excellent music, careful service by an augmented horde of waiters, souvenirs of more than passing value and something novel in the manner of greeting to the New Year. And the guests in return manifested their appreciation by buying until time or inclination bade them cease and seek their homes.

Took License with License. Mayor Mitchell, as his contribution to the joyousness of the time, issued more than 200 special licenses to cafes and restaurants, whereby their patrons were given the privilege of sitting or standing all night, or as long as they could command the eye of a waiter, or fight successfully for reaching room at a bar.

NIGHTSTICK CASE SENT TO WHITMAN

Woods Seeks Grand Jury Probe of Why Court Freed Prisoners.

HINTS M'QUADE DOES POLITICAL FAVORS

Magistrate Asserts Youth Was Badly Beaten, and Denies Censuring Police.

In a letter to Governor-elect Whitman yesterday, Commissioner Woods signified his intention of standing behind his policemen in their efforts to curb gangsters and criminals. His letter is written to Mr. Whitman as District Attorney.

Disagreeing with the judgment of Magistrate McQuade, who discharged three prisoners and reprimanded the policeman for using force, Commissioner Woods asks the grand jury to take the case to the grand jury. He tells the following story.

Last Sunday morning, long before daylight, William Fairweather, who works in a bakery, was standing on Tenth av. near 51st st. with a friend when three youths came along and demanded the price of a drink. It was refused, and the three made off down Tenth av. muttering threats.

Fairweather's friend had left him, and as he tried to go home he heard the crash of breaking glass from the store of Louis Brill, at 777 Tenth av. The three men to whom Fairweather had refused money were grouped in front of the broken window. Knowing something of the store, Fairweather looked for a policeman. Just below him he spied Patrolman Anthony Hornow.

Hornow had not heard the breaking glass, but made off toward the store when the youths were rounded up. The three youths caught sight of him and started up the avenue at a run. Hornow followed, firing his revolver as he ran. Two other patrolmen, hearing the shots, joined in the chase, and the three fugitives were rounded up.

One of them, William Fitzgerald, of 554 West 56th st., made an effort to escape the grasp of Hornow and struck at him. Hornow's fist found the youth's eye and nose. The other two were staid part of the city's population, gathered to listen. At five minutes past 12 a service was held in the church, the Rev. Dr. Manning celebrating Holy Communion.

"As the result of the hearing of this case," the 7th District Court Sunday morning," Magistrate McQuade discharged the three prisoners and is reported to have reprimanded the policeman because he used force. It is reported that he made me believe that the conduct of the officer was wholly proper.

"I am not submitting the case for consideration to you of this aspect of it, however. As stated to me, the facts seem to indicate that the prisoners should have been held for trial, and I therefore ask that you look into the matter with a view of presenting the evidence to the grand jury."

FEAR NEW 22D MAY LACK MEN

Col. Lucas Encourages Dances and Other Social Events Least Regiments Fade.

Some of the officers of the 22d Engineers, N. Y. S. G., who were placed on the reserve list last week when the regiment was disbanded, will, it is understood, be given an opportunity to serve with the two battalions, now in process of organization, and an effort to secure them will be made next week.

Of some fifty-two commissioned officers in the old regiment only eighteen were retained for the two new battalions, and it will be necessary to get additional officers to complete the complement. Unless the new organizations are properly efficient, it is pointed out, very little progress can be made in military work.

Just how many of the officers will be willing to be assigned again to duty is uncertain. Some declare they will not resume active duty under any circumstances after what they term "the scurriolous treatment" accorded them by the military authorities.

A number have taken their uniforms and other equipment from the army. It is possible that some of the officers who have been asserting they were going to resign may reconsider their determination.

Quite a number of the enlisted men, it is known, will insist on taking their discharge next week, as they have the right to do. It is feared that not only about 400 men will be in the eight companies, all told.

Lieutenant Colonel E. W. Van C. Lucha, at present commanding the two battalions, believes that he will secure enough of the enlisted men to fill up the eight companies above the maximum required. He is encouraging all social events that do not interfere with military duties, and has granted permission to old Company M to hold an entertainment in the armory January 23.

One company had a sign on the door of its room last night which read: "Come in and see the pingpong players and mollycoddlers. Your last chance!" The dynamite squad of the organization, under Lieutenant C. H. Woodward, has been granted permission to make experiments. It will use about 800 pounds of explosives.

ALLEGED PILFERER LEFT A FORTUNE

Disgrace of Arrest Drove Well-to-Do Salesman to Commit Suicide.

Charles Rodh, who committed suicide December 21 because of the disgrace of being arrested charged with shoplifting, had no occasion to acquire desired articles by theft, for he left a fortune, which is believed to amount to upward of \$100,000. His will was filed in the Surrogate's Court yesterday.

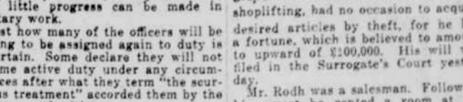
Mr. Rodh was a salesman. Following his arrest he rented a room at 144 West 46th st. after he had threatened to take his life. When he failed to leave his room the next day an investigation showed that the alleged shoplifter had committed suicide by inhaling gas.

In his will, executed May 4 last, Rodh named the Farmers Loan and Trust Company as trustee of his estate, from which his daughter Lorraine, fourteen years old, is to have the income for life. Mr. Rodh's wife is dead. Miss Amelia Cohen, with whom the child is living, was named as the guardian of the girl. At the death of the daughter, the estate is to be divided into two parts, to be placed in trust, Miss Amelia Cohen and Miss Josephine Cohen, each to receive the income from one share. At their death the principal is to go to Miss Helen McGrath, of Mechanicsville, N. Y.

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this Annual Sale now promises to be quite as important as any we have ever held.

First, we have been able to secure, in addition to full lines of our regular goods, two very important lots of Irish Table Linens of the very highest standard of quality at such price concessions as enable us to offer these at an average discount of

25%

In these lots there is a very wide collection of patterns in Cloths of all sizes with Napkins to match. In addition we have also made important price reductions on several other attractive lines made up of patterns and lots to be discontinued, etc., and as a further attraction we offer a

10% Reduction on everything else in our regular Housekeeping Linen, Lingerie, Hosiery, Knitted Underwear and Children's Wear Departments.

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We have secured for the coming season and now place on sale a most unusual and comprehensive collection of the newest foreign and American made fabrics.

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Hippodrome. LAST 3 WEEKS OF WARS OF WORL D. SHUBERT. THE LAW LAND. THE ONLY GIRL. THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY.

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