

# Whitman Gets Death Threats; Now Guarded

## Groehl, Also Recipient of Warning Letters, Leaves Criminal Courts Accompanied by Two Detectives

## Trial to Swann's Office

## More Leads Said to Involve the District Attorney's Aids in Police Graft

Heavily armed detectives have been assigned as bodyguards to former Governor Charles S. Whitman and ex-Magistrate Frederick J. Groehl, one of his aids in the investigation of the Hyman administration, it became known last night, after the receipt of a number of letters threatening the lives of the two men.

Mr. Whitman has received eleven letters and Mr. Groehl four, in which the writers announced that they had decided to kill them because of their activities against the city administration. All the threats have been received since last Sunday, when the first of a series of articles attacking Whitman and Groehl regarding the Becker case appeared in a morning newspaper.

"Threats are tiresome. I have been receiving them so long that they have become monotonous," was the only comment Mr. Whitman would make last night. Mr. Groehl grinned and muttered: "Old stuff," when asked about the letters.

However, it became known that when Mr. Whitman and Mr. Groehl left the Criminal Courts Building last night they were accompanied by two detectives, who were more than usually well armed. Each carried two revolvers and a belt containing a large amount of ammunition.

Whitman Opposes Detectives' Plea  
Governor Whitman had a successful day yesterday. He personally argued against the application of Detective Sergeant Marty Owens and Thomas Hogan for an inspection of the grand jury minutes upon which their indictment was predicated and Judge Crain reserved decision. This action is taken as an indication that the application will be denied.

William Chivers, one of the Whitman aids, while confined to his home with a heavy cold interviewed several witnesses in the alleged Dock Department scandal.

The grand jury will convene at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and Mr. Whitman is expected to take up with it the matter of certain Fire Department officials who authorized the retirement of firemen before the time fixed by law.

Inquiry Leads to Swann's Office  
The grand jury also is expected to take up again the murder of sixteen-year-old James Cushing in 1918, for which two policemen will be tried for first degree murder February 23. It is more than likely that an indictment may be returned against a member of District Attorney Swann's staff in connection with the same case.

It became known yesterday that Mr. Whitman finds his investigation leading more and more into the office of Judge Swann. This is known to be embarrassing, as Mr. Whitman's sole right to conduct the present investigation is through appointment as special counsel and Assistant District Attorney given him by Swann.

Mr. Whitman refused to discuss this phase of the investigation in any way. Judge Groehl paid a visit to a patient in Bellevue Hospital last night, accompanied by Detective Thomas and Reith, of the District Attorney's staff. The name of the patient was withheld by Groehl after an hour's conference, but it was learned that the man had given valuable information regarding the police automobile scandal.

Judge Groehl during the afternoon had before him several witnesses in the auto scandal. Last night it was said that indisputable corroboration of collusion between the police and auto thieves, which developed after the arrest early Sunday of Robert O'Brien, had been brought out. Just when the matter will be presented to the grand jury could not be learned.

Estimate Board Seeks Witness  
Arthur M. King, handling the Whitman investigation into alleged graft in Queens County contracts made by the city, evinced a lively interest in the Board of Estimate hearing yesterday when it developed that several members of the board were apparently making strenuous effort to learn the whereabouts of his star witness. He said that Governor Whitman and he might have an interesting statement to make to-day.

When Mr. Whitman appeared in Judge Crain's court to oppose the motion made by Louis Frider for Owens and Hogan for an inspection of the minutes he exhibited a great deal of the energy which characterized his handling of the Becker case.

Mr. Frider's argument was that the man who had paid the illegal gratuity to the two detectives was equally guilty and should have been indicted with them. He also emphasized the lack of corroboration.

When Judge Crain suggested that as a matter of public policy the case should be sent to trial without an inspection of the minutes Frider moved for an immediate trial. The motion was denied.

Mr. Frider in his argument took occasion to criticize Whitman and his aids for giving to the press what Frider characterized as false statements tending to create an atmosphere of antagonism against his clients.

"I have never given out to the press false statements," Mr. Whitman said in opening his argument. "The fact of the matter is that even with what my learned opponent calls false statements appearing in the press, not one-half the truth of the situation has been told."

# Fear of Gang Death Blocks Rum Inquiry

## Jersey Police Convinced Lips of Those Who Know Bootlegger's Slayers Are Sealed Against 'Squealing'

## Plot Laid in Newark

## Federal Inquiry Into the Rum Traffic Hinted by Request of Judge Rellstab

Fear that the bootlegging ring will kill any one who "squeals" in connection with the rum hold-up and double murder near New Brunswick last Thursday night is sealing the lips of more than one person who could help solve the mystery, Director of Public Safety Brennan of Newark declared yesterday.

"Most of these whisky runners would rather go to prison for life than be seen talking to a detective," said the director. "They appear to be far more afraid of the vengeance of their own kind than they are of the arm of law and justice."

"Do you believe that Frank Walsh was killed by his confederates in the New Brunswick robbery because they had discovered he was a stool-pigeon in the police auto graft and bootlegging investigations in New York?" Brennan was asked.

"I cannot express an opinion on that until my investigation has progressed further," he replied.

Former Governor Charles S. Whitman, Special Assistant District Attorney, investigating the alleged collusion of crooked New York policemen with bootleggers and auto thieves, returned a similar answer yesterday to the same question.

In Fear of Similar Fate  
Among the habitués of the "whisky curb" in Newark and other hangouts of the New Jersey rum runners, however, there is little doubt as to who killed Walsh and why. They are thoroughly convinced he was "bumped off" because he had "ratted" on his pals, and none of the rest of them relish coming under any such dire suspicion.

The punishment meted out to Walsh on a lonely road in New Jersey—the same that was inflicted upon Frederick P. Eckert, another bootlegger, and for the same supposed reason, in a remote part of Staten Island—is ready, they believe, for the next man that turns informer.

Yesterday the Newark authorities turned over to the Middlesex County detectives three prisoners they had taken the night before in a raid on the Colosseum Club, where boxing bouts were in progress. The prisoners were Louis Quinto, of 256 Norfolk Street, Newark; Joseph Lard, and Harry Rutkin. Lard and Rutkin refused to give addresses.

Quinto, the police assert, was seen last Thursday afternoon driving the Cadillac touring car, which later took Walsh and the other bandits to New Brunswick. Lard and Rutkin, they say, were reported as having spoken of twenty-five barrels of whisky that could be purchased. There were twenty-five barrels of whisky on the Salamandra truck. All three prisoners were detained in New Brunswick as material witnesses. The driver of the truck and other members of the Salamandra convoy will view them to-day.

Federal Inquiry Indicated  
In Trenton yesterday Judge John Rellstab, of the United States District Court, indicated that a Federal investigation of the bootlegging ring's activities, including the New Brunswick hold-up, might be in prospect when he requested Prosecutor Oliphant, of Mercer County, to give him a statement made recently by Anthony Tymon, a convicted bootlegger.

Tymon told Prosecutor Oliphant that

## Daylight Repeal Reported

## Action on Assembly Measure Is Expected in Ten Days

From a Staff Correspondent  
ALBANY, Feb. 16.—The Assembly Judiciary Committee to-day reported out the Betts bill embodying the daylight saving program agreed upon at yesterday's caucus of Republican Assemblymen.

The measure is virtually identical with the Betts measure passed last year which Governor Smith vetoed. It repeals the present daylight saving law but empowers localities to adopt local daylight saving ordinances and to fix the time daylight saving is to be in effect in their respective communities. It is expected action will be taken on the bill within the next ten days. A companion measure was brought before the Senate this week by Senator Seymour Lowman, of Elmira.

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A man who had grown wealthy in the liquor business since the prohibition went into effect here, boasted that he was receiving official protection in his transportation of whisky. The name of the man mentioned by Tymon as having uttered this boast figures prominently in the inquiry into the New Brunswick robbery and murder.

## Patrolman Saves Family From Servant's Attacks

## House Maid Sent to Bellevue After Flourishing a Kitchen Knife

Amelia Matson, twenty-five years old, a servant employed in the home of Irving Wolins, at 1076 Fille Street, the Bronx, last night subdued the whole Wolins family with threats and a large kitchen knife. The servant is said to have been a policeman and taken to Bellevue Hospital for observation.

The young woman had been acting queerly for some time. Wolins told the police. Last night's trouble is said to have begun when the eight-year-old son of Wolins went into the kitchen and asked the servant for a spoon. According to Wolins, the servant slapped his son and remarked that he "should be at the bottom of the river."

The boy reported this treatment to his mother, who hastened to the kitchen to reprimand the servant for her conduct. The punishment is said to have seized Mrs. Wolins by the hair at her first word of reproach and dragged her from one end of the kitchen to the other. Mr. Wolins was attracted to the kitchen by his wife's screams. At the sight of her employer the servant is said to have seized a knife and attacked Mr. Wolins.

While Mr. Wolins was fighting off the servant his wife rushed to the street for a policeman. Patrolman Ferrick, who was nearby, went to the kitchen, where he overpowered the servant.

## Britain Still Faces Danger of Rail Strike

## Government's Order for Military Inquiry in Mallon Case Fails to Satisfy Unions

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LONDON, Feb. 15.—Premier Lloyd George's exposition of the government's position with regard to the inquiry into the shooting of railway men at Mallow, Ireland, has not substantially diminished the possibility of a strike by the railway men, who demanded a full inquiry into the affair and guarantees against similar occurrences.

The executives of both the National Union of Railwaymen and of the Union of Railway Engineers and Firemen met to-day to discuss their positions. The former decided that while it was not threatening a sympathetic strike at present, it would not be satisfied with a purely military inquiry.

# Drug Peddlers Flee From City, Fearing Raids

## Exodus of "Dope" Addicts Also Reported by Simon as Result of Police Drive to Catch Illicit Venders

## Important Move Expected

## Blow Will Hit International Ring; Garage Arrests Bare Much Information

An exodus of drug venders and addicts from New York City is taking place as a result of recent police raids, Special Deputy Police Commissioner Carleton Simon said last night. Hundreds have left the city, the commissioner said, and more are going every day.

The arrest of eight men and one woman in a raid on an East Eleventh Street garage yesterday morning is said to have hastened the departure of many, but Commissioner Simon says that within the next forty-eight hours another and even more effective blow will be struck at the international ring which the authorities declare has headquarters here. Much valuable information, according to the commissioner, was obtained as a result of yesterday's raid.

Yesterday a score of detectives and members of the narcotic squad were kept at the Eleventh Street garage, and about fifty persons who called there were searched, but released when it was found that they carried no narcotics. Four hypodermics were taken during the day from addicts who went to the garage for "dope." Three additional vials of heroin were found hidden in the garage, and the search was still being conducted last night. A total of twenty-seven vials of heroin and morphine were taken from the garage by the police.

Nearly All Have Police Records  
Nearly all taken in yesterday morning's raids have police records, according to Commissioner Simon. Harry Leo, twenty-four years old, of 711 East Twelfth Street, said to have been identified as the man who sold Miss Jennie Connolly, a chorus girl, a vial of heroin a few moments prior to the raid, was held in \$2,000 bail by Magistrate McAdoo yesterday. Leo, according to the police, was arrested on a charge of grand larceny August 8, 1919, and was given a suspended sentence.

Miss Connolly has twice been arrested here, the police say—once under the name of Jean Diamond, and later under the name of Joan Golden. All of the others were ordered held in \$500 bail yesterday when arraigned before Magistrate McAdoo with the exception of Frank Johnson, of New Orleans. Johnson begged the court to send him to some hospital for treatment, and was given a hundred-day sentence in the workhouse.

## Woman Tells of Seeing Three Fall in Matewan Fight

## Another Witness Relates How Miner Who Left With One Gun Returned to His Home With Two Rifles

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Feb. 16.—A variety of testimony, including a woman eye-witness's account of the Matewan battles, was given to-day in the trial of nineteen men indicted on charges in connection with the killing of A. C. Felts, one of the ten men who met death in the fight.

Mrs. Stephen Porter said she was in the doorway of her home near the Matewan railroad station while shooting was going on. She testified that she saw three men fall. One she recognized as Robert Mullens, a miner; another as a Baldwin-Felts detective, but the third, who lurched from a doorway across the street, she said she did not know.

A detective, standing at a corner diagonally opposite her home, was firing a pistol in two directions, she said, adding that he shot in the direction of Reece Chambers and then turned and fired in the opposite direction. Chambers, she said, was standing at the end of the building, occupied by the postoffice, also across the street from her home.

The detective appeared to be wounded as he used his pistol, she testified. Chambers was firing his rifle in the detective's direction, declared the witness.

Margie Washington, a negroess employed by Art Williams, a defendant, testified that before the fight Williams left his home armed with one gun, but that when he returned after the battle he had two. Asked if she knew where he obtained the other weapon, the woman replied, "He said he got the pistol off one of those big dogs." The negroess further testified that upon his return home Williams told his wife that he was "most sure he got one of those big dogs" and that he believed Sid Hatfield "got several of them."

## Springfield Sleep Malady Fatal

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 16.—The second death from sleeping sickness here within a week was announced to-day, the victim being Miss Bridget Green, thirty-eight years old, who died in a hospital after a week's illness. Several other cases are known to exist, but so far none of the patients is said to be in critical condition.

# Art Relics Bring \$24,300

## Belasco and Hearst Among Buyers of Italian Antiques

On the second afternoon of the public sale of the collection of Italian antiques assembled by Luigi Orselli, held under the management of the American Art Association at the American Art Galleries, Madison Square South, the following sales were made:

No. 180, a Florentine intarsia ivory and walnut box to R. S. Canavan, for \$310; No. 182, a Spanish ivory crucifix to David Belasco, for \$340; No. 184, a Spanish carved, painted and gilt wood figure to William R. Hearst, for \$280;

No. 188, a Florentine painted and gilt wood statue to S. Schepps, for \$900; No. 202, a pair of Florentine painted and gilt wood statues to William R. Hearst, for \$550; No. 269, a cruet painted by Giovanni Barossa, to Mr. Hearst, for \$375.

No. 275, a Florentine ceiling painted on canvas, to R. S. Canavan, for \$900; No. 292, a pair of Florentine Gothic wrought iron candlesticks to David Belasco, for \$580; No. 331, a pair of Florentine wrought iron torches, and No. 346, a Florentine wrought iron gate, to S. Schepps, for \$620 and \$350.

The total value of yesterday's sales amounted to \$24,300, with a total for the first two days of \$41,782.50.

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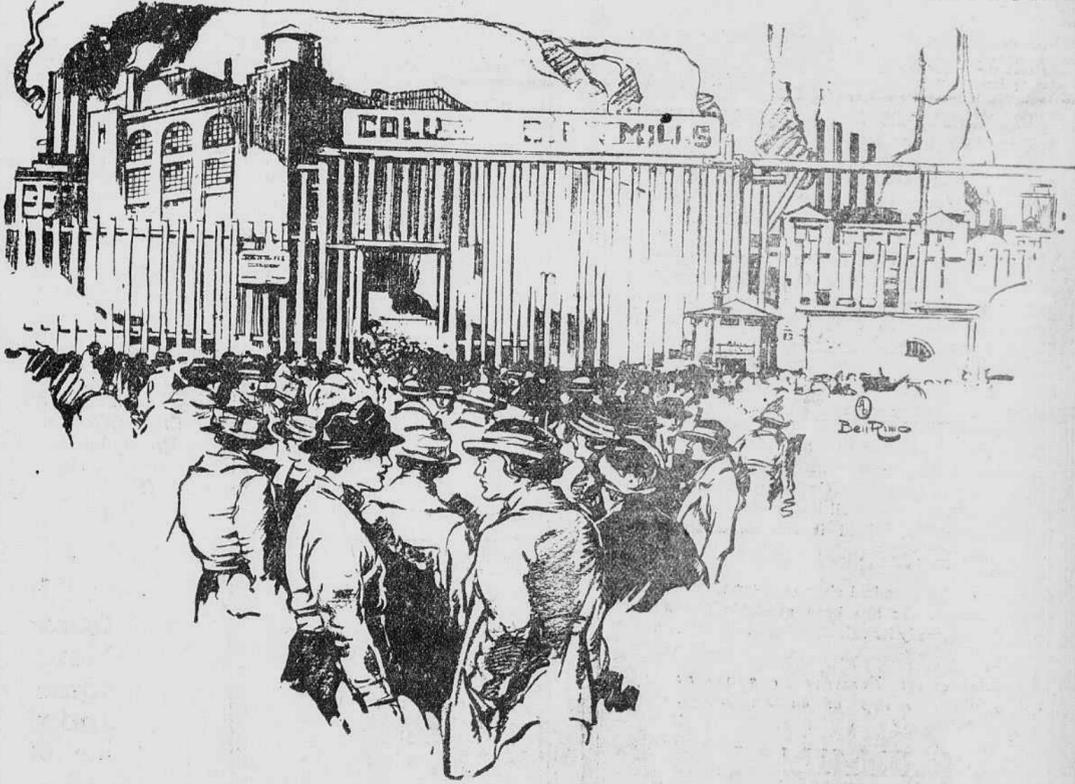
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