

6 Indictments In Graft Probe Planned To-day

Whitman Will Ask True Bills Against Five Members of Police Department and Auto Suspect

Detective Is Questioned

Many Witnesses Summoned in the Dock Department Scandal: Hits Tammany

Former Governor Charles S. Whitman, in charge of the grand jury investigation of the Hyman administration, and his assistants, after the most active day of the inquiry, are prepared to go before the grand jury this afternoon with at least six cases upon which indictments will be asked.

All the evidence, The Tribune was informed last night, will revolve about the police scandal, with the exception of one case. That will be the case against Thomas O'Brien, also known as Frank Moran, alleged confessed auto thief, now held in the Tombs in default of \$20,000 bail.

Mr. Whitman and his aids, who began work at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, believe that the grand jury session to-day will be too short to complete the cases, and it was said in that eventuality Mr. Whitman will request the grand jury to sit Friday morning.

The indictments will be aimed, according to gossip in the Criminal Court Building, against a leading member in the administrative branch of the Police Department; two members of the department now under indictment; two others, one of them close to the powers that be at headquarters, and O'Brien.

Detective Hurries for Lawyer

Detective Sergeant "Joe" Toner, who had been summoned to the Criminal Court Building by Acting District Attorney John H. Barton, left the building when he discovered that he was to be questioned by Mr. Whitman in connection with the Hyman administration inquiry. Toner and his partner, Detective Sergeant McCaddin, both members of the automobile squad, were sent to the District Attorney's office on a telephoned request to Police Commissioner Enright from Mr. Barton, who is acting as District Attorney in the absence of Judge Swann.

When Mr. Barton emerged from Mr. Whitman's office he sent McCaddin in to talk with the former Governor, and as soon as Detective Toner and McCaddin entered the door he left the building. Some time later he reappeared at the District Attorney's office, accompanied by Louis Fridiger, a lawyer. They were met at the dock by the Chinese Charge d'Affaires from Washington and a representative of the State Department. Minister Sze refused to issue a statement prior to rendition of his credentials at Washington.

Incident Amuses Whitman

It was explained to the attorney that Mr. Whitman desired to question Toner.

"Well," retorted Fridiger, "my client was summoned here by Mr. Barton. If Mr. Barton doesn't want to talk to him, we will leave. If Mr. Whitman wants to talk to Toner let him make a request in due form to the commissioner of police or else serve a subpoena."

With that Fridiger and his client again made for the elevator. Mr. Whitman smiled when told of the demonstration by Fridiger and remarked that his conversation with McCaddin had proved eminently satisfactory.

May Involve Tammany Leaders

While Mr. Chivers refused to discuss the matter last night, Mr. Whitman said the developments did not warrant a public statement, it became known that a number of witnesses and the books of several concerns have been subpoenaed for examination to-day.

It is known that if Mr. Whitman and Mr. Chivers are successful in getting the evidence which they are seeking several prominent Tammany Hall and city officials will be involved.

Arthur M. King, who is devoting all his time to the alleged graft in the letting of city contracts, spent a great part of the day in conference with Mr. Whitman. Late yesterday afternoon a police detective sergeant—his name is withheld at Mr. Whitman's request—started out to do what Mr. Swann's process servers had found impossible, to bring in the "missing witness," who is rapidly catching up with the record of "Nicky" Arinstein in avoiding the authorities.

Look for Witness To-morrow

The detective assigned to the case is noted for his staying abilities and it was freely predicted yesterday that the witness would be in the Criminal Court Building by Friday.

One of the witnesses in the O'Brien case who talked to Frederick S. Groehl yesterday was Arthur A. Davis, a former police detective sergeant and now an adjuster for an automobile insurance company. Mr. Groehl last night of the success in the O'Brien case to the assistance given him by Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis, through his police experience, has given Mr. Whitman and Mr. Groehl a number of other leads.

Bell Boy's Bail Is \$27,000

Ex-Employee of Waldorf Accused of Burglary and Assault

Bail of \$27,000 was set yesterday by Magistrate Rosenblatt, in Jefferson Market Court, in the case of William Baker, ex-bell boy, who was arrested Tuesday night on the sixth floor of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, after he is alleged to have tried to enter a guest's room.

Baker was held in \$25,000 bail on a charge of burglary and in \$1,000 on each of the two charges of felonious assault and violation of the Sullivan law. He was captured by Detective Anthony Capurro, of the hotel's staff, after a hard struggle. Capurro was commended by the court for his catch.

Socialist Is Home Mourning Wife, Hating Bolsheviki

California Man Says That He Has Message for U. S.; Mrs. Schwartz Defied Reds; Starved Herself to Death

Morris Schwartz, former California Socialist, who went to Russia with his wife, a writer known as Jessie H. Mollie, to attend the Third International in Moscow, returned from Europe yesterday on the Aquitania alone. Mrs. Schwartz died in Russia after a hunger strike undertaken when she was arrested by the Bolsheviki for failure to express approval of Bolsheviki doctrine.

Schwartz declared himself to be now a hater of Bolshevism, and added that he had brought a message from Russia to be delivered to the government of the United States.

Before the Aquitania was allowed to proceed from quarantine to her dock 200 steerage passengers were removed to Hoffman Island for examination. There was additional delay at the pier while cabin passengers from disease infected countries were examined. All were permitted to land.

Dr. Sao-Kee Alfred Sze, the new Chinese Ambassador to Washington, who replaces Wellington Koo, was among the first-cabin passengers. Accompanying the minister were his suite of twelve persons, his baby daughter, Miss Yin Chen Betty; H. Ping Sze, second secretary of the legation; Wei Shin Lao, third secretary, and several Chinese managers on the ship. They are going to Palm Beach. Lord Queensborough spoke enthusiastically of the trans-oceanic yacht race plan, but said he knew of no British entry so far.

Other passengers were Captain Haig Bonapartian, former member of the Armenian military mission; General W. Bramwell Booth, of the Volunteers of America; George H. Dornan, publisher; Sir John Foster Fraser, British publicist, and John Murray Anderson, publisher.

Parents of Six Adopt Another

Watchman Earning \$22 a Week New Father to Little Girl

John Lind and Mrs. Anna T. Lind, of 253 Clinton Street, already the parents of six children, adopted another child yesterday, Elinor Lane, five and a half years old.

Although Lind is employed by the Edison Company as watchman at \$22 a week, he explained to Surrogate Foley, his six children are grown up and all working and the total income of the family is \$116 a week.

Little Elinor's mother is dead. Her father, John Joseph Lane, of 297 Thirtieth Street, Brooklyn, has four other children, all under eleven years of age, to look after, and he said the burden was too great. Mr. Lane signed an unconditional surrender of custody and control of Elinor and Surrogate Foley approved of the child's adoption by the Linds.

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Columbia Freshies Hold Fete, But 'Sophs' Hold Chairman

Upper Class Men Seize Major Rooms of Annual Dinner, With Orchestra and Others, After a Battle, Which Precedes Event, in Newark

E. V. Brown, chairman of the dinner committee of the freshman class of Columbia University, went to bed Tuesday night so proud of the complete arrangements he and his fellows had made for the freshman dinner that he couldn't get much sleep. As a matter of fact, he would have been wiser if he had followed the example of more prudent freshmen and spent the night in Newark, where the dinner was to take place at noon yesterday in the Robert Treat Hotel.

For about the time Chairman Brown was completing the secret negotiations with the management of the hotel a sophomore student of the ouija board was completing negotiations with the proprietor of the Robert Treat Hotel. It was the design of the sophomores to rent the garage temporarily as a freshman jail and lock freshmen up in it as fast as they arrived from New York for the dinner.

They would have been more successful if all the freshmen had shared Mr. Brown's confidence and impelled their lack of confidence impelled more than one hundred, however, to spend the night in Newark, and it was the privilege of these cautious spirits to look on from the windows of the Robert Treat at as lively a scrimmage as Newark has seen for many a day.

'Sophs' on Hand at 6 a. m.

More than 100 of the sophomores posted themselves near the tube station at 6 a. m. and the very next train brought a luckless score of freshmen. Almost the entire outfit was kidnaped by the sophomores and locked up in the garage. One who escaped made his way back to Jersey City and warned the next increment.

These got on the train at Harrison and took a circuitous route off to the hotel. On the way they stopped at the Center Street garage, but as the prisoners there were on their honor and securely locked up as well the

Strike Pickets Beat Employer; Rob And Wreck Shop

The detectives there about this case," said Magistrate McGovern, "I instructed a special officer to accompany Weiser in an effort to identify his assailants. Weiser said he had been unconscious for some time after the attackers left his shop, but that a call had been put in to the police station for a patrolman, who did not arrive for twenty-five minutes.

The police of the Thirty-fifth Street station admitted that they had received a report of a robbery and assault at Weiser's place.

George Weiser, proprietor of the Fair Sex Dress Company, 295 Lexington Avenue, was swathed in bandages as he told Chief Magistrate William McAdoo, in Yorkville court yesterday, how fifteen pickets, operating on a strike declared in his place of business a week ago, entered the shop yesterday morning and beat him into unconsciousness, robbing him of silks worth \$2,000 and wrecking the fixtures of the place.

When the pickets began beating him, Weiser said, one of his women employees ran out the back way and blew a police whistle, but no assistance was obtained until he later telephoned to the police station. Some time afterward a policeman arrived from the station.

By that time, Weiser told the magistrate, his store had been wrecked and himself beaten into unconsciousness. He said that the damage was such that he had been compelled to close his doors for the day.

Questioned by the magistrate, Weiser said he had recognized one of his assailants and was able to identify him if given the opportunity. He said he had been to the East Thirty-fifth Street station to make a complaint of the attack on him, but had been instructed to go to the court with it.

"You go back to the station and tell

Jeweler Drops Bandit in Pistol Duel With Two

Merchant, Though Stunned by Blow of Blackjack, Gets Revolver From Safe and Fires Upon Robbers

Bullet Enters Back of One Wounded Thug Threatens Policeman; Companion Flees After the Encounter

Charles Madison, of 174 Sands Street, Brooklyn, was shot in the back and is a prisoner in the Holy Family Hospital, Brooklyn, as the result of an attempt to hold up the jewelry store of Irving E. Soloway, 125 Sands Street, late yesterday afternoon. Six shots were fired during the pistol duel which followed when the jeweler, though stunned by a blow from a blackjack, opened fire on two alleged robbers.

According to the version of the fight which Soloway gave the police, he was standing in front of a showcase near the door when two men entered his store. As he went forward to ask them what they wished, he said, one of the two men hit him over the left temple with a blackjack, knocking him down.

The two men left the jeweler where he fell and went to one of the showcases. Soloway said that he was only partly stunned by the blow and that, unobserved by the two men, he crawled behind a showcase and made his way on his hands and knees to a large safe in the rear of the store.

The jeweler fired a final shot, the bullet entering Madison's back. Patrolman Charles McGovern, of the Poplar Street station, on hearing the first shots of the duel, hurried to the store. He entered just as Soloway fired his last shot.

McGovern said that Madison turned his gun on him, but before he could fire McGovern pulled his own revolver and said: "If you don't throw that gun away I'll shoot."

Madison had no reply to make to this threat, for Soloway's last bullet had taken effect. He collapsed on the floor, the pistol falling from his hand. Madison's companion fled. He is described as about twenty-five years old, very tall with light brown hair.

The interior of the store was badly damaged by the bullets and the plate glass window of the store was shattered.

Kills Himself With Gun On Crowded Ferryboat

Aged Passenger's Shout and Shot Cause Panic Among Richmond Commuters

"I'm going to end it all!" shouted an aged man who had been pacing the upper deck of the Staten Island ferryboat Brooklyn last night as it approached its slip at the Battery.

With the words he drew a rusty revolver from his pocket, placed its muzzle against his temple and pulled the trigger.

The shout and the shot sent men, women and children rushing for the stairs in a panic. Somehow the crowd got to the lower deck without breaking any legs or arms. Dr. McDonald, P. M. of New Dorp, S. I., was on the boat and ascertained that the man had killed himself outright.

He was about sixty-five years old, 5 feet 11 inches in height and weighed about 185 pounds. He wore a brown overcoat, a gray suit and a gray hat. In his pockets were tickets for the Salvation Army Memorial Hotel, dated February 21 and 22, and a pawtucket showing that he had obtained \$1 on a stickpin. The only cartridge in his revolver was the one he discharged.

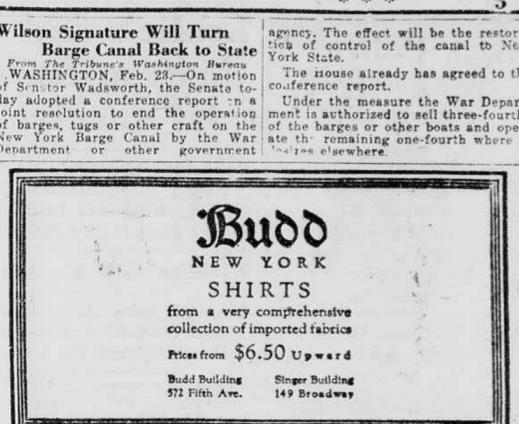
Champ Clark Ill at Home

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Champ Clark, Democratic leader of the House is ill with a cold at his home here, but it was said today his condition was not serious. Mr. Clark hoped to get back to the House before his retirement on March 4.

Wilson Signature Will Turn Barge Canal Back to State

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—On motion of Senator Wadsworth, the Senate today adopted a conference report on a joint resolution to end the operation of barges, tugs or other craft on the day Barge Canal by the War Department or other government agency. The effect will be the restoration of control of the canal to New York State.

The House already has agreed to the conference report. Under the measure the War Department is authorized to sell three-fourths of the barges or other boats and operate the remaining one-fourth where it is desired elsewhere.

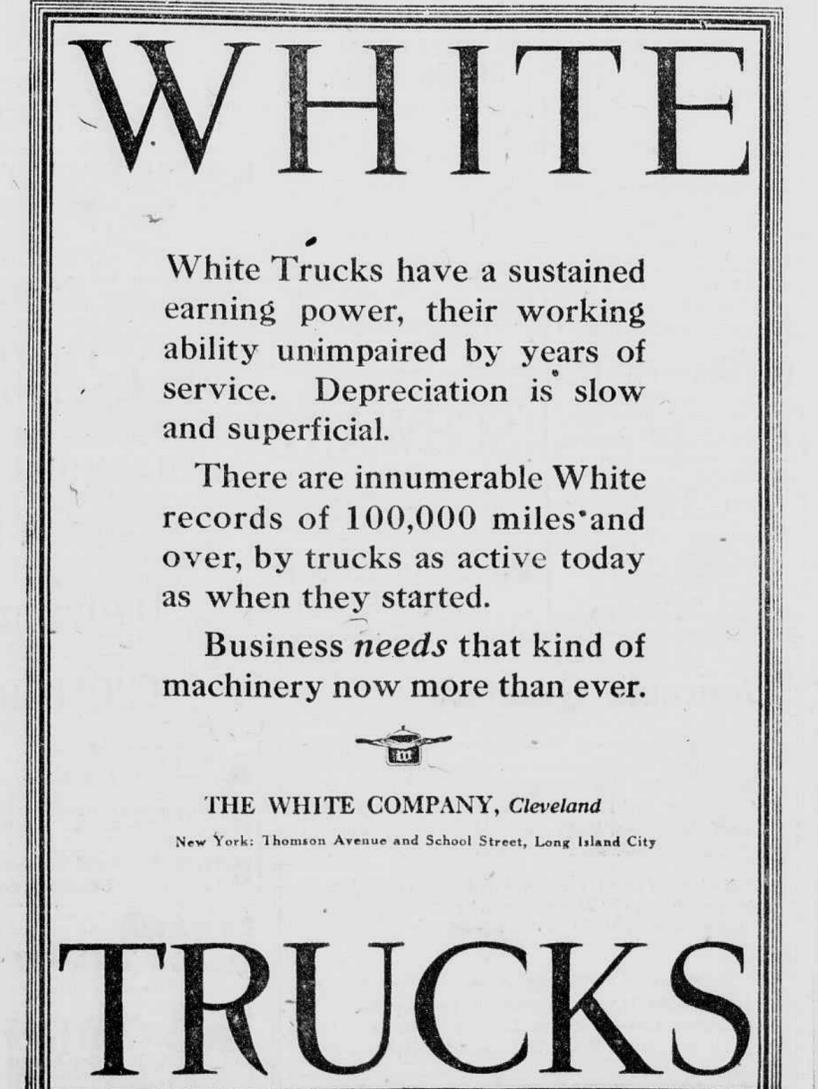


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- (3) List of purchases and sales of all securities made during the week.
- (4) List of new collateral loans made.
- (5) List of all loans paid since last meeting.
- (6) Memorandum of all borrowers who have increased their loans \$1,000 or more since the last meeting of the Board.
- (7) List of commercial discounts.
- (8) Memorandum of loans maturing during the coming week.
- (9) List of purchases, sales and credits made by the Foreign Department.
- (10) General matters of banking policy and special business which may require action.

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