

COPS STAND IN WITH CROOKS.

STEVE O'BRIEN ADMITS IT, BUT SAYS IT ISN'T COMMON.

Talks for McAdoo at an Albany Hearing on the Committee of Nine's Police Bill—Says He Hates Thieves as Stool Pigeons, but That Doesn't License Him.

ALBANY, April 4.—"I must believe criminals who have done important work for me, that men in my department have stood them up and gone through them."

Inspector O'Brien appeared before the committee to represent Police Commissioner McAdoo in support of the Committee of Nine's police bill, the most important provision of which is for a new detective bureau abolishing the office of detective sergeant.

Inspector O'Brien made the statement after Henry De Forest Baldwin had declared that detectives were in league with pickpockets and thieves.

Referring to the detective sergeant he said: "Years ago it was possible for a man to work up to the grade of detective sergeant and hold it through merit and efficiency alone. But some who were inefficient thought it would be best to have the Legislature make the place of detective sergeant permanent and the result is that there are inefficient men holding the position and the law has placed a commercial value on the place. Men have become detective sergeants through paying \$3,000 and \$4,000 for the appointments, and they don't know a thief from a bunch of bees."

He was asked about detectives standing in with thieves and said: "I am informed that there are a minority of men who, I am sorry to say, do that."

He was also asked if it was true, as had been charged, that in case a man who had influence was being tried, they could be restored to him. The inspector replied: "Well, I can't say as to that. That reminds me of the time, forty or fifty years ago, when a person wanted to win favor from Thurloe Weed, when politics got so much like, he would have Mr. Weed's watch stolen and then would have it returned to Mr. Weed, who would not forget it and always rewarded."

"But if you would have detectives, pay them money enough to put them in some temptation. A detective has to dress well, wear among all classes of people, and he has to spend money in his trade that he can never have returned to him."

"Do you know of such a thing as stool pigeons in the department," asked Assemblyman Horridge.

"I must say that I have thieves whom I employ to do important work in order to serve the ends of justice, but I pay them for their work and that is all. Of course there is no understanding that they have a license to steal. Why, you talk about dishonest detectives! Let me tell you that the detectives as a class are an honest body of men. Suppose a man is touched for \$200 and a detective goes out and gets the thing. Why, he could get \$1,000 to square things, but he doesn't do it."

"The only way you can clean out the city and make it pure and wholesome is through the detective department. All the important work is done by the Detective Bureau. No one knows who the chief of police of New York city is, but everybody knows who the chief of detectives is. I am expressing the views of Commissioner McAdoo on this bill."

The Committee of Nine was represented by Mr. Baldwin, James McKeen, William Church Osborn, Isaac N. Seligman and T. Ludlow Johnson. Mr. McKeen spoke for Asten G. Fox, the chairman. Commissioner McAdoo could not attend, but he sent a letter in which he said:

"I am more than ever convinced, on reflection, that the Detective Bureau should be entirely independent of the uniformed force and be subject only to the Commissioner himself. If the bureau is honestly and efficiently administered it is a check and guard on every uniformed man in New York, sees that he does his duty and is honest in the performance of it."

Mr. Baldwin gave an account of the work of the committee and the investigations it had made, and said that a professional policeman should be at the head of the department.

"There is no doubt that the police are in league with criminals. It would be impossible for the pickpockets to flourish and operate so openly unless they stood in with the detectives. All the important information from thieves in the Tombs and they told me that all the horsecar thieves were in league with police, and their testimony was corroborated."

Coming to the vice bureau, he said: "The men in the Police Department say if that bureau is created it will prevent the captains from delivering the goods, and that is what we want. It is argued that it will concentrate graft. So it might. We don't think we are going to remove that entirely, but we do place the responsibility for it."

Mr. Osborn followed and said that District Attorney Jerome didn't approve of the bill except the two suggestions made by him in regard to a vice bureau and abolishing the detective sergeants. In regard to graft he said that while there was no attempt to reform the police as a whole, still this bill would reduce graft by 60 per cent.

Mr. Seligman also spoke in favor of the bill.

IDLE ELEVATED CAR AFIRE

On the Shuttle in Forty-second Street Under Grand Union Hotel Windows.

A fire at 11:20 o'clock last night in an elevated car left on the south side of the Grand Central station of the Forty-second street shuttle line brought the firemen out with four engines and two trucks, the reserves from the Grand Central police station and heads from the windows on the north side of the Grand Union Hotel.

The car had not been in use since 9 o'clock. The fire was discovered by Joseph Florshin, the station agent, only after the flames had attained headway. The power on the line was shut off then and it took half an hour to put the fire out. Interborough officials estimate the loss at \$4,000.

There is a perfect cessation of relief following a case of John's Legislature.—Ad.

SAY JEFFRIES RAN AWAY.

Champion Held to Have Been in One of 3 Autos Going at 25 Miles an Hour.

Bicycle Policemen Durham of the West Chester station and Gall of the Wakefield station rounded up at the West Chester station early last evening a party of a dozen men whom they accused of racing three automobiles on Boston post road. The policemen said that one of the party had escaped by jumping from the automobile and running into a saloon as he caught sight of the police station and that the fugitive was Jeffries, the prizefighter.

The automobiles, the policemen said, raced along the Boston post road for nearly three miles at a speed exceeding twenty-five miles an hour. The bicyclists had great difficulty in keeping up with them and could not have arrested them had they not been obliged to slow up at the sharp turn into Pelham avenue. After they had placed the racers, under arrest, one of the policemen pedaled along in front as a vanguard, the other in the rear, and thus they escorted the party to the station.

Hardly had the policemen told their story when Munroe Crane, a business man with a place of business at 653 West Thirty-ninth street, who lives in Pelham Manor and is prominent in the politics of that section, came racing up to the station on horseback according to his story, he also had witnessed the race. He was riding with his son and daughter, he said, when the autos raced past him and he and his children had great difficulty in controlling their horses. Mr. Crane was considerably wrought up over the occurrence and promised to appear against the automobilists in Morrisania police court this morning.

No attention was paid to the man said to be Jeffries by the police after he had made his escape, but the news that the champion was in a saloon drew a large crowd, which stood around and rubbered at him until his chauffeur was obliged to drive away.

James Bigelow, one of the men arrested, who said he lived at 840 West End avenue, refused to give the name of the owner of the machine. It was in this machine that Jeffries was riding, and it was said that the champion was the owner.

The other drivers were George Mitchell of 545 Lenox avenue and James Roach, who said that their employers were J. M. O'Connell of 133 West 119th street and J. Murphy of 138th street and Amsterdam avenue. Ball in \$200 was furnished for all the drivers by other men in the party. Only the drivers were placed under arrest.

NEW PROTEST ON ROCKEFELLER.

Ministers Say Church Mustn't Be Compromised by Accepting Gift to Missions.

BOSTON, April 4.—The committee of Congregational ministers who entered a protest with the American Board of Foreign Missions against the extension of a gift of \$100,000 from John D. Rockefeller to-day addressed a long statement to the corporation, to members of the board and to the Congregational ministers of the country.

The protesting committee says that since the prudential committee has accepted a report that the gift be retained, they consider the entire church is vitally affected by the action and so they submit a record of the proceedings, together with a fuller statement of the reasons why the money should not be received. The protesting committee says:

"The protest rests on the conviction that the church must not stand in compromising relation to a man who in public thought represents methods that are oppressive and wrong. We cannot disregard the effect of the association which his name, in view of facts that are widespread and notorious, unfortunately carries with it. The moral element lies in moral and spiritual progress. It cannot afford to enter into any relation that may weaken or discredit it in the fulfillment of its task. The main question is one of the moral prestige and power of the Church.

"All the confusion arising from the literal use of the figure 'tainted money' may be thrust aside at once. Money is impersonal. It is not tainted and cannot taint morally. The moral element lies in the men who make it, who give money and in their methods of getting it, and only in relation to these men and their methods can the Church suffer moral damage.

"Though their money gained by fraud or force dribble into our treasury or pour into it by flood, of itself it can bring no contamination. It is by voluntary relation to the donors that moral responsibility stands for the church. The unknown or unnamed benefactor gives the Church is brought into no such conscious and deliberate relation.

"The Church owes it to itself and to the public conscience to acknowledge responsibility when it voluntarily enters into dealings with a man who stands openly impeached of serious offences which it is our duty to condemn."

GAS REPORT IN A FORTNIGHT.

With a Bill Forbidding Independent Existence of Controlled Companies.

Senator Stevens, chairman of the gas investigating committee, said last night that it would not be necessary for the Legislature to take a recess to await the report of the committee. The evidence goes to show that the committee is in session and printed copies of it are on the desks of Senators and Assemblymen the next morning.

"We expect to complete the investigation in ten days or two weeks," said Senator Stevens last night. "We will then present our report, together with some bills. One of them will probably be a bill prohibiting a corporation from being a majority stockholder of another corporation in the same line of business and continuing the corporation so controlled as an alleged independent organization.

"The evidence we have obtained so far shows that the Consolidated Gas Company continues the alleged corporate existence of companies that it controls. That means high salaries for many useless officers and employees, and the consumer pays them."

Senator Stevens said that the committee had adjourned for two days in order that the experts might have a chance to go over the books and plants of the companies.

KILLS THREE WOMEN AND A MAN.

His Wife, Her Father and Mother and Wanda Friend Victims of Arkansas' Rage.

BATEVILLE, Ark., April 4.—John Dow went to Sulphur Rock to-day to see his wife, who was at her father's home, and because she refused to return with him he shot her dead.

Then he shot and killed his wife's mother and a woman friend of hers. His father-in-law shot Dow, but not fatally, the latter being able to return the fire, killing his father-in-law.

TOUR TO SEE WASHINGTON

Covered principal points of attraction of the National Capital, April 6, via Pennsylvania Railroad. Three-day trip. Rate \$100 or \$125, according to class selected. Hearst's Weekly Traveler.—Ad.

THAW WEDS EVELYN NESSBIT

WITH HIS MOTHER PRESENT AND KISSING THE BRIDE.

The Girl's Mother and Stepfather the Only Others Present at Ceremony in Pittsburg—She was a Floradora Girl and the Wedding Has Been a Long One.

PITTSBURGH, April 4.—Harry K. Thaw and Florence Evelyn Nesbit were married this evening in the study of the Rev. William L. McEwan, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg. They were driven to the pastor's residence at 5 o'clock accompanied by Mrs. William Thaw, the mother of the bridegroom, and Joseph C. Thaw.

There they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Holman, stepfather and mother of the bride. No one else was present. The ceremony was brief, and then Mrs. William Thaw, who last fall set her foot down on having anything to do with her son Harry so long as he kept company with Miss Nesbit, the chorus girl, kissed the bride. She took them in her carriage to her home on Fifth avenue and had dinner quietly.

It is believed that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thaw have taken a fast train for New York or some other Eastern city, from which they will sail for Europe.

Social Pittsburg is not gasping over the marriage because social Pittsburg does not yet know of it. It was not until 9 o'clock to-night that the news leaked out and then Mrs. William Thaw, when called up by telephone, admitted that her son Harry had been married to Miss Nesbit this evening. The Rev. Mr. McEwan also admitted that he had performed the ceremony. Later Mr. Holman, stepfather of the bride, came downtown and talked with the Pittsburg newspapers about it. He seemed pleased.

Harry Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit reached Pittsburg from New York this morning. He went to his mother's home, and she went quietly to her mother's home in Oakland. It was her first homecoming since she fell in with young Thaw about two years ago.

Harry K. Thaw first got himself conspicuously before the public about three years ago, when he gave a "beauty dinner" in Paris which is said to have cost \$25,000 and to have had the most beautiful fair women than even the Bohemians of Paris ever saw in one place before. Since then, he has furnished news at the rate of about a column a week. For his extravagance he has always been mainly dependent on his mother, who is a strict Presbyterian, for his father's will left him only \$2,500 a year until he should reach the discreet age of 35. His mother's generosity raised it to \$50,000 a year. His financial arrangement has been to have his mother's money placed in a trust, which she has allowed him to draw on at will.

Miss Nesbit, who, like Thaw, hails from the region of Pittsburg, is about 20 years old. At the age of 15 she came to New York and began to pose as an artist's model. Her beauty of face and figure made her a rage in the studios. She drifted to the stage, and was a success. Her original production of "Floradora" did not, strange to say, originate with her, but as a flower girl, Harry Thaw met her at about that time.

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CHICAGO GOES DEMOCRATIC.

Judge Dunne's Plurality 25,000—Vote on Franchise Question.

CHICAGO, April 4.—Returns from the entire city show that the Democrats won easily. Judge Dunne's plurality over John Maynard Harlan is 24,248. John F. Smulski's election as City Attorney is considered certain. Other places on the city ticket are taken by the Democrats. The ticket elected, with estimated pluralities, follows:

For Mayor, Edward P. Dunne (Dem.), 24,248. For City Treasurer, Frederick W. Blacki (Dem.), 15,000. For City Attorney, John F. Smulski, (Rep.), 10,930. For City Clerk, Adrian C. Anson (Dem.), 10,930.

The vote on the little ballot as indicated by first returns shows a majority against (1) granting the Chicago City Railway Company the so-called tentative ordinance, (2) against granting to that company any franchise and (3) against granting a franchise to any street railway company. The "No" vote apparently leads all three public policy propositions.

Incomplete returns on Aldermanic contests in a majority of the wards show mixed conditions, in which the reform forces have won and lost in their fight with the so-called "gray wolf" element.

At midnight it is asserted by the Republicans that they have elected eighteen out of thirty-five Aldermen, with four wards in doubt. Judge Dunne ran especially strong in the heavy Republican wards, especially the Sixth and Seventh and the Fourteenth. He carried the Twenty-first ward, the home ward of Mr. Harlan.

Edward P. Dunne, the Mayor-elect, has been a resident of the city since 1876. He was born at Waterville, Conn., in 1853. He was admitted to the bar in 1878. He became associated with W. W. O'Brien, in his day the greatest criminal lawyer in the West. Later he was a partner in Coates, Hynes & Dunne, Moran, Hynes, English & Dunne, and Hynes & Dunne, all leading law firms. Judge Dunne disclosed his law partnership just before his election to the bench. He has always taken an active interest in Irish affairs.

CLOSE VOTE IN ST. LOUIS.

Mayor Wells Likely to Be Re-elected by Small Plurality.

ST. LOUIS, April 4.—The municipal election held here to-day was the quietest ever held in St. Louis. Up to midnight returns had been received from 162 precincts, which showed that Talty, Republican candidate for Mayor, had polled 16,209 votes, and Wells, Democrat and present incumbent, 14,826, giving Talty a plurality of 333.

Meriwether, public ownership, and Brandt, Socialist candidate, ran away behind their tickets of four years ago. The returns thus far received are mainly from the river ward and south end, strong Talty districts. It is believed that when he returns from the residence district are compiled Wells will be shown to be elected by a small plurality.

The proposed issue of \$9,000,000 bonds is doubtless defeated.

NASSAU COUNTY DEMOCRATIC.

Turnover in North Hempstead—Last Year County was Republican.

MINHOLA, L. I., April 4.—The Democrats will control the affairs of Nassau county as a result of the election to-day. Last fall the county went Republican.

In North Hempstead there was a turnover and former County Judge Robert Seabury was elected as a Democrat. The gives the Democrats two members of the board.

In Oyster Bay the entire Democratic ticket was elected with the exception of Town Clerk.

In Hempstead the Democrats made a clean sweep, electing Arthur Briery a justice of the peace, which insures that the Town Board will be Democratic.

IOWA'S GOVERNOR STICKS.

His Term and That of Other Officials Extended a Year by Court.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 4.—By the terms of a decision of the Iowa Supreme Court handed down to-day the term of G. A. B. Cummins and all other State officials is extended one year. Members of the State Legislature also get an extra year.

This decision was the result of a suit brought by the family of the late Governor, who had the family ultimatum gave him the choice of leaving Miss Nesbit or of living on his \$2,500 a year. Another grant that an offer of \$25,000 had been made to Miss Nesbit to give him up.

Two years ago Alice Cornelia Thaw, Harry's sister, married the Earl of Yarmouth, rather against the wishes of her family. Harry Thaw stuck out for the match, and was on the programme to give the bride away at the ceremony. He failed to appear, however, and a younger brother took his place. It was said at that time that Harry Thaw was angry because the Earl insisted before he would go on with his marriage.

OVERCOAT FOUND IN THE SEA.

Tailor Who Made It Says It Was for Capt. Edward Swanson.

Capt. William Carmen, of the fishing sloop William C, of 24 Bayview avenue, Rockaway Beach, put into Gravesend Bay yesterday afternoon and after going ashore reported to the Bath Beach police that while cruising off Coney Island, about a mile from shore and between the Manhattan Beach and Brighton Beach hotels, he found floating in the ocean a man's chinchilla overcoat, a light fedora hat and a pair of rubbers, all which he turned over to the police. On the collar of the coat was the maker's name, William Shapiro, 615 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn.

The coat was shown to Shapiro last night and he declared that he remembers mentioning it for a seafaring man who gave the name of Capt. Edward Swanson. He says he identified the coat by a peculiar mark of the tail, made especially for the captain because of his business of climbing aboard vessels. The tailor could not remember what ship his customer was attached to, nor did he have on his records the address on shore given at the time the coat was made, more than a year ago. The material of the coat was Oxford gray chinchilla and the coat was \$25.

From the description given to the police it is thought the owner of the coat was a pilot and that while boarding a ship, carrying his overcoat and storm rig on his arm, he had dropped them overboard. The police are holding the clothing for the appearance of an owner.

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TO FIX DOMINICAN CLAIMS.

COMMISSION OF CREDITOR NATIONALS MAY BE NAMED.

Foreign Claimants Not Likely to Accept Prof. Hollander's Conclusions—New Tribunal to Meet in Santo Domingo City—No Word of Belgium's Protest.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—An International Commission, of representatives of the creditor nations of Santo Domingo, will, in all probability, be appointed some time this summer for the purpose of adjudicating the claims against the Dominican Government. This commission will probably meet soon before the Senate convenes next fall.

It is certain that all creditor nations will not readily acquiesce in President Roosevelt's action in sending Prof. Jacob H. Hollander to Santo Domingo to investigate all claims, and few if any of the countries will be willing to accept Prof. Hollander's conclusions. Of course the conclusions of Prof. Hollander cannot be made binding on the United States or any foreign government.

It was announced to-day that a tribunal would be selected to go over the various claims. This tribunal will be international in its composition and will probably meet in Santo Domingo City. The findings will be final and will be the basis for the settlement of the claims against Santo Domingo regardless of the action of the United States Senate. If the Senate refuses to ratify the treaty the conclusions of the commission will be used by the various creditors in pushing their claims.

There is no doubt in the minds of Government officials here that some of the claims against the Dominican Government have been greatly inflated and that a thorough investigation and re-estimation will result in a great cutting of the total indebtedness of \$20,000,000.

The State Department has not been informed of the objections reported to have been offered to the new arrangement by the Belgian creditors. If they have made a protest against the proposed arrangement Minister Dawson will report it to the State Department as soon as he is informed.

In his original telegram to the President outlining the proposed modus vivendi Minister Dawson indicated that the French and Belgian creditors had not acquiesced in the scheme, but said that the representatives of these creditors had recommended that the plan be adopted. Since then Minister Dawson has sent nothing to show that France and Belgium had agreed to the modus.

The French and Belgian creditors are holders of \$16,000,000 worth of bonds, which constitute what is known as the "foreign debt" of the republic. They have secured by a convention signed in 1901, which stipulated certain periodical payments. In case these payments failed, the customs receipts of the ports of Santo Domingo City and Macoris were to be applied. The creditors have never been able to make collections.

Col. A. G. Colton, who has been made chief director of customs in Santo Domingo, will leave Washington early next week and will probably take with him the other collectors who have been appointed. Minister Dawson has not responded to the State Department's inquiry relative to the salaries of the officers.

MENINGITIS IN GERMANY.

Disease Has Appeared in the Suburbs of Berlin.

Berlin, April 4.—Cerebro-spinal meningitis has appeared in some of the central provinces of Germany. It is reported that a few cases have occurred in the suburbs of Berlin. The newspapers say that the mortality from the disease in Silesia is now 55 per cent.

The annual manoeuvres of the Sixth Army Corps in Silesia have been abandoned because they would entail the summoning of the reservists from infected districts.

BREWERY'S WIFE KILLED.

Mrs. Gustavus A. Muller of Philadelphia the Victim of a Collision.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—Following a collision between the carriage in which a trolley was returning from the theatre and a trolley car, Mrs. Gustavus A. Muller, wife of Gustavus A. Muller, head of the Birger & Engel Brewing Company and president of the Ridge Avenue Bank, was instantly killed a few minutes after midnight this morning. The accident occurred at Eighteenth and Stiles streets. An Eighteenth street car struck the rear wheel of the carriage with such force as to hurl the coachman, David Conroy, from the box. He was seriously injured. The horses dashed up Stiles street, and Mrs. Muller, being much excited, leaped from the carriage, despite the efforts of her husband and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Stoer, who were also in the carriage, to restrain her. She fell heavily, striking her head on the hard pavement. It is believed that death was instantaneous.

The horses continued out Stiles street with Mr. Muller and Mr. and Mrs. Stoer in the carriage. They did not stop until they reached Twenty-fifth street and Girard avenue. Mr. Muller then rushed back to the scene of the collision. When he arrived at Eighteenth and Stiles streets he was told that Mrs. Muller and the coachman had been taken to the German Hospital. He hurried to the institution and there learned that his wife was dead.

RUNAWAY IMPERILS SIX.

Women and Children in Carriage Saved From Injury by Two Policemen.

Mrs. Frederick P. Ballard, who lives at 212th street and White Plains road, the Bronx, went driving in a two-seated surrey yesterday afternoon, with her daughter Marion, her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. M. Ballard, Mrs. R. W. Green and the latter's seven-year-old daughter, Helen. They had gone but a short distance along White Plains road when a whiffetree broke and the horses bolted.

The driver, David Baldwin, was unable to control the team and they dashed along the road, with the carriage swinging first to one side, then to the other, narrowly missing the iron poles holding the trolley wires. At 226th street Police men G. Call and Crane of the West Chester station ran out, and each grabbed a horse by the bridle and held on. The team came to a stop after dragging them a block and tearing their clothing considerably.

None of the women was hurt, but Miss Marion Ballard had fainted. The driver said that when the horses bolted Mrs. Green picked up her daughter and tried to jump out, but he prevented her.

ASSASSIN INVADERS HOSPITAL.

Tries to Kill Russian Policeman, Already Wounded.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. WARSAW, April 4.—A man whose identity has not yet been established, to-night entered the hospital where three policemen who were injured by a bomb explosion on March 26 were lying and shot one of them in the back with a revolver. The man then escaped.

The policeman who was shot is named Sarap. He is especially hated for the brutality he displayed during the recent riots.

All