INDICTED AS LETTER THIEF

UNCLE SAM SAYS T. P. RILEY ROBBED HIS FILES.

Market for the Stolen Material Was Handy—Riley Is the Sugar Traffic Manager Who Helped Convict Several Railroads of Rebating to the Trust.

United States Attorney Henry A. Wise believes he has caught the man who stole from his office files the letter written to him last summer by Attorney-General Wickersham and subsequently published in the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, owned by W. R. Hearst. A bench warrant was issued yesterday afternoon following an indictment found by the Federal Grand Jury against Thomas P. Riley, formerly traffic manager of the American Sugar Refining Company and for two years past a special investigator for the Interstate Commerce Commission, with desk room in District Attorney Wise's office. Riley was located in Newark, N. J., and was trailed to the ferry at Jersey City. As soon as he reached this side of the river he was put under arrest by Marshal Henkel and locked up in the Tombs until Monday, when he will be arraigned.

While Riley was still in the employ of the American Sugar Refining Company as traffic manager he turned informer. It was on information furnished by him that the New York Central, the Rock Island, the Western Transit Company, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Central Vermont and other railroads and transit companies were indicted for rebating on sugar shipments and after pleas of guilty were heavily fined. So valuable were his services that he was appointed by former District Attorney Henry L. Stimson a special investigator for the Interstate Commerce Commission and was provided with a desk in the office of Assistant District Attorney Crim.

The purloining of the Wickersham letter is not the only theft attributed to Riley. The indictment charges him with stealing in addition to that letter two letters written to John E. Parsons by Charles R. Heike, secretary of the American Sugar Refining Company, and also certain minutes of the board of directors of the sugar trust. The Heike letters and the board of directors' minutes were in Mr. Wise's possession under subpœna presumably to be used in the Government's sugar investigation.

The Wickersham letter appears in the January number of the *Cosmopolitan* in an article written by Charles P. Norcross entitled "Tragedies of the Sugar Trust." The two Heike letters follow:

April 19, 1909.

John E. Parsons, Esq., 52 William Street, New York City.

DEAR SIR: The enclosed advertisement is from the New York *Evening Post* of last Saturday, and is a notice to the holders of the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company's bonds. Mr. Thomas asked me to send it to you that you may decide whether we shall do anything in regard to it. Yours very truly, C. R. HEIKE, Secretary.

April 27, 1908.

John E. Parsons, Esq., 52 William Street, New York.

DEAR SIR: I received the letter from Mr. Lindabury enclosing one from Norman Grey in reference to expense of printing of book and pleadings in the Segal case. I enclose check for $244, to the order of Richard V. Lindabury, and I return Mr. Grey's letter. Yours very truly,

C. R. HEIKE, Secretary.

The board of directors' minutes stolen reported an adjourned meeting of the directors at the residence of H. O. Havemeyer on December 4, 1900, at which dividends were declared of 1¾ per cent. on common and preferred. It was also resolved that the treasurer be authorized to invest $400,000 in the preferred stock at par of the National Sugar Refining Company in addition to previous investments.

C. R. Heike, secretary, was authorized to receive and give receipt for all money due and payable to the company from any source whatever, and Frank C. Turner, agent of the company at Boston, was authorized to do the same; and the reelection of directors Charles H. Senff and W. B. Thomas was recommended to the stockholders.

The specific charge against Riley as expressed in the indictment is "taking and publishing letters and private papers without authority." The offence is a violation of the United States statutes and the New York Penal Law. The theft, the indictment states, was committed on July 1, 1909.

Among the witnesses examined in the investigation were Managing Editor Maxwell of the *Cosmopolitan Magazine* and George von Utassy, business manager. Whether other indictments and arrests will follow in the same case Mr. Wise would not say. Government secrets have been leaking out of the Federal Building from time to time and appearing in a Hearst newspaper.

The stolen letter written to Mr. Wise by Attorney-General Wickersham is as follows:

WASHINGTON, Sunday, 6-27-'09.

MY DEAR WISE: Senator Root has sent me the proof of a petition signed by Bowers, Milburn & Guthrie in support of their contention that the statute of limitations has run in favor of Messrs. Parsons, Kissel and Harned. If the only overt acts done to carry out the objects of the unlawful conspiracy were those referred to in the brief I should think they were insufficient to save the bar of the statute. A strong effort will be made to-morrow to persuade the President to interfere in some way to prevent the indictments, but aside from that no indictments should be returned against any one if there is no reasonable ground to believe they can be sustained—if, for instance, the offences charged are clearly barred by the statute. I need hardly say this to you. What I want to impress upon you is that if you have any reasonable doubt in the matter you either have the Grand Jury ask the Court for instructions or if that is not feasible that you advise the Department of the specific charges on which you rely to save the statute before actually having the indictments brought in. You may telephone either to me or to Mr. Ellis if I should be out of the Department when you call on this point. Faithfully yours, GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM.

P. S.—As I am writing from my house and have no copy of this, will you kindly have your typewriter make and send me a copy?

CASE COMES TO NEW YORK.

Massachusetts Supreme Court Denies Jurisdiction of Johnson Will.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—Through a decision by the Supreme Court to-day the contest over the will of Mrs. Caroline E. Johnson, of New York and Newport, who left $2,000,000, is transferred from Massachusetts to New York, her domicile.

The decision was handed down in the case of Charles S. Rackemann, executor, vs. Josephine W. Taylor and Fanny L. Johnson of New York, daughters, who are the contestants.

The executor offered the will for probate in Suffolk county and Judge George, against the objection of the daughters, took jurisdiction and allowed it. They appealed, and now the full bench holds that Judge George was wrong.

Mrs. Johnson died in New York in 1908. She had a residence also at Newport, but had not been domiciled in Massachusetts since her marriage, in 1847, and had lived in New York for sixty years. She had not been here for more than sixteen years before her death.

SONG AND CHEER FOR HORTON.

Bradford County, Pa., Greets the Veteran Broker at Its Yearly Feast.

The Bradford County Society gave Harry L. Horton, the broker, a dinner last night at the Hotel Plaza, and 278 Bradford countyites gave "Uncle Harry" a right merry time.

Bradford has been trying to edge out of Pennsylvania into this State for upward of a century, and people in Chemung and Tioga counties, just over the line, complain now and then that they are being shoved. It is certain that Bradford is spilling quantities of her best citizens every year into New York. There are 350 of them here now by Norman Hicks's official records, and every Lehigh train is likely to drop off another. As some of them admitted last night, they may have hit town with milk on their shoes, but it didn't take long to get a new pair of shoes.

Two of the busiest people at the dinner were Allan W. Gernert of the Bankers Trust Company and William E. Carnochan. Mr. Gernert led the Mendelssohn Glee Club as Kapellmeister, and whenever there was a lull Mr. Gernert rang a bell and they let loose a parody of a popular song, the words of which were distinctly joshful and directed to a Bradfordite of prominence. As for Mr. Carnochan, he talked all over the nice white banquet room, turning off regular side-spitters as easy as you please.

Tinkle-tinkle-tinkle-clang! the bell would go, and then a collection of exiles from Asylum or Sugar Run Station would sing to the tune of "The Wearing of the Green" a verse of a song written especially for the occasion by Montague Glass. The song was entitled "The Watering of the Milk" and concerned John F. McCauley, president of the society, who deals in milk. Sugar Run sang this verse:

Oh, I spoke to Harry Horton and requested him to state
If he thought that milk was harmful when a person drank it straight.
And he said that stocks and milk were such that any honest man
Could profit by the water in the bottom of the can.

And up from a round table near the Fifth avenue side arose a bunch from Troy and Athens, and they sang to McCauley and Harry Horton:

Oh, I spoke to Harry Horton and requested him to say
If chalk and bran as merchandise would sell enough to pay.
He said anything in Wall Street will compensate a man
Provided there is water in the bottom of the can.

Bedford and Rummerfield and Towanda and all the tank stations along the Lehigh Valley came right back with another verse. By that time everybody in the room was up and shouting in with the song. Here is the song of the Lehigh tank stations:

Oh, I spoke to Harry Horton and I asked him to explain
If a dairyman was honest when he sold less milk than rain;
He answered with asperity: "Ain't I an honest man?
"And I always sold the water from the bottom of the can."

There were speeches by William Maxwell, Judge F. C. Moore, Tom Fitch, Winchell Smith and Harry L. Horton, who thanked them for the pleasant things they had said about him.

Among the Bradford county folk and their guests were Col. Daniel Appleton, Justice James A Blanchard, Dr. John Carnochan, Frank P. Case, Howard Conant, Alfred H. Curtis, Henry P. Davison, William A. Glennon, Bert A. Gaylord, Frank J. Goodwin, Norman P. Hicks, E. F. Hutton, Ellery P. Ingham, George W. Kipp, E. M. Lookwood, Jeremiah J. Lynch, Robert C. Morris, Louis T. Piolett, George A. Post, Major-Gen. Charles F. Roe, Capt. Lewis W. Stotesbury, Judge Peter Schmuck, William H. Taylor, Frederick D. Underwood, Col. A. G. Wood, H. P. Watson and Everett Waterhouse.

FINKELSTEIN BURROW FILLED.

Ludlow Street Gapes Another Day, Then Moves On Again.

The hole dug in Ludlow street in the search for the body of Isaac Finkelstein was filled in yesterday. Chief Inspector Reville of the Building Department pasted an "unsafe" notice on the door of the empty building from which the tunneller had operated, covered over the entrance to the cellar and said that as far as he was concerned the Finkelstein case was finished.

Rumors that a second body had been found in the tunnel brought hundreds of idlers to Grand and Ludlow streets yesterday. They stood and prattled about the dead man's schemes, each one with a different theory. Finally four policemen were sent over from Eldridge street to make room for the laborers to wield their shovels. Boards were placed across Ludlow street just above the tenement at 53, where Finkelstein lived, and the Grand street crowd were kept moving. At 4 o'clock the hole had been filled and traffic was resumed.

Finkelstein's body lay on a horse hair sofa on the third floor of the tenement, covered with a coarse blanket. In the hall outside the room a line waited to see it. Mrs. Finkelstein sat in a rocking chair by the sofa. For each group she pulled down the blanket, and then motioned to a soup plate placed on a table for contributions. To-day, his friends say, the body will be buried by a branch of the fraternal organization to which Finkelstein belonged before he left Russia.

Zirinsky, the Grand street jeweler whose shop is supposed to have been Finkelstein's objective point, kept himself in the public eye yesterday by jumping his estimate of the value of his goods from $60,000 to $75,000, and sending a postcard which he said he had received in the morning over to Eldridge street for Capt. Day's examination. The card was written in ink and said: "Look out for your store. A friend." The police are not alarmed by Zirinsky's suspicions of a wholesale plot.

GIRL ACCUSES OCULIST.

Charles Hunt's Servant Has Him Arrested—A Thief Herself.

Charles Hunt, an oculist, living at 2185 Broadway, was arrested last night on the complaint of a sixteen-year-old Irish girl, Kathleen Donohue, a servant in his house, who charged him with assault. At the West Sixty-eighth street police station he said he owned real estate worth a quarter of a million dollars and could furnish that much bail if necessary. His bail was not accepted and he was locked up.

The girl was engaged as a maid by Mrs. Mary L. Hunt, wife of the oculist, last November. Yesterday morning she told her only relation in the country, an aunt, Mrs. John Murray of 225 East Fifty-third street, that Hunt had mistreated her.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Murray and a friend went to the Hunt home. Hunt denied the servant's accusations and charged her with stealing a diamond ring valued at $60. Mr. Murray called in Policeman Clarence Quinn, to whom Hunt repeated his denial. Kathleen admitted having taken the ring and sent it to a friend in Ireland for a Christmas present.

The policeman arrested both the oculist and the girl.

Mrs. Hunt followed her husband to the station and questioned Kathleen about her relations with him. The girl declared that the oculist had given her presents when Mrs. Hunt was not at home. She said her conscience hurt her.

Lieut. Hayes told Hunt that a Magistrate's bond would be necessary for his release. Kathleen Donohue was held on a charge of grand larceny.

Vardaman Still 16 Votes Short.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 8.—The sixth and last ballot for United States Senator resulted in no election and the caucus adjourned till Monday night.

Vardaman showed 70 votes, Percy 27, Alexander 22, Anderson 16, Kyle 15, Byrd 11, scattering 9. The vote cast was 170; necessary for a choice, 86.

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Renaissance Lace Bed Sets, all-over, hand made:
WERE NOW
$40.00 each.....$25.00
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Marie Antoinette Bed Sets, imported, strictly hand made:
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$25.00 each.....$16.50
$35.00 each.....$22.50
$40.00 each.....$25.00

Real Arabian Bed Sets, made on fine net:
WERE NOW
$25.00 each.....$15.00
$42.50 each.....$27.50
$50.00 each.....$32.50
$60.00 each.....$42.50

Filet Lace Curtains, beautifully hand made, imported goods, in 2 pair lots only:
WERE NOW
$40.00 a pair.....$25.00
$45.00 a pair.....$30.00
$55.00 a pair.....$37.50
$87.50 a pair.....$60.00

Renaissance Lace Curtains, our own direct importation, made on cable net, in 1, 2 and 3 pair lots only:
WERE NOW
$9.00 a pair.....$6.00
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$20.00 a pair.....$14.50
$22.50 a pair.....$15.50

Door Panels, 500 of them, in either white or ecru; size 3x4.6 feet; regularly 39c each, now.....19c

Bedroom Screens, about 500, with weathered oak frame, filled with pretty silkoline. Regularly 89c each, now.....69c

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Third Floor, 59th St. Section.

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$18 Flat Top Desk, golden oak, 42-inch size..... $12.50
$20 Flat Top Desk, quartered golden oak, 42-inch size..... $14.50
$15 Flat Top Desk, sanitary, golden oak, 48-inch size..... $11.00
$24 Flat Top Desk, sanitary, golden oak, 60-inch size..... $18.00
$30 Flat Top Desk, early English oak, 60-inch size..... $22.50
$30 Roll Top Desk, weathered oak, 36-inch size..... $14.50
$24 Roll Top Desk, golden oak, 48-inch size, at..... $18.75
$30 Roll Top Desk, quartered golden oak, 48-inch size, at... $22.50
$30 Roll Top Desk, quartered golden oak, 54-inch size, at... $26.00
$45 Bankers' Roll Top Desk, quartered golden oak, 60-inch size, at..... $35.00
$48 Roll Top Desk, quartered golden oak, 60-inch size..... $25.00
Revolving Office Chairs, at prices beginning way down at..... $3.50
Arm and Side Chairs, with velvet, cane or saddle seats, at about half regular prices, or ranging up from..... $1 to $15

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To make this early showing of new silks even more interesting, the best European and American weaves are liberally represented. Particularly interesting are the silk foulards in the showerproof, messaline and Liberty finishes, with plain or jacquard grounds, in both single and double widths. Of course all sizes and combinations of the ever popular polka dots are included. Prices, 89c, 98c, $1.25 and on up to yd., $1.98

Main Floor, 3d Ave. Section.

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Main Floor, 59th St. Section.

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Our annual sale of business stationery and office supplies at decisively reduced prices will commence to-morrow, Monday, morning. Here are a few of the unusual values to be secured:

Ledgers, Journals, Cash Books, etc., good quality paper, bound in canvas:
300 pages.....49c | 400 pages.....59c | 500 pages.....69c
600 pages.....79c | 800 pages.....99c

Letter Copying Books, 10x12 inches, canvas bound, white or Manila paper, at.....47c

Stafford's Commercial Ink, blue black which changes to a permanent black:
Half pint.....18c | Pint.....29c | Quart.....45c

David's Mucilage, warranted pure gum arabic:
Half pint.....15c | Pint.....23c | Quart.....31c

Desk Pads, with leather corners to hold blotter, 19x24 inches, at..... 19c
Blotting Paper, full-size sheet, 19x25 inches, per doz..... 35c
Blotting Paper, package of 12 sheets, handy size, at..... 4c
Daily Calendar Pad, with stand, at..... 25c
Royal Daily Calendar Pads, with stand..... 45c
Falcon Box File, "the one that stands alone," special, at..... 39c
The Atlas File, a strong box file, alphabetically indexed, at..... 23c
Typewriter Paper, full letter size, 500 sheets to the box..... 45c
Typewriter Ribbons, for the leading machines, guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, at..... 35c
Business Envelopes, good quality white paper, 6¾ size, per box of 200..... 19c

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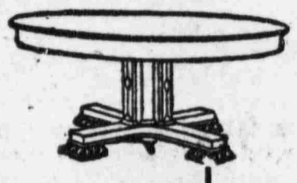

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