

DIAMONDS SMUGGLED IN A PICTURE FRAME

Cut Stones Worth \$17,000 Are Found in Parcel Sent by Mail From Amsterdam.

GEM DEALER ARRESTED

Scheme to Defraud Government Accidentally Discovered by Post Office Clerk.

Last little carelessness in wrapping a package upon a cloverly conceived plan to smuggle cut diamonds into this port and uncovered a smuggling scheme that may have already cost the Government many thousands of dollars.

On Monday afternoon Newark Brackett, a clerk in the registry department of the post office, opened up a small oblong package that jutted as though there was broken glass inside.

He opened it and found that it was a picture frame holding the picture of a wide-eyed woman and inscribed in prominent letters "The finest wrapping the glass covering the picture had been broken."

Brackett was trying to clear the frame of the broken glass when the back came loose and something that sparkled more than the bits of glass dropped out on his desk.

He took up a diamond and held it to the light and saw that it was a diamond. He held the frame and diamonds after diamond dropped out. There were about 210 of the stones in all and the estimates of value ranged between \$17,000 and \$18,000.

Collector Loeb was told of the find and Assistant United States Attorney Whitney had H. D. Hesterbrook and N. G. Gorter of the secret service assigned to investigate the case.

The detectives tried the Astor House, N. Gorter had a room there but no amount of poking revealed his whereabouts. Then the detectives watched the registry window, but although the window remained open long after regular hours no one appeared to claim the innocent looking picture and its diamond studded frame.

But early yesterday morning very soon after the registry window opened for business Nathan A. Green, well known to the customs people as a diamond merchant at 124 Pearl street, who was thought to deal mostly in uncut stones, on which there is no duty, came to claim the package.

He had the regular registry notice addressed to N. Gorter and understood no himself. It soon as he had signed for and received the package he was arrested.

Green was taken to Assistant United States Attorney Whitney's office, where he made admissions that amounted to a confession. He said that no such persons as N. Gorter and K. Bort existed and that the diamond carrying photograph case had come from his brother, Simon Green, who lives in Amsterdam, Holland, the diamond cutting centre of the world.

Mr. Green declared emphatically that never before had he received cut stones from Amsterdam or anywhere else. All his other importations, he said, had been uncut stones which he cut and polished at his own Pearl street factory and which had been properly declared when brought over.

But the authorities didn't quite believe the diamond dealer and the Treasury agents went down to the Pearl street shop, where they seized cut diamonds valued at \$40,000. These with the \$17,000 or \$18,000 worth that came by the picture frame route are being held at the Custom House until it is shown that Green received them without defrauding the Government.

The diamond merchant was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields. He waived examination and was held in \$5,000 bail for the Federal grand jury. The penalty for the offense with which he is charged is two years in prison or \$5,000 fine or both, in addition to that he will lose the diamonds that came in the picture frame.

After getting bail Green went back to his Pearl street shop, where eleven men were found busy at the diamond cutting and polishing machines. He repeated his denial that he had ever brought in cut diamonds here yesterday, that he had learned his business in Amsterdam and had come from there four years ago to do business here.

LAWYERS MORTGAGE CO. RICHARD N. HURD, President Capital & Surplus, \$8,500,000 GUARANTEED MORTGAGES NETTING 4 1/2% TAX EXEMPT

GAYNOR PRAISES SOCIAL WORKERS. Every Day in the Year You'll Be in Better Health If You Drink White Rock Water.

White Rock Water. Alfred L. Loomis, M.D., L.L.D., the famous professor of Pathology, says: "Mineral Water should be freely drunk at all times. Especially those carbonated Lithia Waters whose properties are alkaline are always of service."

B. Altman & Co. Advance Spring Styles in Misses' Garments. are now being shown, consisting of TAILOR-MADE SUITS, STREET AND AFTER-NOON DRESSES AND SHORT-LENGTH COATS.

GAYNOR SILENT ON SECOND TERM PLAN

Lustgarten Gives Reasons Why Mayor Should Be Renominated.

Mayor Gaynor had no comments to make yesterday on the published declarations of William Lustgarten, leader of the Progressive Democrats, that headquarters will be established in the interest of Mr. Gaynor's candidacy for a second term as Mayor of New York.

Mr. Lustgarten said that the Mayor will be renominated, if necessary he will be named by petition and will run as an independent candidate. Plans of the establishment of headquarters near Park street and Broadway from which petitions will be circulated through every Assembly district in New York, and sub-committees will be formed to further the scheme.

Mr. Lustgarten said he thinks that the other members of the Board of Estimate who have helped the Mayor since the last administration this city has ever had might also be retained in office.

Mr. Lustgarten and his friends have named themselves the Citizens' Committee. Three hundred men will constitute the limit of membership. At present there are fifty men on the committee.

The Mayor has said recently that he is not a candidate for reelection. But for some time it has been rumored in the Tammany Hall that he would accept an independent nomination if it were offered to him.

Mr. Lustgarten intimated that a Tammany nomination would not run counter to the plans of his committee. Political gossip in the City Hall, however, has fixed upon John Burrows Mitchell, president of the Board of Estimate, as a possible candidate for the Tammany nomination.

The reasons why Mr. Gaynor should be re-elected were enumerated by Lustgarten as follows: First—His handling of the police situation. He has minimized graft in the Police Department and stopped clubbing of citizens. He has induced his attitude on the part of the individual to his own person a total interference by the police into the rank and file of the force.

Second—His overhauling of the Board of Water Supply, minimizing waste and extravagance. Third—His abolishment of the tolls on bridges and declaring all to be public thoroughfares. Fourth—Equalizing assessments in the city.

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SEVERE RASH ON NECK AND LEGS

Also on Scalp, Crust on Head, Hair Falling Out, Skin Raw and Sore. Couldn't Sleep. Cured by Cuticura Soap and Ointment.

281 West 177th St., New York, N. Y. — "My child had a light crust on her head and a severe rash on her neck and her legs. There was a red rash on her scalp and her hair was falling out. The eruption on her body was red and she was burning. The skin was raw and very sore. She was very cross at night and couldn't sleep. Her hair was falling out gradually and caused her to become bald in some places."

"I used Cuticura Soap, and they all failed. My husband one day brought home one cake of Cuticura Soap and the Cuticura Ointment. When the child awoke every morning I gave her a bath and rubbed the Cuticura Soap in well to her scalp and body and put on the sore parts the Cuticura Ointment. The itching and burning of the inflamed parts of her neck and legs and her head were cured by Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I have no trouble with her at all."

Blind, Mrs. J. J. Haggerty, June 11, 1912. Although the Cuticura Soap and Ointment are most successful in the treatment of affections of the skin, scalp, hair and hands, they are also most valuable for everyday use in the toilet, bath and nursery because they promote and maintain the health of the skin and hair from infancy to age. Cuticura Soap (25c.) and Cuticura Ointment (50c.) are sold by druggists and dealers throughout the world. A single set is often sufficient. Liberal sample of each mailed free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. T, Boston."

It would have been almost impossible for me to have had my hair so thick and so healthy as it is now if I had not used Cuticura Soap and Ointment. My hair is now so thick and so healthy that I can wear it up in a bun and it will stay there all day long. I have never had a headache since I began using Cuticura Soap and Ointment. My skin is now so soft and so smooth that I can wear any kind of dress and it will not irritate me. I have never had a rash or a sore since I began using Cuticura Soap and Ointment. My hair is now so thick and so healthy that I can wear it up in a bun and it will stay there all day long.

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SECOND GRAND JURY FOR NEW HAVEN R. R.

William Rand, Jr., to Aid the Government in Further Investigation.

Judge Learned Hand in the United States District Court yesterday swore in a special Federal Grand Jury to take the place of one which indicted President Mellen of the New Haven, President Chamberlin of the Grand Trunk, and Chairman Alfred W. Smithers of the latter road after a protracted investigation of the railroad situation in southern New England.

In the meantime United States Attorney Wise will continue his fight to prove that Jurymen Albert A. Stephens was a bona fide resident of this State and that in consequence the indictments against the railroad men were valid.

To meet the possibility of an adverse verdict by the jury to be appointed to determine Stephens' residence it is said that the new Grand Jury will hand down additional indictments against Mr. Mellen, Mr. Chamberlin and Mr. Smithers.

Immediately after the jury was sworn in it began its investigation of the railroad cases. Among the witnesses were Edgar J. Rich, general solicitor for the Boston and Maine Railway, President E. H. Fitzhugh of the Central Vermont, N. K. Duran, secretary to President Mellen, N. Kinsella, secretary to President Chamberlin, and James S. Murdock of the Southern New England Railroad. In response to a subpoena directed to the New York, New Haven and Hartford road, Attorney John W. H. Grim produced certain books and papers to aid the investigation.

James G. Adkins of the Department of Justice will be assisted in the present investigation by William Rand, Jr., who has been engaged as a special Government attorney.

NEW HAVEN ACCUSED AGAIN. Bull Steamship Line Man Complains of Monopoly in Maine. Washington, Jan. 21—Charges that the New Haven, through its steamship and rail lines, maintains a monopoly in Maine, were made today by Ernest M. Bull of the A. H. Bull Steamship Company before the shipping trust investigators today.

The witnesses alleged that the Maine Central maintains excessive rates from inland points to Stockton Springs, where the Bull Line steamers berth, and thereby prevents them from getting business. Bull refused to cooperate with his company, although both operated with the Maine Steamship Company controlled by the New Haven road.

Bull endorsed Chairman Alexander's suggestion for a law forcing all carrying lines who make a prorating agreement to file a copy with the Interstate Commerce Commission and to offer the same contract to all. These rate pooling combinations exist all over the country, the witness said, "Effectually preventing any outside competition."

Wife Sues Howard Gould Again. Katharine Clemons Gould filed a notice of trial in the Supreme Court yesterday of suit against her husband Howard Gould to recover \$3,000 which she was compelled to pay on a million-dollar bill after the Lichtenstein Millinery Company got a judgment against her. Representative Littleton, attorney for Mr. Gould, said the case would be defended.

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SHERIFF TO OUST ALL JAILERS.

Gov. Sulzer Will Hear Charges as to Removing the Sheriff.

BRIDGEPORT, Jan. 21—Sheriff Melville E. Brush of Suffolk county reported to the Board of Supervisors late today that he intended to carry out the recommendation of the Grand Jury which investigated the escape of Esther Harris from the county jail and dismiss all the jail attendants. A committee of Supervisors is making an independent inquiry into the escape.

Sheriff Brush said tonight that he can convince the Governor the charges were "stuffed" against him by men who are anxious to put a Democrat in his job. He asserts that a majority of the members of the Agricultural Society are Democrats and Bull Moose.

ALBANY, Jan. 21—Charges were filed with Gov. Sulzer today by the Riverhead Town Agricultural Society against Sheriff Brush of Suffolk county. The Governor has set February 4 for the hearing. The Sheriff is accused of neglect of duty and inefficiency.

It is alleged that the Sheriff permitted Esther Harris to leave jail at will and also entertained her at dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

The complaint adds that Brush permitted "trusties" to go to baseball games. It is charged that there have been six escapes from the county jail besides that of the Harris woman.

Lieut. Gibson's Family Saved From Fire. WASHINGTON, Del., Jan. 21—Fire early today destroyed the home of Lieut. Gibson at Fort Belvoir, causing a loss of \$12,000. Lieut. Gibson Mrs. Gibson, their eight-year-old daughter and a negro servant fled in night clothing to the roof and were carried down ladders.

Resignation Strengthens Rockefeller Hold on Western Maryland. Winslow S. Pierce has resigned as a director of the Western Maryland Railway and also from the executive committee of the road.

Mr. Pierce said yesterday he was retiring from the board to devote himself more closely to other work. The retirement of Mr. Pierce and the succession of Mr. Pierce was interpreted as indicating the further withdrawal of the Gould interest from the predominating position it formerly occupied in the road and the substitution of the Rockefeller power, resulting in removing the road still further as a part of the Gould system and strengthening of the alliance with the New York Central lines.

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\$250,000 Fire in Alberta.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

This Quickly Cleanses Both Hair and Scalp.

"A harmless and entirely satisfactory shampoo can be enjoyed at little expense," says Mrs. Mae Martyn in the Los Angeles Bee. "If you get an original package of canthrox from your druggist and dissolve a teaspoonful in a cup of hot water. This is enough mixture for a thorough cleansing of both hair and scalp."

J. J. HILL PROSPERITY'S HERALD

Thinks Great Northern Will Show \$10,000,000 Gross Gain This Year.

James J. Hill was cheerful in his view of Western business conditions upon his arrival here yesterday on a ten days' visit from the West. He declared that in the Northwest he had seen no falling off in the general advance of business prosperity and intimated that in his opinion Eastern men were unduly concerned about the political situation.

Great Northern, he said, shows an increase of \$10,000,000 in gross revenues for the same period last year. At that rate, he said, the road will show an increase of \$10,000,000 in gross revenues for the year ending next June over the previous year.

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Another development came today when the court refused to issue a writ of mandamus, as asked by the Uncle Sam company, prohibiting the Secretary of the Interior from carrying out his order for the removal of the Ouzage councilmen. The court held that the Secretary acted within his legal rights in removing the councilmen.

T. J. Leahy, attorney for the Ouzage chiefs ousted by Fisher, was questioned at length by Mr. Fisher.

That Leahy had an interest in the assignment of one of the leases for 200,000 acres to the Uncle Sam Oil Company was elicited by Representative Burke. The witness admitted that he and two cousins were related to Ouzage Indians by marriage and that each one of the family stood to profit \$12,500 by the deal. Leahy admitted that other leases agreed to "divide up" the Ouzage oil territory.

Another of one of the deposed chiefs, Leahy admitted, was financially interested in the cancelled leases.

"Wasn't one Indian paid \$700 by T. Leahy, your cousin from a 'slush fund'?" Secretary Fisher asked.

Leahy admitted that it was true.

SUFFRAGE CONVENTIONS MEET. Leaders Urged to Stand Together in Coming Campaign.

Borough conventions of the Woman's suffrage party all through the city met last night with Assembly district leaders and delegates elected on last Tuesday in attendance.

Twenty-three of the twenty-nine leaders and the delegates for the Borough of Manhattan were present at the meeting at 19 East Twenty-eighth street, presided over by Borough Chairman Mrs. Harriet Laidlaw.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt urged the leaders to stand together and to help all other suffrage organizations in the coming campaign. If suffrage lost now, she said, it would lose forever. She urged them to stand by their friends, as Blaine did.

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