

## WHITMAN NOW AFTER HIRERS OF PERJURER

### Dresner Admits He Was Paid, and May Reveal Men "Higher Up."

## LANGER QUESTIONED

### Dollar John Is Said to Have Told of Holdup by Strong Arm Squad.

## BECKER TO TAKE STAND

### Counsel Says He Will Face Deep Questioning on His Life Record.

Carl Dresner, the bartender who pleaded guilty to committing perjury at the hearing for a new trial of the gunmen before Justice Goff last Saturday, admitted yesterday that he had talked with persons other than the gunmen's lawyers before he testified and that he received money from them.

His revelations were not important in the investigation of the case, but they were significant in that he has begun to change his statement made on Wednesday that he had seen no one but Police Lieut. John Becker, who said he turned the bartender away, and that he had received nothing.

Dresner told F. J. Groehl, Mr. Whitman's assistant, who is working on the case, that he talked with Jacob Rosenberg, father of Lefty Louie, in the office of Wahle & Kringsel last Friday and Saturday. He refused to say what money he received, but declared that Mr. Rosenberg had not given him anything and in any event the sum was only sufficient to tide him over a day or two. It was not a bribe, reward or price.

**Full Story Is Expected.**

Having gone this far Mr. Whitman believes the pale, undersized, weak looking prisoner will go further. He will be put through a course of questions to-day and to-morrow and the day after that until, it is thought, he will solve the mystery behind the sudden simultaneous appearance of four witnesses in a case to which the law was soon to write "finis."

John Langer, Dollar John, the poolroom man mentioned by Hugo Frank Chubb as the chief of the squad himself, was after the night Rosenthal was shot, visited Mr. Whitman yesterday. Langer remained closeted for two hours with the prosecutor. Neither he nor any one in the office would say a word about the interview. It was said that he had not thrown much light upon the case.

Langer, it is said, told Mr. Whitman that he had been raided by Becker and his strong arm squad; that he had been backed against the wall and deprived of his bankroll, a watch and other possessions by the chief of the squad himself. He got the watch back. He was approached by Rosenthal to go to the District Attorney's office and corroborate the story told by Rosenthal, but he had no idea of going. He had heard, as a rumor, just as many others heard, that because of his situation it had been decided by those who decided such things that it would be best to get him out of the way. Bridget Webber had suggested to him that it would be a good thing for him to go away and he had gone to Canada.

**His Memory Weak.**

Langer could not remember, among other things, whether he was in Arverne or Rockaway that Monday night or Tuesday morning when Rosenthal was killed. The thing had passed out of his mind.

Mr. Whitman believes that some of the men Becker raided may help in the case and he will summon them. Among these will be Abe Hahlo, Abe the Rebbler, and one or two more.

The District Attorney's office wanted it understood yesterday that there was no suspicion attaching to Mr. Rosenberg, the father of the boy executed at Sing Sing last Monday morning. They know he actually bore the entire expense of the legal proceedings which carried the case of the four men to the highest court. They know he practically spent every dollar he had to save his son and they are willing to accept Dresner's statement that he had not seen Mr. Rosenberg until after he had gone to the law office to make his affidavit. What the District Attorney is seeking is the name or names of the man or men who started the bartender and Harwell, Kalmanson and the others to the offices of Wahle & Kringsel before Friday.

Mr. Whitman's agents have located Harwell, the billiard player and pool shark, 11 Hartford, Conn., and an assistant started for the Connecticut capital yesterday afternoon to have a talk with the man. An effort will be made to have him come down to the city and talk with Mr. Whitman. No one is particularly confident that he will come. Harwell is a strong character, although he has a record of many criminal convictions. He has no illusions about being "in bad" with the authorities, and he knows the law about as well as a lawyer.

Sam Kalmanson, the third witness, is now in Buffalo and if Mr. Whitman deems it there will be no trouble in finding him.

Dresner called attention to himself yesterday, being cited when he sent a complaint to the District Court Building. He did not like his cell. He was in a tier where the other inmates spent the night calling him a "squealer." He wanted to be

## J. K. HACKETT MAY BECOME A BARON

### Actor Who Came Into Fortune Said to Have Ambitions for Title.

### HAS GOOD FAMILY TREE

### An Ancestor Accompanied Wil- liam the Conqueror to England's Shore.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 16.—Now that James K. Hackett, the actor, has become a wealthy man through an inheritance from a niece he has an ambition to become a peer. If he persists in his present determination he will file a claim to be recognized as Baron Hackett of Hacketstown and Sheldon Abbey, County Carlow, Ireland.

According to his pedigree, which Mr. Hackett has worked out, he is descended from Heket, one of the barons who came over from France with William the Conqueror, whose name, he asserts, is inscribed in Williams' "Six and Thirty Nobles," dated 1066, upon a pillar of Battle Abbey, near Hastings.

One of Heket's progeny, so the tale goes, was an expedition and obtained vast estates and seigniories, his descendants becoming barons and powerful magnates in Ireland.

In 1839, Mr. Hackett says, the Court Journal contained the announcement of the death of Edmund Baron Hackett. The true inheritor, whose title Mr. Hackett claims, was James Henry Hackett of New York. The estates were lost during the revolutions in Ireland.

While the peerage is extinct Mr. Hackett is confident that it could be revived in his favor. He is therefore meditating over the idea of attempting to secure a peerage for the American stage as an offset to the knighthood of the English stage.

James K. Hackett's friends were not surprised to learn last night that he can be a baron if he wants to be. Surprised in his case are nothing new to him. After a man has come into about \$1,200,000 from a relative whose death he has set forth in her will, which gave him the money, there is nothing else which can cause surprise.

Baron Hackett of Hacketstown? Of course he is, said A. L. Jacobs, who has been the actor's counsel and personal friend for years. "I have seen the papers, and although I am not an expert heraldry or genealogy I am certain he has a genuine claim."

Hackett's father, Falstaff Hackett, the actor, was born in this country, but his grandfather, who was a business man, came of the distinguished family. It was always known that the title rightfully belonged to that branch. Just out of curiosity a few years ago James K. Hackett had the records traced back to the time of William the Conqueror. This record had all sorts of titles on it and was authentic. It was lost somewhere a year or two ago, but it is easily duplicated.

There need be no fear, however, that James K. Hackett will ever do more than establish his claim merely. He will never become a British subject, for he is an American and proud of it. It will be a satisfaction, however, for him to hand the family record down to his daughter, whom he idolizes.

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**KAISER'S BUST NOT FOR PARIS.**

German Sculptor Wanted to Exhibit It at Old Salon.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

PARIS, April 16.—An unexpected incident has disturbed the peace of the Salon des Artistes Francais, which will have its opening on April 30.

A German sculptor named Bezner, who has lived in Paris for sixteen years, wished to send in a bust of the Kaiser, which the latter had authorized him to exhibit. The Salon authorities, headed by M. Antonin Mercié, the president, did their utmost to prevent Herr Bezner from exhibiting the bust, but the sculptor as the winner of three medals was entitled to exhibit his work without submitting it to a jury.

M. Mercié then threatened to prevent the acceptance of the bust, as he can do in case any work offered is considered to be offensive from a political or moral standpoint. He pointed out to Herr Bezner that there was a possibility that the exhibition of the bust at election time might cause trouble. The sculptor then agreed to withhold the bust from the exhibition.

A portrait of the Kaiser was exhibited at the Salon in 1902 without causing any incident.

**\$250 BEQUEST TO BUY CIGARS.**

Made in Will of Bishop Vincent's Sister-in-law.

CINCINNATI, April 16.—The sum of \$250, with which he is to buy the best cigars he can, is the unusual bequest made by Oliver W. Norton of Chicago in the will of his lifelong friend Mrs. Elizabeth C. Vincent, sister-in-law of Bishop Boyd Vincent of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Southern Ohio diocese. The will was filed for probate here today.

Elizabeth Prentiss, a grandniece, who lives in Montclair, N. J., receives a diamond pin which was presented to Mrs. Vincent by the late Gen. Vincent. Elizabeth Prentiss is requested in the will to preserve the pin and never to lend it as long as she lives. She also gets other jewelry and \$1,000.

Rosaline Doremus and Mary Prentiss, both nieces of the testatrix and living in Montclair, receive \$1,000 and \$1,200, respectively. Theon L. Prentiss of Montclair gets \$500.

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## TWO SHAMROCKS BEING BUILT?

### To Be Tried Against Present Yacht to Decide on Challenger.

### Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

### LONDON, April 16.—Sir Thomas Lipton is having two Shamrocks built, according to a report from Dublin. This might account for the great secrecy which has been observed at the yards at Gosport, where they are being built.

In June the new yachts, it is said, will be tried against the present Shamrock, and the result of these contests will settle which one will be sent across the Atlantic to try for the America's Cup.

The Royal Ulster Yacht Club has challenged for a race for the America's cup and has named the Shamrock IV, owned by Sir Thomas Lipton, as its representative. No mention was made in the conditions agreed on by the New York Yacht Club, the defenders, and the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, the challengers, of two yachts being built and the better of the two being sent across the ocean. It was specifically mentioned in the challenge that the challenger should be the Shamrock IV, and that the length on the waterline should be 75 feet.

The Shamrock IV has had two yachts built. It is questionable if the New York Yacht Club will agree to have the fastest of the two brought here to race for the cup. It will also be hard to determine which of the two is the one mentioned in the challenge.

When a challenge was sent on behalf of Sir Thomas Lipton in 1906 he asked that he be allowed to build two yachts and send the better one after the prize. That challenge was not accepted.

## ILLNESS OF ASTOR POSTPONES WEDDING

### Mr. and Mrs. Huntington An- nounce Indefinite Change of Date From April 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Huntington of Staatsburg announced yesterday that the wedding of their daughter, Miss Helen Dinmore Huntington, and Vincent Astor would be postponed indefinitely. No invitations will be sent out until after Mr. Astor, who is at the Huntington home, has fully recovered from his illness. The wedding had been set for April 30.

The physicians attending Mr. Astor announced yesterday that they believed he had passed the crisis. He is still very ill, however, and every precaution is being taken to prevent complications. Dr. Herdman of Staatsburg continues to spend each night at the bedside.

It was said that while Mr. Astor might be regarded as convalescent no arrangements for a trip to the South had been thought of.

The engagement of Mr. Astor and Miss Huntington was announced on November 3 last. It was one of the most notable in years and was of wide interest in Europe and this country.

Hopland House, the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Huntington, adjoins that which Mr. Astor inherited from his father, Col. John Jacob Astor, who perished two years ago Wednesday in the Titanic wreck. He and Miss Huntington have known each other since childhood. Miss Huntington was introduced to New York society about two years ago. She is 20 years old. Mr. Astor is in his twenty-third year.

Their wedding was to have taken place in St. Margaret's Church, Staatsburg, where Mr. and Mrs. Huntington were married in 1892. Because of the size of the church only 250 guests were to be invited and they were to leave New York by special train. Hermann Oelrichs was to be Mr. Astor's best man, and the bride's only attendant was to be her sister, Miss Alice Huntington.

**MOVES HOUSE TO DIE HAPPY.**

shifts It From Vermont to Massachusetts, Where It Formerly Was.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., April 16.—Eleanor Larabee has moved his house from Vermont into Massachusetts because he was born in Massachusetts and wants to die in the old Bay State.

When he built a home in Williamstown he supposed that he was in the State. Then Government surveyors came along and changed the State boundary after he had paid taxes to Massachusetts for several years. Larabee then had a new cellar dug over in Massachusetts and yesterday moved his residence into the Bay State. The change cost him \$1,000.

**BURGULARS IN IVES APARTMENT.**

Ransack Drawers and Closets and Get \$4,000 in Loot.

Burglars got into the apartment of Walker E. Ives, a broker, at 480 Park avenue, last night and after turning the place upside down got away with \$4,000 worth of jewelry, silverware and clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ives, who recently returned from Europe, went out early in the evening and returned about 11 o'clock. They found bureau drawers pulled out and the contents scattered over the floor and closets ransacked. From marks on the rear windows which open on a fire escape it seemed that the burglars had entered that way by jimmying the window. They left the same way, for the doors had not been touched.

In their haste the thieves overlooked a pocketbook under a mattress which contained \$400 in gold and some jewelry.

**"JUNK" PROVED TO BE \$5,860.**

Box Little Thought Of Contained Cash and Bank Book.

A box containing \$50 in cash and a bankbook showing deposits of \$5,000 has been turned over to Paul Busch of 788 East 130th Street, son of Mrs. Anna Gertrude Busch of 221 East Eighty-eighth street, who died in a sanitarium here on March 17.

Just before she died Mrs. Busch sent her best friend, Mrs. J. Budge of 121 Lewis Street, Union Hill, N. J., who took charge of the funeral arrangements. A nurse handled her the box, saying, "You might as well have this junk." When she saw what was in it she hunted for the son and gave the money to him. He took out papers of administration of his mother's estate yesterday. He had not known that she had any property.

## EXTRA 8.30 A. M.

### 11 KNOWN DEAD IN 8TH AVE. FIRE

### Eight Other Tenants of Rooming House Are Missing.

### SEVEN BADLY HURT

### Blaze Starts in Basement of No. 371, Near Forty- sixth Street.

### TWO JUMP TO DEATH

### Others Die in Wild Rush to Es- cape From Upper Stories.

Eleven persons are known to be dead, eight others are missing and seven are in the Polyclinic Hospital as the result of an early morning fire to-day in a six story rooming house at 371 and 373 Eighth avenue, near Forty-sixth street.

According to Chief Kenlon this is only a partial list of the fatalities, for the house was well filled and several tenants are still missing.

The work of the police and firemen was heroic. While the flames were surging through the building they risked their lives to drive the tenants out. Two at least jumped from rear windows and were killed by falling on the pavement three stories below.

Men from Hook and Ladder No. 4 broke into a room and found six bodies. Four men and one woman who was shielding a baby as though to protect it from the flames. All had been suffocated.

The bodies were taken to the West Forty-seventh street station.

After the alarm had been turned in firemen searching the place heard moans and found a man overcome by smoke in the apartment where the fire was first discovered. He was on the floor and the flames had already reached his face and head, burning him terribly. He was Joseph Messer, a property man in the Hippodrome. He was taken to Polyclinic Hospital and will die.

An unidentified woman was carried down stairs and died on the way to the hospital. As the fire was further under control, and that was not until it had spread through the three top floors of the building, the police began to find more bodies and the list of fatalities grew from the original estimate of one dead to the total of nearly twenty, which Chief Kenlon gave at 3 o'clock this morning.

The fire started, Chief Kenlon found, in a rubbish heap in the basement of a 5 and 10 cent store which occupied the ground floor. It rushed through the building so rapidly that men and women were smothered as they tried to get down the stairs. Yet the fire authorities hold that the escapes were adequate and not a soul would have been lost if the frightened tenants had used the escapes and not stumbled down the hallways in panic.

The place is a six story structure and the fire had worked its way up to the third floor when it was discovered by Edward Enkes, who has an apartment at that story.

At first it was believed that there was no one killed, but a thud in the rear told the watchers that some one had jumped. The body of an unknown man was found in the areaway. Others had jumped before that and their bodies were soon found.

Chief Kenlon announced at 3 o'clock this morning that eleven bodies had been recovered.

It was impossible to know accurately how many were missing. There were sixteen families known to live above the third floor.

**COAL STRIKE COSTS \$15,000,000.**

And Settlement of Colorado Trouble Is Not in Sight.

DENVER, April 16.—Thus far the Colorado coal strike has cost \$15,000,000. A settlement, or even the possibility of adjustment, appears far off.

The total compiled to-day is gathered from only four interests—the strikers, the State, the coal companies and the railroads. If an estimate could be made from every angle—retailer, wholesaler, manufacturer, coal consumer—all who have suffered in any way—the figures might easily be trebled.

The output of coal in the whole State has been reduced to 60 per cent of normal. That normal output is placed at 11,900,000 tons annually.

## Return of Salute Customary

### WASHINGTON, April 16.—The Navy Department issued this statement to-night:

"It is national salute is fired as an 'armado honorable' it is invariably returned, gun for gun, by a vessel of war of the Power whose flag has thus been saluted. This is in accordance with international comity and there are many precedents to establish the custom.

"Admiral Mayo's written communication to the Mexican General Zaragoza at Tampico on April 9 was the original demand made for a salute to the flag. In this communication Gen. Zaragoza was informed by Admiral Mayo that the salute would be returned by the Dolphin."

### HOW SALUTE WILL BE FIRED.

### Mexican Gunboat Will Fly U. S. Flag While Firing 21 Guns.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The ceremonies of interchanging the national salute in the event of the promised reparation by Huerta will be simple. Whether the salute will be fired from a Mexican gunboat or from one of the Mexican military fortifications at Tampico will depend on whether Huerta's gunboats return in time. The ceremony will be as follows:

The Mexicans will run up the Stars and Stripes to the mainmasthead of one of their gunboats or, in the event the gunboats are not present, to the flagstaff of the fort. A salute of twenty-one guns will then be fired by the Mexican saluting battery.

As the last shot booms the Stars and Stripes will be hauled down and at the mainmast of the United States despatch boat Dolphin, the national standard of Mexico will be broken out. The Dolphin's saluting gun will then repeat the twenty-one gun salute of the Mexicans in acknowledgment of the apology. During the ceremony the officers of both services will stand at attention.

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## AWAIT SHOUT OF "LIAR!" FROM DEPTHS OF JUNGLE

### Ananias Club Election Likely to Follow Story of the 'Discovered' River.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 16.—A man who recently arrived from Brazil brings an amusing story of how Col. Theodore Roosevelt unwittingly made the hero of a carefully stage managed discovery.

Before the arrival of Col. Roosevelt in Brazil his hosts of friends held a meeting and called on the services of the best geographers and explorers with the idea of fixing up a plan so that the Colonel should not emerge from his trip to the interior without discovering something. After many things had been discussed it was decided that a river would be about the best thing to "discover," as unknown rivers are numerous in Brazil, while mountains and other similar things might arouse the suspicions of an astute person like the Colonel. It was also decided that the newly found stream should be christened "Teodora," in the names of the best Col. Roosevelt and President da Fonseca of Brazil.

It was arranged that when Col. Roosevelt started for the jungle he was to be accompanied by explorers who had been carefully prepared for the task and by easy, natural stages he was to be led to the banks of a stream, where the explorers with well feigned emotion were to exclaim:

"This river has never been charted; it must be a new stream which you have had the honor of discovering."

Geographers from Brazil say the discovery was made according to the plan, but whether the river was christened "Teodora" or not is not yet known.

### NO PICTURES OF ASTOR BABY.

### Nurse at White Sulphur Outwits Photographers and Movie Men.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., April 16.—Efforts of photographers and movie picture men here to get pictures of Master John Jacob Astor have been prevented by a nurse, who has an attachment on the handle of the child's cot by which a push on a button sends down the hood of the carriage and the baby is completely hidden.

### WAR NEWS EXPLODES GLASS EYE

### Farmer Uninjured, but Surprise Knocks Him Out of Chair.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 16.—M. C. Canterbury, a farmer residing near here, was leaning over his dinner with his attention riveted on a Mexican war story, when a loud report his artificial eye burst and a shower of glass fell on the ground. He was uninjured, but fell out of his chair in surprise.

The explosion was similar to that of an electric light bulb. Glass eyes, like incandescent lights, are made with a vacuum. Just what caused the explosion was more than a local optician could explain.

### TANGOING ON WESTERN TRAINS.

### Dining Cars Are Being Used With Victrolas Providing Music.

CHICAGO, April 16.—"Tango your way to the West," is the latest slogan of the transcontinental lines.

Instead of playing cards and reading novels travellers are using the victrolas on the best trains for dinner music. The tables and chairs of the dining cars are removed so that the passengers may amuse themselves with the tango.

"When congressional groups are on a train," explained S. A. Hutchinson of the Northwestern line, "it makes a pleasant feature of a trip."

"The cars measure twelve feet by seventy feet, and the tables are got out of the way quite conveniently. They make better places than some of the cabarets I've seen."

## HUERTA YIELDS; U. S. AGAIN WILL WATCH AND WAIT

### Wilson to Order Return Salute After Mexican Apology.

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### HOUSE SUSTAINS MOVE

### But Officials Wonder Whether Salute Will Not Mean Recognition.

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### O'Shaughnessy Sends News to Bryan After Interview With Huerta.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Huerta will yield to the demands of the United States and order a salute of twenty-one guns to the American flag by way of reparation for the Tampico insult.

That is the interpretation which Administration officials have put on a despatch received to-day from Nelson O'Shaughnessy, Charge d'Affaires in Mexico city. The incident is now regarded as closed except for the arrangement of formal details and the actual firing of the twenty-one guns.

In the meantime, however, the powerful Atlantic fleet will continue on its way toward Tampico and preparations will go forward for the movement of war vessels on the Pacific coast.

Not until the actual reparation has been rendered will the Administration stay its hand or change its plans for the blockade and seizure of Mexican ports on both coasts. If Huerta has given satisfaction before the arrival of the American war vessels in Mexican Gulf waters they probably will be recalled or diverted from their course.

In indicating his intention to yield to the United States, Huerta inquired if the United States would fire a return salute to the Mexican flag. This President Wilson has consented to do on the ground that it is in conformity with all precedents in similar cases and because he is satisfied that it will not involve a recognition of the Huerta Government.

The President has signified his willingness to Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy to accept the Mexican salute under these conditions, and at a late hour to-night the Department of State was expecting a reply from the United States Embassy in Mexico city containing the information that final arrangements had been made with Huerta.

### Congress Opposition Disappears.

For a time to-day it looked as if the adjustment of the Mexican crisis would meet with bitter opposition in Congress. Some of the best informed students on foreign relations gave evidence of resenting the agreement to fire a return salute. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, for instance, declared that such a salute would make us "ridiculous," was "inconceivable" and would amount merely to an "exchange of courtesies."

Later, however, Senator Lodge and other members of Congress learned that Admiral Mayo in his original demands on the Mexican commander had called for a salute to the American flag, to be acknowledged, gun for gun, by the United States.

Furthermore, the Navy Department immediately produced precedents which, they contended, established beyond a doubt that the return of the Mexican salute was sanctioned by the practice of nations. In fact, authorities at Washington contended that they knew of no case where such a salute, by way of reparation for an insult, had not been formally acknowledged.

In view of the fact that Admiral Mayo had stipulated an exchange of salutes in his original demand, Senator Lodge and others immediately withdrew any criticism of the adjustment.

This statement was accepted with a good deal of grumbling under the surface by members of Congress. The real point in it seemed to lie in the fact that the offending party is asking in advance for an understanding that a return salute shall be fired. It was freely predicted that this would be the ground upon which the Administration's course would be criticised if at all. One Senator put it this way:

"While the firing of the return salute is an act of courtesy such as one gentleman would pay to another after an apology it is not customary for the man who apologizes to ask in advance that the offended party agree to shake

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