

## RODRIGUEZ HAS A STIFF COME- BACK FOR BLAIR

"Mooney & Boland detectives working for Henry A. Blair in New York city Feb. 7, 8, 9, in 1911, cost Henry A. Blair, head of the Chicago Railway Co., \$127.25.

"Now, on the face of documentary evidence presented by J. B. Hogarth, former superintendent of the Blair lines, Henry A. Blair charged this cost of detectives to operating expenses of his street railway. This would be a violation of the 1907 ordinances. It would cheat the city's 55 per cent.

"If he did this we ought to know it. If he did not, let him come before the local transportation committee and explain the receipted bill of Mooney & Boland, brought before the committee Saturday."

This is the reply of Ald. Rodriguez to the letter of Henry A. Blair, telling the local transportation committee he wouldn't appear before it as ordered. Rodriguez said he will push the matter and may render a minority report to the city council and refer to the "impudence" of Blair in refusing to appear.

Blair got \$5,000,000 of stock in Chicago Elevated Railways collateral trust and \$2,500,000 in cash for promoting the merger of the elevated roads, according to the Rodriguez resolution that passed council. Blair's expense for promotion was about \$100,000, it is stated.

Hogarth was sent to New York by Blair to prevent L. A. Busby, T. E. Mitten and Ira M. Cobe of the South Side companies from getting control of the elevated roads. It was a Rockefeller-Morgan contest, with Blair for Rockefeller. Blair had Busby, Mitten and Cobe shadowed, according to Hogarth, who produced a bill, allowed to Mooney & Boland by the board of supervising engineers as a proper expense. The bill reads:

"To confidential services in New York under direction of James B. Hogarth, \$24. Feb. 7, 1911, to three op-

eratives, \$24. Feb. 8, 1911, to three operatives, \$24. Feb. 9, 1911, to three operatives, \$24. To necessary expenses, carfare, telephone, messengers and money spent in acquiring information, \$31.35. Total, \$127.25."

Seymour Stedman, attorney for Hogarth, said the refusal of Blair to come before the committee and its general tone shows the street railways have the local transportation committee "pocketed."

"Here was a public document, a bill allowed by the board of supervising engineers," said Stedman. "Mr. Hogarth says if the city of Chicago is paying 55 per cent of the cost of detective service in New York, aldermen have the right to ask Mr. Blair what kind of work these detectives are doing.

"Blair simply writes a letter to the committee saying he is pure as the driven snow and there is no need of explanations. The committee accepts the letter without protest except from a small minority."

### —O—O—O— BITS OF NEWS

Unknown man believed to have jumped from steamer Puritan en route to Benton Harbor, Mich. Clothing and letters address to W. Harrison st. woman, name unknown, found in stateroom when boat docked.

Theo. Roosevelt will be in city two hours, 5 to 1, this evening enroute to San Francisco.

Dr. Gustave Jacobs, 1524 W. Madison, fleeing from fire, dropped fire escape ladder on Policeman Jos. Culen's head. Bruises.

Evading guard of family, Mrs. Annie M. Bubolz, 40, 3544 Princeton av., slashed throat with husband's razor. Dead.

Andrew Angelis, 40, 606 W. Division, died of bullet wounds received July 5. Had received black hand letters.

Andrew Koslow, motorcyclist, arrested for knocking down John Bernaski, 9, 867 N. Hermitage av. Fred after accident.