

**CRIMINAL ACTION
SOUGHT BY CRAIG**

Calls on Kings District Attorney for Inquiry of Coney School Site.

TELLS HIS SUSPICIONS

Letter to Lewis Also Goes Into Contracts Made in Brooklyn.

SOME PLOTS ABANDONED

Mermaid Avenue Deal Among Others Mentioned—Denies He Delayed Action.

Comptroller Charles E. Craig yesterday placed in the hands of District Attorney Charles E. Lewis of Kings county information in regard to the controversy between the Finance Department and the Board of Education over the selection of a school site at Coney Island, and asked for investigation to show whether a crime has been committed.

"Because of the nature of the public interests involved and the false statements in explanation of the conduct of those having to do with the selection of a site for a new school in this part of Coney Island," the Comptroller wrote to the District Attorney, "I submit the matter to you for investigation to determine whether a crime has been committed within your county, either of malfeasance in office, or collusion, or corruption in the acquisition of property for public purposes, and such other action as you may deem appropriate, having in mind that the property in question is all located in Kings county, and, therefore, within your jurisdiction, although the Board of Education has its principal office in New York county. If in the course of your inquiry into the matter you should find that action is required by any public officers in New York county, I assume that you will communicate with them, furnishing them with such information as you may have obtained."

Conditions in Brooklyn.

Incidentally, in a discussion of school conditions in Brooklyn, the Comptroller in his letter drew this indictment:

"In a period of only six days short of eighteen months the Board of Education has actually contracted for the construction of two of eleven elementary schools, appropriations for which have at all times during that period been available."

In April, 1920, the Board of Education adopted a site in Mermaid avenue, between West Thirty-first and West Thirty-second streets. Money for this site was asked for in the request made to the Board of Estimate in September of that year. The Comptroller wrote he has on file a letter in the handwriting of Edward B. Shallow, associate superintendent of schools, dated November 8, 1920, introducing Henry G. McDonough to William E. Walsh, then real estate appraiser in the Finance Department. It stated that McDonough was working with Mr. Shallow in the

matter of school sites and asked that assistance be given to him. The Comptroller said this memorandum, in the handwriting of Walsh, appeared on the note: "Mr. McDonough had abandoned Mermaid avenue and Thirty-first street site, Coney Island, because owner had rushed buildings, which would make cost prohibitive." "The reasons assigned for such abandonment," wrote the Comptroller, "are very unusual. The cost of acquiring the property has never appeared to be a reason for the Board of Education not selecting property as a school site. "Moreover, the reasons given by Shallow for the abandonment of the Mermaid avenue site were false. The fact is that every building that was on this site on November 8, 1920, when Shallow notified the real estate division of the Comptroller's office of its abandonment, was there on the 14th of April, 1920, when the Board of Education, on Shallow's recommendation, approved this site.

Select Alternative Sites.

"Although Shallow knew on the 8th of November, 1920, that the selection of this site had been abandoned, no steps were taken by him to have the Board of Education rescind its abandonment by a formal resolution or otherwise."

"On February 23, 1921, and nearly four months after Shallow notified the Department of Finance that the Mermaid avenue site had been abandoned, the Board of Education, upon Shallow's recommendation, selected three alternative school sites, all on Neptune avenue and within the range of the street. On the same day, the Comptroller alleged, the Board of Education, on the recommendation of Shallow, rescinded the resolution for the Mermaid avenue site.

The Comptroller, in a report to the Board of Estimate, opposed the selection of the Neptune avenue sites, suggesting one on the opposite side of the street. In connection with this, he said in his letter to the District Attorney:

"A storm of abuse and falsification followed the Comptroller's suggestion. It was in vain that he pointed out that the land in question on the north side of Neptune avenue was filled in to a higher grade than that selected by the Board of Education. The statement was constantly made by Shallow and those who sought to sustain his position that the site suggested by the Comptroller was under water, in fact that it was in the bed of Coney Island Creek. How utterly false these statements are will appear not only by an inspection of the premises but also from the map transmitted herewith.

The Comptroller asserted that Shallow's statement that the Comptroller delayed action on the Mermaid avenue site for a period of eighteen months was false.

SCHWAB OPENS FIGHT TO CUT ASSESSMENT

Calls Valuation of Riverside Estate \$425,000 Too High.

Charles M. Schwab began a fight yesterday to have the assessment on his estate in Riverside Drive, between Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth streets, reduced \$125,000. He obtained from Justice Thomas P. Donnelly of the Supreme Court a writ of certiorari directing the Board of Taxes and Assessments to certify to the court its reasons for fixing the assessment at \$1,750,000 on the ground and \$50,000 for "improvements" thereon, or a total of \$2,100,000.

Under "improvements" are included the residence and other buildings on the property. Mr. Schwab set the actual value of the property at \$1,675,000.

**\$30,769,867 ESTATE
LEFT BY CONVERSE**

Stocks in Wide Range of Industrial, Railroad and Insurance Corporations.

FARM WORTH \$1,027,000

Inventory and Appraisal of Vast Properties Filed at Greenwich, Conn.

Edmund Converse, banker and philanthropist, left an estate estimated at \$30,769,867.91, according to the inventory and appraisal filed yesterday in the Probate Court, Greenwich, Conn. With the exception of \$1,027,000, which is in real estate known as the Converse Manor Farm, consisting of the manor house, outbuildings and about 2,000 acres of land, the estate is in personal property. The recapitulation shows investments and securities in the Bankers Trust Company, Industrial corporations, railroad, public utilities, insurance company investments, mining stocks, United States Government bonds, Connecticut bonds, Federal farm loan bonds, foreign Government bonds and notes and securities of nominal value. The stock in the Bankers Trust Company is \$3,030,870 and the stock in the Guaranty Trust Company is 1,268,750.

Among the railroad stocks are the following: Broadway and Seventh avenue (cert. dept.), \$1,600; Central Railroad of New Jersey, \$190,000; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, \$37,900; Delaware Railroad Company, \$16,000; Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad, \$16,250; Erie and Pittsburgh Railroad, \$15,500; Lackawanna Railroad Company of New Jersey, \$8,250; Morris and Essex Railroad, \$13,000; Norfolk and Western Railroad (common), \$4,600; Northern Central Railroad, \$19,500; Ontario and Quebec Railroad Company, \$40,000; Pittsburgh, Bessemer and Lake Erie (common), \$5,800; Pittsburgh, McKeesport and Younglough, \$1,000; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad (preferred), \$23,500; St. Louis Bridge Company (first preferred), \$17,300; Valley Railroad Company, \$6,000; Carolina Clinchfield Railroad Company (preferred), \$5,600; Carolina Clinchfield Railroad Company (preferred), \$5,000.

Art, books and other personal property at Conyers Manor is appraised at \$19,065.50. Alfred Jaretski and the Bankers Trust Company of New York are the executors and Sullivan & Cromwell are counsel for the estate.

WIFE, 5 GIRLS ARRIVE; HUSBAND REMARRIED

Russian Mourned Family; Now Seeks Annulment.

The arrival recently at the Barge Office of Mrs. Cella Cooper, with five daughters, aged 17, 16, 15, 13 and 10 years, deeply affected Philip Cooper, husband of Mrs. Cooper and head of the family, who had long ago come to the conclusion that they had been killed in Russia during the war. Cooper, it appeared, had left the family in Russia a short time before the war began. Eventually he contracted a second marriage and a son was born to them. When Mrs. Cooper and the girls arrived, however, he was overjoyed. He filed papers yesterday in a suit to annul his marriage to Bertha Cooper, his second wife.

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Crepe de Chine of a superior quality, 40 inches wide; a beautiful color range, also White or Black. yard, 1.95

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Negligees of heavy quality Crepe de Chine with plaited slip, and Margot Lace trimming. A coat of contrasting color Georgette Crepe reaches to the hem. Silk tassels and wide satin ribbon adorn it. Coral over Pink, French Blue over Pink, Light Blue over Blue. 14.50 formerly 26.20

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(Second Floor)



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