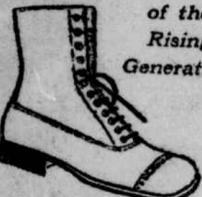


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POLICE TRIO DENY PROMOTION BRIBERY
Lieut. Nestor Says Saloonist Would Not Dare to Allege \$1,500 Payment.

BURKE'S RECORD BARED
Accused Job Fixer Dropped for Crooked Application, Asserts Nestor.
WHISKEY AS A SESAME
Long Island City Man Tells Hirschfeld How One Path Was Reported Greased.

James B. Nestor, police lieutenant, and two patrolmen named in connection with bribes alleged to have been paid to Michael J. Burke, saloonkeeper, who is said to have boasted of influence in the Civil Service Commission, denied yesterday before David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, that they had made payments of \$1,500 to assure their promotions. Policeman Patrick J. Twomey confessed last week that he had collected \$1,500 from each of eighteen policemen to pay Burke to get them through an examination for police sergeant.

Twomey had said that he met Burke in the saloonkeeper's parlor when Nestor was present and that Burke then said: "I made this boy a lieutenant." Twomey yesterday identified Nestor as the one present when the statement was alleged to have been made. Twomey stuck to his story.

"Burke never made me a lieutenant and he never would have dared to make such a statement in my presence," Nestor said. Nestor stated his rating in his examination was 44 per cent, plus life said he had known Burke all his life, having grown up with him in Ireland.

Asked whether Burke had been at one time a member of the police force and why he did not continue, Nestor continued:

"I understand that Burke was dropped at the end of a thirty day probation period for some alleged crookedness in his application."

"What must Burke's dupes think when they hear of this?" Hirschfeld commented. "A saloonkeeper is able to collect \$2,500 from eighteen policemen who want to buy agencies, yet was

able to last on the police force only thirty days."

James J. Armstrong, of 264 Jackson avenue, Long Island City, who failed to get on the police force because he was under weight, said he was introduced by Burke to a man employed in the Civil Service Commission and was told that everything would be all right because Burke had sent the official a case of whiskey. The witness denied having paid for the liquor or making any other payment.

William Manning, a saloonkeeper, Third avenue and Ninety-third street, appeared at Hirschfeld's hearing accompanied by deputy sheriff and under an order issued by Justice Guy of the Supreme Court. Manning had refused to answer a subpoena. Burke paid \$7,000 to Manning about September 1, just before sailing for Ireland. Burke bought out Manning's interest in a saloon at Lexington avenue and 125th street, the witness said, for \$17,700, giving \$1,000 cash and notes for the balance.

The payment of \$7,000 was on the notes, and the money was taken from the Mount Morris branch of the City Exchange Bank. That was where Burke is said to have deposited the \$24,500 collected through Twomey's aid. Manning said Burke also borrowed the bank containing the account. The witness said he knew nothing of Burke's activities in helping policemen.

Commissioner Augustus S. Ozona Park, and James P. McGinnis of the Bathgate avenue station said it was absurd and crazy to charge they had paid \$1,500 each through Twomey in connection with their examinations. They never made any payments of any kind, they said.

Mrs. Patrick Ryan, wife of the civil service finger printer expert who was mentioned as a friend of Burke's, was questioned by Hirschfeld regarding a loan of \$4,000 which her husband had said he gave to Burke. Mrs. Ryan said she borrowed the money to go into business, but did not do so because she became ill. She put the money into a safe, and after a few months returned it to her husband. She objected to being questioned about her personal affairs. The investigation will be continued this forenoon.

MAYOR'S EFFORT FAILS TO CLOSE THEATRE
Mount Vernon Little Playhouse Obtains Injunction.

Attempts by Mayor Elmer L. Kincaid of Mount Vernon to close the Little Playhouse motion picture theatre in that city on the ground that its construction violates the fire ordinance and the building code were halted again yesterday when Justice Morchauer, in Special Term of the Supreme Court at White Plains, continued a temporary injunction obtained recently by the playhouse owners. The owners asked for the continuation of the injunction pending a hearing of the facts in court.

J. T. Twomey, Assistant Corporation Counsel, fought the injunction for the city, contending the theatre is a fire trap. "If there should be another holocaust like the one that occurred in a New Haven theatre," he said, "the responsibility is no longer in the hands of the Mayor and the city officials. I say the theatre is a fire trap and the responsibility of keeping it open is up to the court."

Judge Sidney A. Syme, who appeared for the owners, said that politics is back of the Mayor's action.

"If all that has been told me here is true," said the justice in announcing he would hear testimony in the case Monday, "the Mayor is guilty of malfeasance in office."

STILLMAN HEARING HALTED SUDDENLY
Absence of Witnesses Causes Poughkeepsie Adjourment Until December 6.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Poughkeepsie, Nov. 25.—Failure to locate several witnesses needed for the defence of Baby Guy Stillman caused adjournment of the hearings in the James A. Stillman divorce action at noon today after two witnesses had given testimony believed to be of vital importance in clearing the child's good name. At the adjournment John E. Mack, guardian for Guy, said he will finish presenting his evidence at the next hearing here December 6.

Mr. Mack and John P. Brennan, chief counsel for Mrs. Stillman, will leave for Montreal to-morrow on an unexplained mission. The trip is understood to be in connection with forthcoming hearings in

Canada. Montreal is the home of Fred K. Beauvais, Indian guide named as co-respondent by Mr. Stillman. Beauvais thus far has not been called as a witness. It is thought possible that he will be the big figure in the Canadian end of the suit.

Charles Maschard, manager, and Theodore Roth, headwaiter, of the St. Regis Hotel, New York City, were the only witnesses called at the latest hearing. Maschard testified that Mr. and Mrs. Stillman lived at the hotel between February 12 and February 26, 1918, and he was corroborated in this declaration by Robert Boby, who was born the following November. Mrs. Stillman, James Alexander, Miss Anne Stillman and a nurse arrived at the hotel on February 12, the manager said, and were assigned to a suite on the fourth floor. Beauvais reached the hotel the following day and took a room on the sixth floor.

Mr. Maschard said he saw Mr. Stillman enter the elevator leading to the apartment occupied by his family on more than one occasion. Roth admitted, under cross examination of William Rand, attorney for the banker that he had seen Mr. Stillman about the hotel many times in the two week period but that Mr. and Mrs. Stillman never dined together. Mrs. Stillman, the headwaiter said, frequently had dinner with her stepmother, Mrs. James

Brown Potter, who also was at the hotel. Mr. Brennan did not call any witnesses. It can be stated that his failure to do so was in line with a decision of the defence not to present further evidence relative to the alleged relations between Mr. Stillman and Mrs. Florence H. Leeds, the former chorus girl named as co-respondent by Mrs. Stillman. Mr. Brennan is understood to feel the testimony already presented is sufficient to prove Mrs. Stillman's counter allegations.

Mrs. Stillman appeared in Poughkeepsie just after the hearing had started in the morning. She arrived from New York by rail and rode from the station to the office of Daniel J. Gleason, referee, in a taxicab. She wore a sable coat, brown turban hat, tan woolen stockings and low cut, low heeled shoes of the same color. After the adjournment she walked to the station with Mr. Brennan. Before adjournment the question of a commission to take testimony in Canada was considered. Mrs. Stillman's counsel promised to submit a proposal at the next hearing and if this is acceptable to the banker's attorneys a joint application will be made to Justice Morchauer in Supreme Court.

Process servers working for Mr. Mack searched all day in New York City for four witnesses. Two had moved, the third was in a hospital and the fourth in California. Another woman witness in New Jersey was reportedly has declined to enter New York State to testify.

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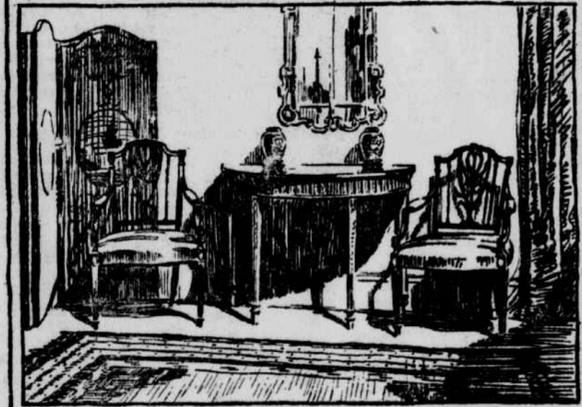
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