

HOT TOP OF THE TRAIL.

The Arch-Conspirators in the Great Cronin Plot Are Almost Within Reach.

POSITIVE PROOF OF GUILT.

The Scheme Was Conceived in the Office of A. S. Trude, Who is

ATTORNEY FOR ALEXANDER SULLIVAN.

His Clerk Was the Man Who Looked After the Details of the Plan—Forcing an Unwilling Debtor to Take Part—Full Confession From Two of Those Implicated

The Special Grand Jury Returns New Indictments—The Cronin Trial Again Postponed at the Request of the State's Attorney—The Latest Sensational Developments.

Judge Longenecker and his assistants are close upon the trail of the chief parties to the great Cronin jury-fixing plot. John Graham, a clerk in the office of A. S. Trude, Alexander Sullivan's lawyer, is now under indictment as the one who had charge of the details of the conspiracy. The proof of his guilt is the most positive character, including the confessions of some of his associates.

CHICAGO, October 14.—After an investigation, which for skill and thoroughness is almost unsurpassed in the history of legal jurisprudence, Judge Longenecker and his colleagues are now almost within arm's reach of the arch-conspirators who conceived the gigantic plot to fill the vacant seats in the Cronin jury box with bribed and perjured venemen.

The development of the conspiracy has been slow and tedious work, but the results accomplished have been highly satisfactory. The grand jury to-day indicted John Graham, a clerk who has been employed in the law office of A. S. Trude for 15 years. The evidence on which the indictment was based showed that Graham was the active spirit of the conspiracy.

A VERY ACTIVE CITIZEN. It was he who employed Fred W. Smith, the manufacturers' agent, to bribe Harris Wolf, his lawyer, Louis Alexander and Louis Herzog. He also employed Hanks, the bailiff, guaranteeing him a large sum of money if he could by his own efforts or with the assistance of a trusted brother bailiff procure a citizen with a conscience plastic enough and will keep enough to enable him to stand up before the fire of the lawyers for the State and the defense.

Hanks confessed this much to-day after a stormy interview with Sheriff Matson. He admitted that he had entered into a conspiracy with Graham to procure a juror who would vote for the acquittal of the five men who are on trial. He declined, however, to give the details of his interviews with Graham, which he admitted were very frequent, but when he was pushed hard for an explanation of his possession of the list of names which he handed Salomon in the courtroom, he said he got them from Graham in a saloon on Clark street.

HIS GUILTY EASILY PROVEN. Graham said that the men were "safe" and he could be found at any hour of the day. He then told Hanks the answers the men should give to the questions of the lawyers. It was agreed after a long consultation between the State's lawyers that Hanks' testimony would not be necessary to convince the grand jury of Graham's guilt. His own handwriting, combined with the testimony of Smith, who has finally yielded to the enormous pressure that was brought to bear on him, was enough for the purpose of the experts proceedings.

A legal document which Graham prepared in a criminal case a few days ago was taken from the records of the courts and the grand jury indicted to make a close comparison between it and the handwriting on the slip of paper containing the list of crooked jurors. A single glance convinced them that the writing on both papers was that of the same man.

A RATHER PATHETIC STORY. Smith's story of his connection with Graham is in some respects a pathetic one. Several months ago he was appointed executor of a small estate, which was in such a badly crippled condition that it was forced to engage A. B. Jenks, who is A. S. Trude's law partner, to help him carry it through the Probate Court.

It required months to dispose of the matter, and Smith naturally was forced to spend a good deal of his time in the office of Trude & Jenks. There he met Graham, and almost before either knew it an intimacy sprang up between them which was entirely loyal. Graham, acting under the orders of Jenks, managed the minor details of the work of settling the estate.

Smith was peculiarly embarrassed and often borrowed small sums of money from Graham, who seemed glad to assist his new friend. Last August Graham appeared at Smith's office and called his friend's attention to the fact that he (Smith) was not prospering very fast. The manufacturer's agent admitted as much.

THE TRUDEMPER'S PROPOSITION. Then Graham unfolded a "scheme." He would give Smith \$1,000 in cash providing he was accepted as a juror in the Cronin case and would then vote for the acquittal of the prisoners. Smith objected to taking such a step. Graham then appealed to him as the score of old friendship and delicately reminded him of the many loans which had passed between them.

The young man at last yielded and soon became as enthusiastic as the rest of the plotters. He selected Wolf, Alexander and Herzog, whom he knew, and presented their names to Graham, who recommended to the right bailiffs would be recommended to the right bailiffs, who also suggested many other names and agreed to use his influence in procuring them for the jury, but before he could do so the conspiracy was discovered and he was incompetently thrown into a cell at the Chicago Avenue Police Station.

REAL OR UNREAL DEVIL.

Belief in His Personality Necessary to Teach the Heathen-A Problem Which Will Agitate the Board of Foreign Missions To-Day.

MORE THAN ONE STRING. It was the intention to bring all these lists into requisition in the event of the original failing to furnish the much desired crooked jury list.

It is interestingly because the ex-bailiff remembered having seen Hanks and Graham together in a Southside saloon. The new indictment which was returned to-day includes Graham, Salomon, Hanks and Smith. Kavanaugh, Kohn and O'Donnell were left out altogether for the reason that there was no testimony to show that they had any relations with A. S. Trude's clerk.

The significant fact about the arrest of Graham is his connection with A. S. Trude, who is Alexander Sullivan's lawyer. Mr. Trude is not in town. He is shooting prairie chickens. His brother Fred hurried over to the Criminal Court building as soon as the indictment was returned this morning and had a long conference with Graham, who was pacing up and down his cell.

AFTER THE INTERVIEW was over Mr. Trude told THE DISPATCH correspondent that he could not see Graham permitted himself to be involved in the conspiracy. Late this afternoon Graham was released after furnishing \$10,000. John and O'Donnell gave bail in \$5,000 each.

There was a great crowd at the trial. The prisoners were brought in at 10 o'clock. Counsel for the defense greeted their clients with some degree of effusiveness, and held several whispered consultations with them before Judge McConnell mounted the bench. Six venemen were examined. All were excused for cause. Then Mr. Ingraham announced that it would be impossible for State's Attorney Longenecker to be present, and pleaded for an adjournment until to-morrow. This was reluctantly granted by Judge McConnell.

It was discovered to-day that Senator Farwell had recommended to Secretary Winwood the appointment of O'Donnell as Government gauger. The Senator was greatly disgraced when he learned of the protegee's crime.

WAR TO THE DEATH.

A Kentucky Family Fend Renewed by the Killing of John Cawood and Hired Man from Ambush—Edward

LOUISVILLE, Ky., October 14.—John Cawood, one of the wealthiest farmers of Harlan county, and his hired man, Ezekiah Hall, were shot and killed from ambush on Martin's Fork, some ten miles from Harlan County Court house last Friday. The letter bringing the news states that this double murder is a renewal of the old Turner-Jewell feud, as Cawood is known to have been in sympathy with the Law and Order element, a brother-in-law of Judge Lewis and otherwise in sympathy with Lewis against Will Howard, Will Jennings and their faction. This last killing is a sequel to the war of extermination which was precipitated when Judge Lewis and his posse made a raid on Will Howard and some of his friends for the purpose of arresting and bringing them to account for the many crimes they have committed, as they have been in the habit of doing.

The letter also states that Howard and his two brothers, who were killed on the spot, were the number 1, J. S. Sprulock, "Si" Sprulock, as he is commonly known, was seriously wounded, but has not since recovered, and it is said that Sprulock has been harboring the men, his home being made their headquarters. Troops have been sent to Harlan county and other efforts made by the State officials to bring the desperadoes to justice, but to no avail.

The letter also states that Charles Cawood, who resides at Harlan County, has killed his property to his wife and sworn vengeance for the murder of his uncle. He has been in the habit of making City Auditor S. B. Winman a party to the case. Mr. Winman claims that the only part he took in the transaction was to introduce Hall to Mr. Brewster. He did not know Hall was dishonest.

SCARED BY SMALLPOX. The Residents of Pelee Island in a Very Excited Condition.

CLEVELAND, October 14.—There is great excitement on Pelee Island, Lake Erie, over a case of smallpox. Dr. F. T. Schneider was taken ill about ten days ago with a fever, and a couple of days since eruptive symptoms developed. Physicians pronounced the disease smallpox. T. H. McKee, the only doctor on the island, had acted as the sick man's nurse at night, and taught school in the day time, thus exposing his 41 scholars to the disease.

Over 100 persons are said to have been exposed to the disease, but it is feared the disease will spread over the entire island, and, perchance, through the medium of freight and passenger traffic, reach the American lake ports.

FRANCE BECOMING ALARMED. A Council of War Agrees to Strengthen the Army of the Alps.

PARIS, October 14.—A council of war, at which Minister De Freycinet presided, was held here to-day to discuss the increase of the German frontier corps. It was decided to double the sixth army corps, in order that 100,000 men may be sent quickly to the frontier in case of an emergency. The council also resolved to increase Eastern railway facilities.

TO CODIFY THE POOR LAWS. Election of Officers and Adjournment to Altona To-Day.

HARRISBURG, October 14.—The business of the commission to revise and codify the poor laws of the State was confined to its organization. Lewis Pugh, of Senanton, was elected President and Robert McGonigle, of Pittsburg, Secretary. The commission will meet with the Directors of the Poor at the State convention at Altoona to-morrow.

TO ESCAPE STARVATION. That's the Only Resource for a Young Chicago Man.

CHICAGO, October 14.—A well-dressed young man snatched \$25 from the First National Bank counter to-day and ran. Money caught he said he had taken the money because he could not get work and his wife and child were starving. The case will be investigated.

HE DID NOT DISCOVER STEALER. ZAKIEMBA, October 14.—Mr. Stevens, who was sent to Africa by the New York World, arrived here to-day. He has not found any trace of Stealer.

RECONCILES BETWEEN THE TURKS AND THE ARMENIANS. Athens, October 14.—Dispatches from Crete say that Chelki Pacha is preparing to attack Spakha from four different directions. Skirmishes between the Turks and Armenians continue.

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SPITE OF MONOPOLY.

Electric Companies, to Stop Opposition, Darken New York, SHUTTING OFF 3,000 ARC LAMPS.

Incandescents Also Out, and All Too Soon for a Return to Gas.

A METROPOLIS IN ITS PALL PORTRAYED. The Courts in the Meantime Still With the Underground Movement.

Darkness reigned in the busiest parts of great Gotham last night. The electric light companies were trying to blackmail the municipality into submission, or at least non-interference. But it wouldn't work. The city is now in a state of darkness, and the electric light companies are trying to force the city to pay for the use of their lamps.

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WANT TO BE SENATORS.

A Piece Political—Even Pierre's Grand Old Uncle Boom

PIERRE, S. D., October 14.—There has been due consideration given by various legal gentlemen to the question raised as to whether this Legislature must conform to the letter of the law of Congress in its election of United States Senators.

The consensus of opinion is that the Legislature is not actually in violation of the law, but it is obligatory upon the Legislature to wait till the second Tuesday after the organization before proceeding to the Senatorial election. However, a caucus will be held to-morrow to discuss the matter, and the election will occur on Wednesday and Thursday according to the form prescribed by the federal law.

THE POLITICAL party is boiling at a terrific rate. The Legislature is now in session, and the election will occur on Wednesday and Thursday according to the form prescribed by the federal law.

AS DARK AS A POCKET. Madison Square was as dark as a pocket, and many a woman was relieved from the Broadway side. Union Square was dark, but there were lights around it on all sides, and it did not scare people as Madison square did.

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A BAND OF BROTHERS.

The Two Most Powerful Bodies of Organized Labor to Dwell TOGETHER IN PERFECT HARMONY.

Meeting of the Knights of Labor and the American Federation.

A PLAN FOR MUTUAL CONCESSIONS. Result of the Conference as to Insuring an Eight-Hour Day.

PHILADELPHIA, October 14.—Representatives of the Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor held a conference at the Girard House this afternoon. General Master Workman Powderly, Secretary Hayes and A. W. Wright represented the Knights, and President Samuel Gompers, William Martin, of Pittsburg, Henry Haman and John B. Lammie, of New York, appeared for the Federation.

THE CONFERENCE was harmonious throughout and lasted three hours. The present condition of the eight-hour movement received a full and free discussion. The Executive Board could do nothing as a board until the General Assembly, which meets at Atlantic City, November 12 next, had acted in the matter.

Circulars relating to the eight-hour system had been sent to all the local assemblies, and it is likely that delegates to the General Assembly will be fully informed as to the views of the people they represent on the question. On behalf of the Federation, the following letters were sent to representative men seeking an opinion on the subject, and the replies received were in nearly every instance favorable.

IT WAS AGREED that the matters give the Knights' Executive Board for presentation to the General Assembly written statement of their views and their plan of action, and President Gompers, upon the part of the Federation, will address the delegates. The Knights agreed to promptly notify the Federation of any action that may be taken by the General Assembly on the eight-hour question.

THE PRESENT condition of the relations of the different labor organizations to each other was next discussed with a view to harmonious relations between the two organizations.

DISAGREEMENTS IN FUTURE. The Knights offered a written proposition suggesting a mutual exchange of working cards; a mutual recognition of trade labels and the adoption of a rule which would prevent one body from organizing the suspended or expelled members of another.

THE FEDERATION proposed that the Knights discourage the formation of trade organizations within their own ranks, and that the Federation would urge the members of unions to connect themselves with mixed assemblies of Knights of Labor.

IT WAS AGREED that the matters above referred to should form the subject of discussion at future conferences. This is the third conference that has been held between the two organizations since their meeting at the time of their departure from New York, and the convention of the Federation at Boston, on December 10. Before the departure from New York, the two organizations had a conference at the time of the labor movement, and exchanged views as to what would best promote the success of the present organizations.

TO AVERT BANKRUPTCY. The Plan Proposed by the Directors of the Atchison Road.

BOSTON, October 14.—The plan of reorganization which was adopted by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe directors at their meeting to issue new 100-year 4 per cent general mortgage bonds for \$10,000,000, to be secured by a mortgage covering all the property of the company, including all the securities representing the control of the company, has been approved by the directors.

THE UNION WILL FIGHT. Prospect of a Clash Between the K. of L. and the Progressive Organization.

COLUMBUS, October 14.—A committee representing the Miners' Progressive Union had a consultation with the officials of the Columbus and Hocking Coal and Iron Company, known as the syndicate, to-day for the purpose of asking a representation on the committee at the mines for checking purposes.

WHERE THERE IS A WILL, Especially With \$20,000,000 at Stake, There is a Way to Contest It.

BEARD died in Brooklyn some years ago, reputed to be worth \$20,000,000. His property included the Erie Canal. Two years ago Colonel O. T. Beard, a son who resides here, conceived the idea of increasing his income by having the will of the deceased contested.

THE NEW YORK GOVERNOR Makes a Visit to the White House. WASHINGTON, October 14.—Governor David B. Hill, of New York, and party, who are on their way to the Piedmont Exposition at Atlanta, Ga., arrived in Washington at 8 o'clock this morning.

ONE OF THEIR OFFICERS' Account Shows a Shortage of \$4,000. NEW HAVEN, Conn., October 14.—There was very stormy meeting of Admiral Foot's G. A. on Saturday night, when the auditors reported a deficiency of nearly \$4,000 in the accounts of William H. Slove, Quartermaster.

CHALKLEY Leconte Pleads Not Guilty. CAMDEN, N. J., October 14.—Chalkley Leconte was formally arraigned to answer the indictment charging him with the murder of his niece, Annie Leconte, and entered his plea of not guilty. The trial will take place in January.

A SOCIETY MAN'S EXIT.

A Leader of Fashion Leads Through the Gates of Death—Suicide of a Man Who Found the

THE MURDERER OF THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, October 14.—G. P. Morris, registered at a Bowers hotel on Saturday, after trying in vain to have a chloroform bottle replenished, went to his room. This morning he was found dead with a towel held to his mouth and nose and a half empty bottle of the drug lying near him.

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A STRANGE STORY.

Nicholas Gehrig Turns Time to Prevent His Own Funeral—Has Made About \$1,000

CHICAGO, October 14.—The strange story of Nicholas Gehrig, who turned his back to the grave, but in time to prevent the burial of the body of an unknown man in a grave which would be marked with his name, grows more interesting each day.

IT APPEARS now that the contents of the trunk purchased by Crawford for \$8, were valued at much more than the \$3,000 known of by Mr. Schmitz. There are witnesses who will swear that Gehrig had between \$3,000 and \$10,000 in bonds and mortgages, and but a few of these can be traced. It appears that Crawford during Gehrig's absence on a fishing trip, seized and sold Gehrig's effects for rent due to the amount of \$2,000, the proceedings being had as against "Richard Martin."

AT THE SALE Crawford bought the trunk and other valuable contents for the paltry sum of \$8. It will be shown that Crawford sold at least \$500 worth of the bonds thus secured, and the collection of the interest on some of them led to the discovery of the proceedings. Schmitz says he is sure that the papers on which the property was seized were never served on him, else he would have paid the tribute. The body of the unknown man which was to have been buried as that of Gehrig is still in a box at the Chicago Medical College, and is wonderfully like Gehrig. His brother, Caspar, positively identified it.

HAVING A VERY GOOD TIME. The Delegates Ending Spanish Dinner and Talking to American Girls.

BUFFALO, October 14.—At the Niagara Hotel to-night the international delegates had the first Spanish dinner on the trip. Every effort had been made to give a tropical aspect to the entertainment. The delegates from the South saw with pleasure banana trees and palm trees and cactus plants in the conservatory, while the flags of the American republics were amid the foliage.

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FILLING THE RIVERS.

Some Alarming Revelations Made by the Commerce Committee.

LAND TAKEN FROM LOCAL STREAMS. Rivers Choked Up With Debris From the Hills and Railroads.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMER