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## CORRUPTION OF POLICE IN CHINATOWN LAID BARE BY GRAND JURY.

IN anticipation of the trial of Sergeant Thomas P. Ellis, which was begun before the Police Commission last night, the Grand Jury yesterday made report of his startling confession that \$250 a week was paid him by the Chinatown gamblers while he was in command of the "squad." The patrolmen received \$40 a week. Only two of them confessed—Henry M. Heinz and R. R. O'Brien. Chan Cheung was the disbursing agent in the great scheme of corruption. Ellis yielded up \$1330 of his ill-gotten gains, and this sum was turned over to Judge Lawlor by Foreman Andrews.

**ALL IS TOLD IN SERGEANT ELLIS' FREE CONFESSION WHY RAIDS FAILED Large Sum of Bribe Money in Hands of Court. BIG FUND FOR SQUAD Police Board Begins Inquiry, but Headway Is Small.**

A sackful of good, red gold, \$1330 in amount, bribe money that the Chinatown fantan games had paid to Sergeant Thomas P. Ellis for police protection, was handed to Judge Lawlor by Foreman Andrews of the Grand Jury yesterday.

Not only had the sergeant made complete confession of accepting corruption money, but he had yielded up a large share of his ill-gotten lucre.

To the sergeant who commanded the "squad" specially detailed to suppress gambling in the Chinese quarter a sum ranging from \$250 to \$275 a week had been paid.

The patrolmen in the "squad" received contributions of \$40 each a week. Chan Cheung, with whom the grand jurors struggled so hard but unsuccessfully for a confession and then indicted him for the murder of Tom Yick, was the agent who disbursed the fund that was raised from collections of \$5 a week per fantan table.

The startling disclosures from the Grand Jury were made in a report by the inquisitorial board to the presiding Judge. It was on December 22 that Sergeant Ellis and Patrolmen Heinz and O'Brien made a clean breast of their rioting in filthy corruption. But the grand jurors had hoped for more far-reaching revelations, and waited for more developments in vain. Still believing, however, that they could unearth much more corruption of the police, they declared in their report that further effort was useless because of the announcement of the Police Commission that it would go ahead with its investigation.

This inquiry into the charges former Commissioner Hutton preferred would frustrate all of the Grand Jury's plans, and the reason it made a report and brought its findings of Chinatown's dark and devious way to a close. The jurors complain that the Police Board forced them to quit a field in which there was much prospect for good work.

**COMMISSIONERS BEGIN.**

Last night the Police Commissioners began their investigation with the avowed determination to sift the case of Sergeant Ellis to the bottom. Not much headway was made, the testimony being directed to the charges of former Commissioner Hutton that Ellis neglected his duty in permitting gambling to go on and that he notified the games of the Commissioner's approach on the night of November 29, when he made an unexpected visit to Chinatown. But the inquiry will be resumed to-night and with its wide powers the four's will, under the charges that the Grand Jury makes. The hearing last night was somewhat diverted by the statements of Chinese witnesses that they understood it was Chief Swisher who resolved the corruption fund and the Chief entwined things with his cross-examination.

That there have been rake-offs and contributions in Chinatown for many years and that corruption at times flourished in degree that would make the seat of a hoodlum legislature look cheap has long been a matter of common knowledge. But it has remained for the present Grand Jury "to get the goods" and make proof absolute for the first time. It has the confessions of Ellis, Heinz and O'Brien, and it has a goodly sum of the very money that bought immunity from the law. Sergeant Ellis had taken the gold to his home, and there Foreman Andrews found it where the faithless minion of the law had hidden it in the china closet leading off the dining-room.

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**"SHACKLED"**

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Mrs. Holbrook, who was always regarded as one of the most attractively dressed women at the hotel, carried with her on her trip to San Francisco a casket of jewels valued at about \$8000. Yesterday the couple prepared for their departure for the coast on the evening train, and after dispatching their trunks to the depot, Holbrook went to the office and got his wife's valuables that had been deposited in one of the hotel safes. The visitors were conveyed to the ferry in a carriage and were accompanied by the runner of the hotel, who had been engaged to assist them in carrying their hand baggage across the bay.

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Acting upon his request the hotel people hunted up the hack driver, who had turned in his vehicle and gone to his home, but he disclaimed all knowledge of the jewels and cleared himself of any suspicion by establishing as a fact that he had not dismounted when he reached the ferry depot with his passengers, but that the hotel runner, who had accompanied him, had gathered together the coats and parcels of the Holbrooks and followed them across the bay on the ferry.

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**FRACTURED SPINE "SET" BY MINERS**

Special Dispatch to The Call.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 6.—Dr. Swisher of Socorro was called to attend a remarkable case a few days ago at the Kelly mining camp, and treated it with what appears to have been remarkable success.

Juan Maria Padilla, a miner, was passing under a shaft in the Kelly mine when the cage came down ninety feet, struck him on the back of his head and shouldered, doubled him up and broke his back. Dr. Swisher found the man completely paralyzed below where the dislocation and fracture of the vertebrae occurred and suffering intense pain.

The physician called in six strong men. Three of these took hold of the upper extremities, while three held the lower part of his body. By means of a steady, strong pull in opposite directions they brought the dislocated vertebrae back into place with a snap that sounded like a pistol shot.

At last accounts the patient was resting well.



**DIVERS FIND WOMAN'S BODY UNDER A SNAG**

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 6.—After a search lasting over a month, the body of Mrs. Marie E. Saylor of Portland, who disappeared at Skamokawa, Wash., on New Year's eve, was found at that place to-day by divers, in twenty feet of water, tightly wedged under a snag. It is supposed that the woman accidentally tripped and fell into the water from the porch of the building in which she had apartments. At the time she disappeared there were sensational rumors concerning her disappearance. Her husband refused to credit the rumors, persisting in the belief that she had been drowned.

**OVERHEARS MESSAGE TO HARRIMAN**

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NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Wall street heard to-day a dramatic story of how the "leak" in the Supreme Court decision awarding Harriman temporary victory in his suit against the Northern Securities Company came about. Those who lost modest fortunes through the "leak" have been bitter in their accusations of the Federal judiciary; but it was a pure accident which placed in the hands of one of the biggest brokerage houses in Wall street the information which enabled it to prevent a loss of \$250,000.

A member of this firm who is an old-time telegraph operator dropped into a telegraph office to send a message. While there he overheard a dispatch, which would have been unintelligible to an ordinary operator but which he interpreted, and saved his firm \$250,000, besides imparting the information to other brokers.

**ASSASSIN'S BULLET FOR PROCURATOR**

Adviser of Finnish Senate Slain by a Youth.

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 6.—Soisalon Soiminen, Procurator General of Finland, who before he was ennobled was known by the name of Johnson, was assassinated to-day by a young man whose identity up to the present time has not been determined. The assassin of Soiminen and his son were both wounded in a duel following the murder. The motive for the crime apparently being a purely political, the slain official being a prominent member of the Government party.

The murderer appeared at the Procurator's residence at 11 o'clock and sent in a card in French bearing the name of Alexander Gadd, who is in the Russian service. The young man, who was smartly dressed in an officer's uniform, was at once admitted to the official's study, and upon his entrance fired four shots from a revolver, one of the bullets piercing the breast of the Procurator, who expired almost instantly.

Soiminen's 17-year-old son, hearing the shots, rushed in from an adjoining room and fired three or four shots at the assassin, whose right leg was broken below the knee by a bullet. He also was slightly wounded in the shoulder and a finger of his left hand was struck.

The assassin fired the one bullet remaining, wounding him slightly in the calf of the right leg. He then endeavored to escape, but fell unconscious on the floor of the anteroom. There he was seized.

Dr. Wasastjerna was called immediately, but found the Procurator beyond the need of his services. The assassin was removed to the surgical hospital, where he lies guarded by police, answering no questions and evidently unconscious. His recovery, however, is believed to be certain. Up to the present the authorities have been unable to identify him. He is of dark complexion and apparently between 25 and 30 years of age.

Soiminen was born in 1856 and practiced at the Finnish bar. He was highly esteemed and had held various government appointments, including that of Provincial Judge. He was appointed Procurator General of the Duchy of Finland.

Soiminen was regarded as a wise and patriotic official. It is understood that it was at his initiative that the Finns exiled by Governor General Bobrikoff were allowed to return to Finland.

**ERA OF TERRORISM FEARED.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 7.—The news of the assassination of Soisalon Soiminen, Procurator General of Finland, was not generally known in St. Petersburg last night, but may be expected to produce a great sensation when it becomes public, as it will be regarded as the harbinger of an era of terrorism for which the events of January in St. Petersburg and throughout Russia gave the signal.

Until the identity of the assassin is definitely known, it will be impossible, of course, to establish the motive for the attempt; but the present circumstances in Finland render almost certain that the crime is of a purely political character and of the same nature as the assassination of Count Bobrikoff, the Governor General of Finland, in June of last year.

The Russification of the province of Finland has been meeting with great opposition and creating much bitterness, especially since the formation of the party of active resistance, which is recruiting from the bolder spirits of the original party of passive resistance and to which the perpetrator of this latest crime probably belonged, as it will be the conference of revolutionary parties of Russia, comprising representatives of the Finnish active resistance party, the Polish National League, the Russian Emancipationists and other revolutionary organizations. In Berlin last night, a programme for general concerted action was drawn up, and the assassin of Soiminen undoubtedly was in touch with the dissatisfied element in Russia. As a matter of fact, never before in the history of the empire have events of an anti-governmental nature been in closer connection, as has been shown by the general spread of the strike movement; and the assassin of Soiminen, though principally inspired by the grievances of the Finnish Nationalists, undoubtedly was also spurred on by the use of troops against the strikers in St. Petersburg and elsewhere.

**SOININEN MARKED FOR DEATH.**

Little is known regarding the murder, but as Procurator General Soiminen was the adviser of the Finnish Senate, which incurred the enmity of the anti-

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Russian parties on account of the alleged subversion to the process of Russification, Soiminen undoubtedly was selected as the representative and responsible victim.

Laws in Finland have no validity without the assent of the Senate, and that body, when it was ratified by the manifesto of the Emperor on February 15, 1899, and by subsequent edicts applying to Finland, took the position on legal grounds that it was bound to assent to whatever was promulgated by the Emperor, entering at the same time protests against the measures. This was held by the Nationalists to be a subterfuge, but subsequent reorganization of the Senate, making it even more pro-Russian, increased its unpopularity. The present Finnish Diet, on the other hand, which was summoned by the Emperor after the death of Governor General Bobrikoff and upon the latter's advice, stood firmly in opposition to the position of the Senate. Its first step was to adopt, by the unanimous voice of all the four estates, a petition asking the Emperor to restore the liberties and constitution of Finland.