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## ACCUSES WALL STREET CHIEFS OF BIG STEAL

### Anthony Brady's Disclosures Rival Those in Insurance Scandal

### LOOT OF A TREASURY

Metropolitan Securities Company Robbed of an Enormous Sum

### FAMOUS MEN NAMED

Charges Involve Thomas F. Ryan and Late William C. Whitney

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NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Seated between Commissioners Wilcox and Eustis, District Attorney Jerome, a spectator at today's session of the Interborough-Metropolitan inquiry before the public service commission, listened to some of the most startling testimony he has ever heard given under oath outside of a criminal court. He saw Anthony N. Brady, one of the wealthiest of New York capitalists, take the witness stand and heard Brady virtually accuse Thomas F. Ryan and the late William C. Whitney, both of New York, and Peter A. B. Widener, Thomas Dolan and the late William L. Elkins, all of Philadelphia, of having looted the treasury of the Metropolitan securities company in a single transaction in the sum of \$115,652.78 each.

So far as the record of the inquiry stands nothing tangible in explanation or extenuation has been offered to warrant a milder characterization of Brady's narrative.

Brady in 1898 acquired control of the property and franchises of the Wall and Cortlandt street ferries railway company, a paper corporation which never had laid a rail but which Brady regarded as having franchises sufficiently valuable to make it a good investment at a cost to him of about \$250,000. Then, as now, Anthony N. Brady was a powerful factor in the Brooklyn rapid transit system across the East river bridge, while William C. Whitney was then the moving spirit in the Metropolitan street railway system of Manhattan.

#### WHITNEY MAKES DEAL

According to Brady's testimony, Whitney came to him in 1902, suggested that the Metropolitan interests did not relish the idea of Brady obtaining Manhattan railway franchises, and offered to take the Wall and Cortlandt street ferry railway company off his hands at cost in behalf of the Metropolitan securities company, and Brady agreed to the sale rather than cause friction with the Whitney interests.

When the time came for settlement, Brady testified, he received from the Metropolitan securities company a check signed by Thomas P. Fowler, then its president, not for the \$250,000 or thereabouts which the purchased franchise had cost him, but for \$965,667.19. Brady identified his indorsement upon this check, proving that he had cashed it or deposited it to his account.

In conformity with an agreement previously made he then drew his personal check for these sums; to the order of Moore and Schley, brokers, agents for brokerage charges, \$134,825.92, and to Thomas F. Ryan, William C. Whitney, Thomas Dolan, Peter A. B. Widener and William L. Elkins, each \$111,652.78.

No reason appeared in the testimony why this division of more than half a million dollars at the expense of the securities company should have been made to the five capitalists named.

#### NO PROFIT FOR BRADY

According to Brady, he derived no profit whatever through the transaction, but merely received the amount of a loan negotiated by him from the Central trust company for the purpose of purchasing the Wall and Cortlandt street corporation, together with the added increment of accumulated interest upon that loan, amounting in all to about \$250,000.

As the famous traction syndicate, well known in the surface railway affairs of both New York and Philadelphia, the five men named by Brady had been closely associated for years in financial affairs. With most of them, and especially with Ryan, Brady himself had close corporation affiliation, notably in the consolidated gas company, in which he and Ryan had been generally regarded as controlling factors.

Before the death of Elkins he and Widener jointly controlled the traction interests of Philadelphia and other cities.

Thomas Dolan has been one of the leaders in the United Gas Improvement company and in other great corporations capitalized high in the millions.

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## MANAGER OF AUTO CONCERN SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS

### Eugene E. Stoddard to Resign as Result of Revelations Made

### IS AN EX-CONVICT

Association With Men of Expensive Tastes Causes His Ruin

### ADMITS TAKING CASH

Books Show Discrepancy of \$1,000, Say Employers of Accused

Eugene E. Stoddard, manager of the Jefferson square garage, part owner in that company and one of the best known automobile and club men on the Pacific coast, will be removed from his position within a day or two because of an alleged shortage in his accounts.

Stoddard is said to have misappropriated more than \$1,000 of his employer's money. His past history has been investigated by the directors of the Pioneer auto company. The startling revelation has been made that Stoddard is an ex-convict with a record of a year and a half at San Quentin to his credit.

Because of the part Stoddard had played during the past two years in the night life of the city he had come to be recognized as a thorough bohemian and a good fellow. He mingled with the best classes and was generally looked up to and respected. His friends refused to believe the stories that were circulated about him more than a week ago.

"Mr. Stoddard short in his accounts?" some of them gasped as scandal carrying tongues passed the remarks.

Stoddard told his friends, it is said, that he had overdrawn his salary account to spend the money in holding the trade of the firm.

Stoddard's alleged peculations commenced, according to the members of the concern for which he worked, about eight months ago. No effort apparently had been made to cover up irregularities of amounts varying in size from \$75 to \$150 deposited to his personal account. These irregularities total to date between \$1,000 and \$1,100.

Auto rides at night, hot birds and a cold bottle with men whose incomes were thousands a month; repeated auto trips and luncheons with the opera singers whose season in this city has just closed, and this on the meager salary of a garage manager, could not last. Stoddard did just as he had done three years ago, when he was a trusted employe of Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden, hardwaremen. He overdraw his account, in small sums at first and gradually in larger ones. To offset this, it is said, he cut wages of the men in his employ and kept the fact to himself, although F. D. Spaulding, chief stock holder in Stoddard's concern, would not affirm this point yesterday.

His alleged shortages were discovered a short time ago, his books were experted and Stoddard was summoned before the board of directors. To them he admitted his guilt when confronted with the evidence, together with dark chapters of his past history. He gave the same explanation he had given to his friends, and promised to make good the money he had taken. As his share of the stock was worth more than the amount he was in arrears no action was taken toward prosecution and the matter was laid aside temporarily.

Since then, however, Spaulding has taken a more personal interest in the management of affairs, and it is said Stoddard has made preparations to give up his position.

Stoddard was prosecuted for embezzlement by Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden in October, 1904, and began a sentence of one and a half years in the penitentiary. A year later his application for pardon was denied by Governor Pardee. He was, however, admitted to parole, and in 1906 was restored to citizenship.

Through personal friendship he was put in charge at the Jefferson garage by Spaulding. A short time later he entered into a partnership with Max Mamlock, the bootling supervisor, and a falling out between the two followed.

All the gossip about Stoddard was confirmed yesterday by Spaulding, who said that Stoddard would be removed.

#### BEGIN SKYSCRAPER

STOCKTON, Oct. 8.—Workmen began today the construction of an eight story building for the Stockton savings and loan society, the first stone and steel building of any size to be erected here. The structure will cost \$250,000 and will be one of the finest buildings in this section of the state.

## Ryan's "Gooseberry" a Heavy Load to Carry



## P. H. McCarthy's Vain Attempt to Secure Indorsement of Carmen for His Ticket

### Cornelius Leads Fight for Langdon Against Union Candidate

### Mayor Taylor to Open His Campaign With Big Mass Meeting

### Ryan Maps Out Canvass That Will Require Good Sized Purse

Refusing to support a municipal ticket which did not bear the name of District Attorney William H. Langdon the carmen's union turned a deaf ear last night to the importunities of P. H. McCarthy, O. A. Tveitmoer, James H. Bowling and other labor leaders and repudiated the union labor ticket by a vote of approximately three to one.

A highly significant development at the beginning of the campaign was the refusal of the carmen to indorse the union labor ticket. The decisive proportions of the vote by which the indorsement was refused is taken as indicative of the defection of union men from the McCarthy ticket and prophetic of defeat for the candidates nominated by McCarthy's convention.

The storm did not break until after James H. Bowling, secretary of the carmen's union, had made a speech in a similar vein. President Cornelius led the fight against the resolutions carrying the indorsement. He said that he, in common with a majority of the carmen, had believed that in supporting them the members of the building trades organization had been actuated by loyalty to union principles.

He insisted that he had sufficient faith in the great rank and file of the building trades to believe that they did not give their strike contributions from political considerations, nor as the price of votes for McCarthy. He was convinced, he declared, that the great body of the building trades men did not care whether the carmen voted for McCarthy or not. He said that the carmen owed no fealty to a ticket which did not bear the name of District Attorney William H. Langdon. To Longdon, he said, belonged the credit for the prosecution of Patrick Calhoun and the other capitalists accused of bribe giving.

His election would be an insurance of a continuation of the prosecution and the moral rehabilitation of San Francisco. The carmen, in common with the great majority of union men, Cornelius declared, wanted good government; the defeat of Langdon would be notice to the world that the union men of San Francisco did not want a clean city; the carmen could not consistently and would not support a ticket the elect of which

By George A. Van Smith

Mayor Edward Robeson Taylor will open the good government campaign at a great mass meeting Saturday night at Dreamland rink, Sutter and Steiner streets.

The keynote of the campaign which the good government forces will make for Mayor Taylor and the ticket nominated behind him will be sounded by the mayor. The other principal speakers will be William P. McCabe, late secretary of the labor council, the good government candidate for county clerk, and Walter Macarthur, well known organized labor leader and editor of the Coast Seaman's Journal.

The decision to open the campaign with Dr. Taylor as the principal speaker on Saturday night is a radical change from the plan originally adopted by the managers of the Good Government league's campaign and was made at the request of the democratic committee, which will co-operate with the leagueurs in a meeting which is expected to eclipse all previous keynote meetings.

The league's plan, abandoned yesterday in so far as it involved the opening meeting contemplated the presentation of the mayor at his first big meeting on October 19. The democrats' plan contemplated only two big meetings for Mayor Taylor—the first and last meetings of the campaign. If both plans were carried out independently it would have entailed extra meetings upon the mayor and tended to interfere with the league's plan to have Dr. Taylor appear for short addresses at many district meetings. It is probable now that only two big Taylor meetings will be held and that they will be promoted under the joint auspices of the league and democratic committees.

Owing to the shrewdness of P. H. McCarthy the closing rally for Taylor and his tickets can not be held at Dreamland rink and the committees have not decided whether it will be held at the Auditorium or in the open air in some central square.

The opening meeting will be preceded by a band concert and Dr. J. Wilson Shieles of the Good Government league campaign committee is expected to preside.

Dan Ryan and his campaigners in the third corner of the municipal campaign all deny that there is any barrel behind their fight and then go on mapping out a canvass that calls for large resources.

Platform work and "personality" will be only a feature of Ryan's chase after the office for which he nominated himself.

Publicity for Ryan and his ticket will be sought in all the avenues generally used by vote and trade hunters. In addition to the dead wall, bill board and campaign card advertising, the Ryan campaign will be called to the attention of the public by several thousand dollars' worth of brightly hued banners, flying with the equally brilliant McCarthy, Mulcrevy and other union labor candidates' banners, which are in evidence in places of vantage from the water front to Twin peaks.

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## JURY FIXING IS CHARGED TO ASHE

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"You are not keeping your agreement with me. I'm a very busy man and my time is valuable. My man won't work unless he is paid for it."—Statement which, according to A. Bramah, was contained in a letter from J. M. Richards to Porter Ashe.

"I see Johnny Olsen is on the Ford jury. There ought to be a piece of money in that for me."

"Ashe is going to put through a deal and there ought to be \$20,000 in it for me."

"Ashe only wants to pay \$1,250 and my man wants \$1,500."—Statements attributed by Bramah to Richards.

Testimony tending to implicate Attorney R. Porter Ashe in the alleged bribery of John Olsen, one of the jurors in the trial of T. L. Ford who voted for the acquittal of the defendant, was given before the grand jury yesterday by several witnesses claiming to have knowledge of a deal which was arranged after Olsen had been selected as a juror, but before the jury was sworn and locked up at the Fairmont hotel.

The evidence secured yesterday went to show that the alleged bribery of Olsen was planned and executed by Ashe with the assistance of J. M. Richards, a tailor of 7 East street, who is declared to have acted as go between for the juror and the member of Patrick Calhoun's counsel and to have arranged for the payment of the corruption money through a fake bet on the outcome of the trial. The most damaging testimony was given to the grand jury by A. Bramah, a former employe of Richards, in the shape of scraps of conversation which he claims to have overheard between Ashe and Richards, and in statements made to him at different times by Richards. In addition to this, several other witnesses corroborated some of the important parts of Bramah's testimony.

Bramah, who proved to be the most important witness called during the investigation of the alleged bribery of the Ford jury, was in the employ of Richards until last Saturday night. Information given the prosecution by a prominent Oakland man caused suspicion to be directed toward Olsen and Richards and turned the inquiry into the channel which has led to the involving of Porter Ashe, already under

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  - \$1 prize to Eleanor Blake, 421 Fair Oaks street, city. A second guess.
  - \$1 prize to Florence Oliver, 1736 Market street, city. Some one who is hard to find, but easy to find out.
  - \$1 prize to M. B. Williams, 427 Lyon street, city. A soul storm.
  - \$1 prize to Marie Everett, 400 Sixteenth street, Oakland. Cupid's one best bet.
  - \$1 prize to S. P. Wetzal, county jail No. 2, city. A fair exchange.