

DEMANDED MONEY FOR HIS SILENCE

SENSATIONAL CHARGES MADE IN THE VIDAVER CASE.

A BANKER PROMISED TO PAY

\$1,500 to Escape Attacks on His Bank and Himself by a Man Who Claimed to Represent New York's Attorney General.

New York, March 6.—Astounding charges are made in the affidavits accompanying the complaint in which Nathan Vidaver, recently a special deputy attorney general, is charged with attempting to extort \$500 from ex-President William R. Montgomery of the Hamilton bank. Montgomery in his affidavit alleges that Vidaver, representing himself as influential with Attorney General Jackson, demanded \$1,500 as the price of a brief immunity for himself and the Hamilton bank from newspaper attacks.

That the period of immunity was to terminate on November 30, the date set for the arguments on the question of making the receivership for the Hamilton bank permanent, at which time, Vidaver explained, a new arrangement would have to be made. Montgomery during which Grossman's agreement to pay the \$1,500 the public attacks ceased, only to be renewed when he failed to make good his promise to pay the \$1,500.

The hearing in the case of Vidaver was set for Thursday morning, but by mutual consent of counsel was postponed until this afternoon. The complaint, however, was drawn up at the district attorney's office and made public. Attached to it and made a part of the court record are five affidavits, one by Mr. Montgomery, two by Detective Fitzsimmons of the district attorney's office, one by Frederick Seering, a lawyer, and one by Douglas Sanderson, house detective at the Astor house.

Fitzsimmons swears to a telephone conversation between Moses Grossman and Montgomery during which Grossman is quoted as having said that he could smooth things over with Vidaver and arrange everything satisfactorily for Montgomery if the matter was left to him. Grossman at this time, according to the affidavit, urged his client to send him a check for \$1,500. The other affidavit the detective swears to a conversation which he says he heard between the same men while the detective was secreted in Montgomery's home last Wednesday. At this time Fitzsimmons says Grossman told Montgomery that the banker gave him a foot not to give up the promised \$1,500 to Vidaver and that had he done so he would not have been indicted, nor would his name or the name of the Hamilton bank appear in the papers.

The affidavit continues: "M. asked: 'Does Vidaver give that money direct to Jackson?'" "G. said: 'No, there is a go-between.'"

"M. asked: 'Auerbach?' To which G. answered: 'Yes, Auerbach is another one; but we have got to bow to the inevitable.'"

"To which G. said: 'Yes, that is so. It isn't the man but the office he holds. His office is a power politically.'"

Fitzsimmons also tells of the luncheon at the Astor house Wednesday, during which Montgomery gave him \$100 marked bills to Vidaver. The house detective at the Astor swears to seeing the money passed.

The Hamilton bank in Harlem closed its doors October 23 last. On December 5 Attorney General Jackson made public a report made to him by Receiver White in which the management of the institution by President Montgomery, who had succeeded E. R. Thomas in the presidency October 20, and other officials was sharply criticized. The courts refused to make the receivership permanent, and on January 20, 1908, it reopened. Preceding the reopening, on January 14, the special grand jury returned two indictments against Montgomery charging acts of overcertification while he was vice president of the bank. Recently he has sought to have these indictments quashed and to re-enter the banking business.

Attorney General Jackson said last night that Vidaver had no connection with the banking investigation and added that he did not know Grossman. Mr. Jackson said that he could not conceive of Vidaver telling any man that he could influence the attorney general.

An Appeal in Behalf of Foraker.

Washington, March 6.—An appeal was issued Thursday by the colored campaign vigilance committee to the negro voters of the northern states to secure the election of delegates to the Republican national convention at Chicago who will cast their votes for Senator Foraker for the presidency. In case of the failure to secure Foraker's nomination they are urged to unite upon President Fairbanks or Senator La Follette of Wisconsin. They are urged also to oppose the nomination of Taft.

Honored Proctor's Memory.

Washington, March 6.—Both branches of congress adjourned Thursday out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Proctor of Vermont. No business of importance was done in either body.

Denounced Architect Huxton.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 6.—Attorney Lyman D. Gilbert, counsel for ex-Auditor General Snyder and ex-State Treasurer Mathews, spoke throughout Thursday's sessions of the capitol conspiracy trial, defending their course and denouncing J. M. Huxton, the architect, and his assistant, Stanford B. Lewis, who testified against the defendants. Huxton, he contended, converted himself out of his architect's handbook of unprofessional conduct, inattention and gross carelessness. "If he did not superintend the work we was paid to do he is a thief," asserted the lawyer.

IT WON'T STRETCH A BIT.



MINOR MENTION.

Mrs. Bridget King of Sheffield Ill. is dead and her son John, 15 years old, is fatally burned following the explosion of a lamp in their home.

The third of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.'s series of four tunnels under the East river connecting New York and Long Island City has been opened.

The central part of Girardville, Pa., a mining town, was swept by a fire which burned seven houses and a store and slightly damaged a number of other dwellings.

Japan has been compelled to vacate or buy all of the Russian banks throughout Manchuria seized during the war and consequently has lost prestige with the Chinese.

The Japanese government, while maintaining the firmest attitude concerning the seizure of the ship Tatsu by the Chinese at Macao on February 7, entertains no idea of resorting to force for the recovery of the vessel.

William Adler, former president of the State National Bank of New Orleans, has been indicted by the United States grand jury at New Orleans for "misapplying national bank funds." Adler recently disappeared and is now supposed to be in Central America.

Convicted of Conspiracy.

Portland, Me., March 6.—A verdict of guilty on both counts of the indictment charging conspiracy to defraud the United States government was returned Thursday in the case of George F. Terry and Henry W. Boshan. Terry, who is president of the Sawyer Publishing Co. of Waterville, and Boshan, who was the clerk in charge of second class mail matter in the Waterville postoffice, were jointly indicted on February 8, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government of money due for postage on a magazine published by the Sawyer Co.

Enforced the 16-Hour Law.

Pottsville, Pa., March 6.—The new railroad law prescribing the hours of work for railroad crews, which went into effect Sunday, was taken advantage of by a train crew here Thursday when a Pennsylvania freight train was stopped on the main track while passing through town because the crew had been on duty 16 hours. A shifting engine sidetracked the train, where it remained for ten hours until the crew had secured their lawful rest.

Sues Alleged Night Riders for \$50,000.

Pudacoe, Ky., March 6.—Robert H. Hallowell and wife of Vandergriff, Ind., and formerly of Caldwell county, Kentucky, on Thursday filed suits for \$50,000 damages each against 25 or 30 residents of Caldwell county on the ground that they were members of a body of "night riders" which attacked their home last May. The "night riders," it is alleged, "shot up" Hallowell's house, beat Hallowell's wife and forced him to leave.

Boy Killed His Nephew.

Woonsocket, R. I., March 6.—Earl Hartnett, 3 years old, was accidentally shot and killed by his uncle, Fred Tucker, aged 12, at the home of Earl's father, Fred Hartnett, a well known baseball player, in Millville Thursday. Tucker was amusing two younger boys by pretending that he was a soldier, when he accidentally dropped a double-barreled shotgun. One barrel was discharged, the shot tearing away the top of Earl Hartnett's head.

Plan Monument to Cost \$1,000,000.

London, March 6.—The committee that has in charge the movement for the "world's tribute to Shakespeare" has decided upon the erection of an architectural monument and statue, to be completed on the 300th anniversary of his death. The memorial will cost about \$1,000,000, competition for which will be thrown open to all English speaking races.

County Local Option Bill in Law.

Columbus, O., March 6.—The Rose county local option bill became a law Thursday. Gov. Harris affixed his signature to the measure and it was filed with the secretary of state. Demands for pens used in the signing of the bill were so numerous that the governor used three of them so that as many souvenir hunters might have their desires granted. The governor reasoned that as he had the three names he could with propriety use a trio of pens. With one he traced his first name, "Andrew," with No. 2 his middle name, "Linber," and with the third he wrote "Harris."

Probe of Children's Home Begins.

New Philadelphia, O., March 6.—The county commissioners, assisted by Auditor Donahue, began an investigation of the Tuscarawas county children's home Thursday. Superintendent Nugent says he wants a thorough investigation in order that he may be cleared.

WAS BURIED IN POTTER'S FIELD

RABBIS REFUSED TO ACT AS FUNERAL OF AVERBUCH.

THE MAN KILLED BY SHIPPY

Was Buried Like a Dog, Unattended by Relatives or Friends—Undertakers Declined to Take Charge of the Body.

Chicago, March 6.—The body of Lazarus Averbuch, the young Russian Jew who tried to take the life of Chicago's chief of police on Monday, was buried last night in the potter's field. The assassin's sister, Olga Averbuch, her resources exhausted, gave reluctant consent to interment by the county and in the darkness, with a dreary rain pouring down, was accompanied by friend or relative, the body of the youth was taken to Dunning, the site of the county poor farm, and there by the light of lanterns placed in the grave that had been prepared for it.

Following her release from custody at noon Thursday Averbuch's sister made vain attempts to have her brother's body given burial according to Jewish rites. A number of undertakers were communicated with, but all declined to take charge of the body. Appeal was made to several rabbis with like result. Undertakers would not be permitted and acted accordingly. All day the police searched for Miss Goldmann, who was reported to be in the city, but up to a late hour last night she had not been located. Assistant Chief Schuetzler said he had no intention of arresting her, however, unless she violated the law, which he believed she will not attempt to do.

Receivership Didn't Last Long.

Laporte, Ind., March 6.—After hearing arguments on the motion of attorneys for the Chicago-New York Electric Air Line road, the Co-Operative Construction Co. and the Gothen, Chicago & South Bend Railway Co. to vacate the order made Wednesday appointing George F. Mull of Indianapolis receiver of the three companies, the Laporte county circuit court on Thursday set aside the motion and dismissed Receiver Mull.

Fire Drill Prevented a Horror.

Philadelphia, March 6.—More than 100 small children in the public kindergarten at Lansdowne, a suburb, were marched safely from the building Thursday in fire drill, while the girls and partitions in the basement burned fiercely and the halls were filling with smoke from a fire that was started by crossed electric wires.

Jailbirds Mutinied.

Trenton, N. J., March 6.—Nearly 100 prisoners in the county prison here mutinied last night and made an effort to break jail because they declared they were not given sufficient rations. Guards were called out and the prisoners were beaten back.

Declares Voting Machines Are Legal.

Cleveland, March 6.—Judge Schwan on Thursday declared voting machines legal. "The essential feature of the ballot," said Judge Schwan, "is secrecy. This feature the machines carry out in full."

Attempts at Rescue Failed.

Birmingham, Eng., March 6.—Repeated efforts of rescue parties provided with oxygen apparatus to reach the entombed miners, now believed to be number 21, at Hamstead colliery have failed. The fire in the mine is still raging and there is no hope that a rescue can be effected.

A Triple Tragedy.

Muskogee, Okla., March 6.—At Foyt, in the Cherokee Nation, Ella Beck, a farmer, shot and killed his wife and his 15-year-old stepson and then committed suicide. The couple had been married but four months.

ENTIRE TOWN IS IN MOURNING

COLLINGSWOOD FIRE HORROR IS FELT IN EVERY HOME.

CORONER BEGINS INQUEST.

Many Bodies Are So Badly Burned That Identification Is Impossible—Janitor Claims Fire Was Work of Incendiary.

Cleveland, March 6.—The total number of bodies recovered from the ruins of the school house at Collingswood that was destroyed by fire Wednesday is 161. Of these 131 have been positively identified.

The Collingswood city council has appropriated money to defray the expense of the funerals.

In the meantime investigations as to the cause of the fire and the culpability, if any, of the persons responsible for it have been started.

Coroner Burke has begun his inquest. Several witnesses testified Thursday.

There are few families in Collingswood but have lost one or more children. The whole town is in mourning. Those whose children were saved are grieving with the ones that lost their children.

No plausible reason for the fire has been given. The janitor, Fred Hirter, states that the fire started in the basement in the front of the building. He said that there was not a scrap of loose paper anywhere and that none of the boys were allowed in that part of the building. He blames it upon an incendiary.

"The fire could not possibly have started except through some person's deliberate and malicious act," said he. The people of Collingswood think differently.

Chief Inspector of Workshops and Factories Morgan is at Collingswood investigating the construction of the building. At his office in Columbus the belief was expressed that the building was faulty in construction. A severe penalty is provided for such a violation of the state laws.

Expressions of sympathy for the people come from all sources and many steps for the relief of suffering are being taken.

The Collingswood board of trade and the school board Thursday appointed a relief committee. The committee will take charge of the bodies that cannot be recognized.

If any family that has lost a child and cannot find the boy or girl should wish to bury one of the unrecognizable bodies, they will be permitted to do so. The rest of the bodies will be laid side by side in the cemetery.

Fire Marshals Brockman and Feigenbaum examined the dorms in the school Thursday, but little could be determined, as the doors had been locked.

The fire marshals questioned many persons and gave out the information late in the day that they were convinced that the doors opened outward. Whether they were locked or not they have not yet been able to determine. Some say that the doors were locked, others that one was locked, and still others say that all doors were open.

Thirty-nine police guarded the fire-swept school house and the morgue in the city last night Thursday and Sunday. Many of the bodies were recovered and the identification of those recovered.

The crowd about the morgue was so great that the police were almost overpowered many times. Mothers and fathers who had lost children demanded that the bodies be given to them. Many of the bodies were almost insane with grief and the suffering caused by the horrible suspense and would not take no for an answer. A few were admitted, but the majority had to remain outside the fire lines. The police, in many cases, had to use force to keep the people out.

Did Not Try to Fix the Blame.

Columbus, O., March 6.—The state railroad commission on Thursday filed with the governor its report of the investigation of the grade crossing accident at Toledo Wednesday. In eight persons were killed by a freight striking a trolley car. The commission does not attempt to fix the blame for the accident, but urges as the only adequate remedy for such accidents the elimination of grade crossings. The commission also suggests as the chief object of the commission's future legislation the state should be required to bear part of the cost. Other remedial laws are suggested.

A Mysterious Disappearance.

East Liverpool, O., March 6.—Harrison Guy, who disappeared two weeks ago, was found here Thursday. He was visiting relatives, where he had been from, and having had \$1,900 on his person, is feared to have been murdered. He had been with relatives in Negley before he left there to go to a Cleveland hospital.

Number of Inspectors Is Too Small.

Columbus, O., March 6.—The Collingswood school building in which the horrible tragedy of Wednesday occurred, had never been inspected by the state shop and factory inspector. So said H. G. Helsly, chief clerk in the department, Thursday. "It would be a physical impossibility," said he, "for the department to inspect all the school buildings in the state with the small force of 13 inspectors for all purposes, not to speak of the many other classes of public buildings which are equally not in the jurisdiction of the department. The best we can do as now equipped is to inspect all complaints. There was never any complaint as to this building and therefore we never inspected it."

Six Counterfeiters Arrested.

Chicago, March 6.—Five men and one woman alleged to be counterfeiters were arrested before Commissioner Booth and held to the federal grand jury Thursday. They were arrested in a series of raids by the police and secret service operatives.

Hungry As a Bear and Can't Eat

When Mealtime Comes, You Suffer From a Yes-Not-Kind of Hunger, You're a Dyspeptic.

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A good many people get mad when you tell them they've got dyspepsia, but way down deep in their stomachs they know they've got it.

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Rivers Are at Flood Stage.

Zanesville, O., March 6.—A damaging flood is imminent in the Muskingum river valley. The waters have been at the danger point at many places for three days and last evening a heavy rain set in, which has again caused the river to rise at this point. Reports from the head waters of the Muskingum and Licking rivers, the latter of which joins the Muskingum here, show that the rain is general and the outlook is threatening.

A Daring Thief Is Captured.

Xenia, O., March 6.—By smashing a show window in George Glarier's jewelry store here Thursday, a daring thief got away with much jewelry. He was later arrested in Dayton as he was entering a pawn shop and when searched had 28 gold watches in his pockets, together with many gold brooches, rings and diamonds. He was identified as John Dunbar, who formerly served time from Dayton for burglary.

The Maumee Goes on a Rampage.

Toledo, March 6.—The Maumee river is higher in front of the city than at any time this winter. The water is flowing over the docks and in the cellars of many business houses, doing considerable damage. Pumps are being used in the electric light power house to prevent the water stopping cars and plunging the city in darkness.

School Houses to Be Inspected.

Columbus, O., March 6.—Mayor Bond, on complaint of people who send their children to the Eastern school building here, has ordered the fire chief to inspect all the school buildings in the city. The charge is made that the doors of the Eastern building are kept locked during school hours. One building was found where the doors swing inward.

Refused an Offer to Act as a Spy.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 6.—Jack Treadwell, a Japanese interpreter, formerly a member of the Twenty-first United States Infantry, announced at the local recruiting office that he had been offered \$150 a month by an agent of the Japanese government to act as spy in discovering the location of mines and giving descriptions of the fortifications in San Francisco and San Diego harbors and Puget Sound.

NEBRASKA DEMOCRATS ENTHUSIASTIC FOR BRYAN

Leaders From All Over the Bug Eater's State Assemble at Omaha and Pledge Their Undivided and Loyal Support to The Commoner—Platform Adopted is a Strong Document.

Omaha, Neb., March 6.—Thursday and against the contrary by any company or more than 50 per cent. of its product is added to take the third remedy is that such corporation be compelled to sell to people in all parts of the country at the same price, provision being made only for the difference in transportation.

An immediate revision of the tariff by reduction is demanded, and it is recommended that the products controlled in this market by trusts be put on the free list. Income and inheritance taxes are favored, but it is suggested that it would be better to do away with swollen fortunes by removing the privileges and favoritism upon which they have been built.

Real valuation of the railroads and the basing of freight rates upon the figures obtained, early establishment of the postal savings system and the better regulation and inspection of banks are among the other things declared. After declaring for the eight-hour day and against the abuse of the injunction the platform speaks out against the admission to this country of Asiatic aliens who cannot, in the nature of things, be amalgamated with our population.

Mr. Bryan, in his speech, which he called a "Word of Encouragement," said in part:

"Our trouble used to be to persuade the Republicans to accept Democratic policies; our work now is to expose the imitation by them of Democratic ideas and to point wherein they come short in their effort to appropriate Democratic doctrines. Take, for instance the trust question. We had definitely convinced the Republicans that there were trusts. Now they admit that trusts exist; we had difficulty convincing them the criminal laws should be enforced against trusts; now they admit it should be enforced but fail to enforce it.

"The present financial stringency is another illustration of Republican incompetency. In the full possession of power it has allowed the country to be run over by Wall St. financiers and in the crisis is impotent to do more than furnish money out of the public treasury to support the market. It has made no effort to stop gambling—the fruitless cause of panics; it has made no effort to furnish government notes for an emergency and it has made no effort to protect depositors. The Republicans admit that something must be done and they know not how to proceed. They are so convinced that the present condition are deplorable that they applaud the president's last message which was an indictment of Republican misrule for all abuses of which he complained are traceable to Republican legislation or lack of legislation."

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One is the prevention of duplication of directors by companies supposed to be in competition. Another is a federal license for any concern doing an interstate business, this license to be required as a condition to the concerns controlling 25 per cent. of the commodity in which it deals. A law is asked to protect the public against watered stock.

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SETTLES DIVORCE CASE WITH A SHOTGUN

After Attempting to Murder His Wife and Daughter a Kirtland, Ohio, Man Puts Muzzle of the Gun to His Forehead and Blows Out His Brains—Wife was Shot but not Seriously Injured.

Willoughby, O., March 6.—Lafayette Martin, of Kirtland, two miles south of here, shot his wife twice and then blew off his own head yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Martin is expected to recover.

Martin, who was about sixty, had been a farmer in Kirtland, but for a time had done little but hunt. He could be seen almost any day trudging cross-country with his shotgun, looking for what small game the region affords.

This and many quarrels led to a separation, and for three months he and Mrs. Martin had lived apart. Mrs. Martin brought suit for divorce and went to live with her daughter, Mrs. McGregor, in whose home Martin found her yesterday afternoon. It was about 2 o'clock when Mrs. McGregor saw her father approaching the house, his shotgun under his arm as usual. His coming she took as a bad omen, for there was more or less bitterness between him and the other members of the family. Martin appeared to be certain that there were people in the house. He rapped but once, then tried the door, then threw himself against it in an effort to break it from its hinges. By this time the two women were frightened. They took to their heels and had barely got out the back door when the front door broke down under Martin's assaults. Martin ran through the house, saw his wife starting to cross a field, and fired twice as she looked back. The charges struck her in the face and neck, but did not make serious wounds. He stopped to reload and then set out in pursuit of his daughter. His delay gave her a handicap which he could not overcome, and soon he gave up the chase to go back to the house. There, in the back yard, he put the muzzle of the shotgun to his head and pulled the trigger.