

POLICE SCORED FOR FAILING TO GET EVIDENCE

Setback In Crusade to Stop Alleged Handbook Making.

LOUIS G. PFEIFFER IS TWICE SET FREE

Vagrancy Charge Does Not Hold, and "Suspects" Are Released By Judge Pugh.

Police of the First precinct, specifically the "powers that be" in that branch of the department, who have caused the arrest of Louis G. Pfeiffer, well known in local sporting fraternity, twice in the last month, charging him with being a vagrant and professional gambler, were bitterly scored by the defendant's attorneys in the Police Court today, where Pfeiffer was again exonerated of the charges against him.

Probably no case in the recent annals of the Police Court has caused so much interest as that of Pfeiffer's, it being a test on which hung many other similar cases, involving the arrest of any man-about-town suspected of making handbooks on horse races.

War on Gambling.

In the fight to break up the practice of making or taking bets on horse races the police have been unable to obtain evidence enough to warrant a charge of handbook making being placed against numerous individuals suspected of making their living by this game.

Consequently, the information against this class of suspects has been brought under the vagrancy laws and several other District statutes. Pfeiffer, William E. Casey, and Bernard Wrenn, all well known in the downtown section of the city, were charged with being vagrants several weeks ago. Judge Pugh, of the Police Court, District branch, on hearing the testimony in the case of Pfeiffer, who instead of being a vagrant, proved that he was a property owner and had other "visible means of support," dismissed the charge against the man and in consequence the charges against the other alleged vagrants were also dropped.

Calls It Persecution.

"This is a case of pure persecution and not prosecution," said Attorney Robert E. Mattingly, counsel for Pfeiffer, after twelve policemen of the First pre-

dict had all testified that the defendant was known as a professional gambler and that he had that reputation. Clyde E. Ambrose, special agent of the Department of Justice; Sergeant Catta, Detectives Howe and Simpson, and numerous other officers of the precinct each testified that Pfeiffer's reputation was that of a "professional gambler."

In each instance the court and Attorneys Mattingly and Michael W. Sullivan, for the defense, on cross-questioning of the policemen, made the witness acknowledge that they had never gambled with Pfeiffer and could not bring anyone into the court to testify who had.

Wants Specific Evidence.

Judge Pugh further declared that it was "funny" some one had not obtained specific evidence against Pfeiffer to the effect that he was a gambler. Attorneys Mattingly and Sullivan, for the exonerated man, threaten to take the arrest of Pfeiffer to persons "higher up" in the Police Department, and "even further than that if necessary," to prevent the further persecution of their client.

The case against Casey and Wrenn, as a consequence of the dismissal of the second charge against Pfeiffer, were immediately dropped, according to attorneys representing the man. Inability to convict Pfeiffer and the other men under either the vagrancy statute or the statute permitting the prosecution of gamblers, is a severe blow to the crusade against scores of individuals throughout the city suspected of handbook making. The Police Court judge has decreed that to convict a man of handbook making or gambling specific evidence is necessary and not the mere statements of police officers that the man's reputation is that of a gambler.

HELD AS SLASHER OF MISS KILROY

Victim Fails To Identify Colored Man, But Court Fixes Bail At \$4,000.

Although Miss Margaret L. Kilroy, the Treasury Department clerk, whom he is alleged to have attacked with a knife in her residence, 216 Second street southwest, early last Sunday morning, failed to identify him as her assailant, George White, the colored man arrested in the case shortly after Miss Kilroy was sent to the hospital for treatment, was held in \$4,000 bond in the Police Court yesterday for the action of the grand jury.

White pleaded not guilty. He was identified by a colored man who swore that he saw him leave the Kilroy house about the time the assault occurred. The man's description tallied with that given by Miss Kilroy of the man who attacked her. White, the police in the case testified, told conflicting stories of whereabouts on the morning of the assault.

Woman Slightly Burned.

Mrs. Mary E. Grinder, of 213 C street southeast, was slightly burned about the hands while attempting to extinguish a small blaze in a pile of clothing in the hallway of her home last evening. The fire did \$5 damage.

DRAMATIC PLEA FOR MRS. GRACE STIRS JURYMEN

Tears In Eyes of Some As "Diabolical Plot" Is Charged.

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denunciation of the defendant, apparently much to her relief. The host was intensely oppressive, and Mrs. Grace sat nervously fanning herself throughout the attorney's speech. Denounces Alleged Plot.

"Attorney John W. Moore, for the defense, then took the other side. In bitter denunciation he accused the course of the prosecution in 'attempting to fasten a case on this poor, unfortunate woman.' 'Measuring my words in the presence of God,' the attorney declared in dramatic tones 'this is the first case in my experience as a lawyer where it has been necessary for the defense continuously to struggle to force the State to present the truth.'

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trators that they could not look honest men in the face. 'This poor, persecuted woman, here in a land of strangers, was made the object of a theatrical attempt to force a breakdown while she was making her simple statement.'

Failed to Break Her Down.

"You thought when you brought Eugene Grace in here that you would make her break down; but your theatrical plot failed miserably. This defendant has been sustained despite your effort, by her innocence. There was the ring of innocence in every word she uttered. They tell you she was mercenary. Evidence that fell from the lips of Grace's own people showed that it was they who were struggling with financial difficulties. The theory of the State was born in the kennel of mercenary motives."

The attorney then zealously referred to Mrs. Grace's testimony of her husband's cruelty to her. For the first time since the trial started, Mrs. Grace wept openly at his dramatic denunciation of her husband for this alleged mistreatment, and all but broke down completely when the attorney concluded his speech.

Mission Fathers Sued To Compel Sale of Land

A suit to compel the Society of Oblate Fathers for Missions Among the Poor to complete a contract for the sale of 3.86 acres of land at Michigan avenue and Fourth street northeast, has been filed in the District Supreme Court by Patrick J. Walsh and the associated professors of St. Mary's Seminary, of Baltimore. It is claimed that the cost of the property was to be \$47,000, and that \$5,000 has been paid. The court is asked to direct the conveyance of the property to the defendant on the payment of the balance.

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EXILED POLITICIANS JOIN ISSUE WITH NICARAGUAN REBELS

Castro Said to Be Concerned In Plot to Foment Rebellion In South America.

The revolution in Nicaragua took a turn for the worse today when a number of exiled politicians who have been in Costa Rica landed at Bluefields to join in the insurrection. They are all followers of Zelaya, the deposed president. Reports at the State Department today indicate that hundreds of other refugees are hurrying to Nicaragua from all points in Central America. Even from New Orleans and New York where there are a number of "emigrados politicos" there is a procession southward. Juan Estrada, former political leader in Nicaragua, is said to be in Brooklyn, but the department has not learned whether he will join General Mena in the latest revolt or not.

It has been known here for some time that plots were being hatched in this country against the peace of Central America. One rumor connects the name of Cipriano Castro, exiled president of Venezuela, with plans for the overthrow of the governments of not only Nicaragua, but those of Honduras, Salvador and Venezuela.

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2,500 AMERICANS SEEK REFUGE FROM REBELS OF MEXICO

Mormons Will Relinquish All Claims to Their Property Across Frontier.

Col. E. Z. Steever today telegraphed to Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, that there are now about 2,500 American refugees from Mexico, mostly Mormon women and children, at El Paso, Tex. The army officers are distributing rations to the victims and are quartering them in tents supplied by the War Department. The latest body of refugees, about 500 in number, arrived this morning and there were five children to every woman in the party.

It was definitely announced at the department today that the directors of the Mormon Church are desirous of removing all Mormons from the scenes of disturbance in Mexico. This is taken to mean that they are willing to relinquish all claim to their property in Mexico. All the horses owned by the Mormons were confiscated by the rebels some time ago and now their cattle, crops and other possessions in the Casas Grandes district are at the mercy of the marauders.

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NOT ONE ELECTORAL VOTE FOR TAFT, IS DIXON'S PREDICTION

Col. Roosevelt's Manager Says Progressives Will Win Easily.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Senator Joseph M. Dixon, campaign manager for Colonel Roosevelt, today predicted an overwhelming victory for the Progressive party in the fall campaign. "President Taft will not get a single electoral vote," he said. "He is out of the fight entirely. Governor Wilson is losing strength and there is a probability that there will be a landslide to the Progressive party this fall."

The Woman's Suffrage plank is to be made a live issue in the campaign, according to Dixon. To emphasize this fact he announced that Miss Jane Addams of Hull House will be invited to be a delegate to the Progressive national convention next week. Senator Dixon was today busy with final preparations before the meeting of the national committee tomorrow to hear the delegate contests that must be settled before a temporary roll of the convention is made up.

Senator Bourne to Run As Progressive

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 2.—United States Senator Jonathon Bourne, defeated at the primary for the Republican nomination to succeed himself, will enter the fight for re-election as an independent progressive. Selling, the man who defeated him in the primary, has come out for Taft.

The Roosevelt Progressives will put a candidate in the field and Bourne's friends believe that as an independent he would stand a greater chance against the field.



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