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INSPECTOR AT BAY.

Williams, of the Gotham Police Force, Faces Goff.

A WITNESS WHO ADMITS NOTHING.

And So Far Is a Match for His Prosecutor—Has No Hesitation in Giving the Lie to His Accuser, No Matter Who They Are, and Replies Promptly to All Questions—Fitsy Extracts from the Examination.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Next to Superintendent Byrnes Inspector Alexander Williams is looked upon by the residents of this city as the man who knows every detail in connection with the police department in New York, and there was a large audience in the Lexow committee room to hear what the inspector had to say. Lawyers, doctors, bankers, brokers, and men about town scrambled for seats to hear the famous "Knight of the Club" and Inquisitor Goff cross foils in a wordy fencing match. During the early part of the proceedings former Wardman Shalvey, who was Policeman Hassey's partner in the twelfth precinct, was examined, and he told about his collections of bribe money from saloonkeepers, proprietors of houses of ill fame, and police shops.

Inspector Williams Faces Goff. He accused Captains Webb (retired), Doherty, Eakins and Schultz of receiving the bribes. During Schultz' regime he said that the price on policy shops was raised 10 per cent, and that in nine months he paid over to Schultz about \$4,500. Detective Sergeants Phil Riley and James Von Grischen were called after recess and they said they attended the races at Saratoga during their vacations and that they received money from the owners of the track for keeping "crooked persons" away from it, but denied ever having divided money they got with any of the police officials in New York. Inspector Williams was then called and every one was on tip-toe of expectations. He was dressed in full uniform, and seemed to be as unconcerned as if he were going to testify against an ordinary "drunk and disorderly."

Denounces Schmittberger as a Liar. In reply to Goff he said that he learned the trade of ship carpenter, and previous to 1896, when he joined the force, he had charge of shipyards in China and Japan. When he left there he was worth from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and had property in Japan. He accounted for his transactions in real estate and swore positively that he was never directly or indirectly connected with the sale of Hollywood whiskey. The inspector had frequently been accused of having an interest in the company which handled this brand of liquor, and it was stated that by displaying the company's sign in a prominent place the proprietors of saloons were protected from arrest or annoyance for violation of the excise laws. Williams denounced Schmittberger as a liar, and said he was prompted to lie by a promise of immunity given by the Lexow committee.

"Toughest" Witness Yet Heard. He met Goff's attacks stubbornly and frequently aroused merriment by his answers to several questions. After seventy minutes of fencing Goff asked for an adjournment until this morning, and the majority of the spectators said that Williams was the "toughest" witness that the investigator had met as yet. When the inspector took the witness stand he let his eyes roam around the room and finally fixed them on Goff. Then he told of his property holdings when he joined the force, of his dock yard business and his questioner seemed a good deal interested in what property he had in 1896 (when he joined the force) and what he did with it.

A FINANCIAL INQUISITION.

Prosecutor Goff Wants to Know Much About Williams' Money.

Goff asked him: "You sold your Brooklyn house. How much did you get for it?" "I got \$5,000. I can't remember." "What bank was the rest of your money in?" "It was not in any bank. It was in bills of exchange on English banks." "Did you cash them before you joined the police force?" "Yes." "What did you get for them? Gold?" "No, paper money. I got the face value of the bills." "Where did you put that money?" "In a safe belonging to a man named Terry." "You can't tell the amount you deposited with Mr. Terry?" "Between \$15,000 and \$20,000." "If the money was in greenbacks they would not have been valuable. Gold was over 200 then." "Yes, I got 283 or 285 for it." "Why did you put it in the safe?" "To preserve it from burglars and robbers." "And corrupt bank officials?" "Yes." "You have thought carefully over your evidence?" "Well, not specially. I have thought over it." "You remember Commissioner McClave's and Commissioner Sheehan's testimony?" "Yes, I read their evidence in the papers." "You don't intend to refuse to disclose your affairs as some of your officials have done?" "I don't intend to disclose the opinions of my superiors," said the witness testily.

"I do not say that the officials were superior," said Goff. "Well, you mentioned Commissioners McClave and Sheehan." Getting down to the distillery business Goff asked if George Norton, an official of the concern, was not a thief and Williams said no. Goff suggested that Norton's father was a thief and Williams said: "He was not. He kept a saloon at the corner of Dover and Water streets. George Norton often gave me information about thieves when I was captain of the Fourth precinct."

"He was a stool-pigeon for you, then?" "He was not a stool-pigeon. Stool-pigeons are paid. He gave me information as a great many citizens do to the police. He gave my successor, Captain Murray, similar information."

"And you desired to assist him in business?" "I never did so."

"Did you hear of a memorial being presented to the legislature against interference by the police in favor of Hollywood whiskey?" "Yes."

"And in face of that memorial having been signed by reputable merchants and traders do you say it was false?" "False as far as I am concerned."

During this portion of the witness' testimony Goff's temper appeared to be rising, while the inspector seemed determined to baffle the counsel's efforts. Williams knew a man named Fisco, a whiskey dealer, and Goff remarked: "He is a very good fellow?" "I am glad to

hear you call any one a good fellow, Mr. Goff," said Williams.

To the remark by Goff that there were a number of charges against the inspector, Williams replied that he thought he had "been charged with every offense on the calendar. In spite of that I feel rather healthy." He had been before the police board eighteen times, but had never violated the laws. Then he had to tell how much real estate he held and how much his wife held, when it was bought, and of other similar matters, and incidentally stated that evidence given by Kirkland that he had to pay \$300 to him in 1879 when he was in charge of the street cleaning squad for allowing Kirkland's books to be audited was a lie.

There was no reason, he said, why the scow men, Rowells and Perkins, should have testified against him, and the merchants and traders who signed the memorial to the legislature lied, perhaps unwittingly, in fact perjured themselves. When asked if he had ever done anything calculated to make Schmittberger injure him the inspector said he had helped the captain; sometimes a man hated those who had helped him. He had never done anything to stop gambling and other wickedness in his district because he was occupied all the time in office work, but he denied that he was either negligent or incompetent. Captain Schmittberger had reported to him that all the gambling houses were closed and he relied upon the captain's statement. This closed the hearing for the day.

VANDALISM IN THE CAPITOL.

Pure Carelessness Seems at the Bottom of Some Noted Despoliations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The senate end of the Capitol has been the scene of more or less vandalism within the past few years. Less than a week ago some one entered the closets on the basement floor and broke several bowls, and Tuesday or Wednesday night the barber shop was robbed of all its portables in the way of razors and shears, while other articles were watonly destroyed.

These acts have been of but very little consequence in themselves, but they have created some apprehension in the mind of the executive officials of the senate, who fear that the vandals may next turn their attention to the valuable pictures and statues which adorn the building, or possibly to the archives on file in various rooms, many of which could be reached with comparatively little effort by anyone who had once gained access to the building.

Election Crime Is Rampant.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—The grand jury has made a final report to Judge Edwards of the criminal court. The report is, in its relation to the recent election, of a sensational character. In the batch of 173 true bills returned over fifty are for election crimes, and included in these are indictments charging Sheriff-Elect Henry Trollet and his son Charles, who is a deputy in Collector Selgenheim's office, with bribery. These two politicians, together with James Haggerty, of the house of delegates, were the most prominent against whom true bills were found.

Wisconsin Teachers in Session.

MADISON, Dec. 27.—Wisconsin Teachers' association has opened in the forty-second annual meeting at the state capitol. The meeting was called to order by President B. B. Dudgeon, of Madison, but was turned over at once to President W. C. Whitford, of Milton college, chairman of the conference on college admission requirements. A number of papers was read.

Say He Killed the Women.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The arrest of George W. Dewey on suspicion of being the murderer of Mrs. Winslow Stearns and her daughter, Mrs. Clinton, has caused great excitement here. One or two persons say that his appearance corresponds with the description of the image of the man seen in Mrs. Stearns' eye.

Saw All of the World He Wanted.

DENVER, Dec. 27.—Floyd McKay, the 15-year-old son of Clancy McKay, editor and proprietor of the Council Bluffs Globe, who ran away from home to "see the world," walked into a police station in this city very thinly clad and suffering from cold and hunger. He has seen enough and wants to go home.

"Home Run" Duffee Is Dead.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 27.—Charles Edward Duffee, aged 28, died here of consumption. He was known as "Home Run" Duffee, an ex-member of the St. Louis Browns, of the National league and the American association, and also of the Washington club of the National league.

Boys Hurt by an Explosion.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 27.—Five white boys were terribly burned in a suburb of Richmond by an explosion of gun powder. A firecracker was accidentally thrown into the house containing the powder for use in a toy cannon. Some may die from the injuries.

The Wreck Caught the Engineer.

THE DALLAS, Or., Dec. 27.—A wreck occurred on the Oregon Railway and Navigation road's line, eight miles west of this city, in which Engineer Joe Beedy lost his life. A brakeman forgot to turn a switch. No others were severely hurt.

Three Noted Crooks Break Jail.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 27.—Three noted burglars and all-round crooks have broken jail here. Their names are Thomas Martin, of Buffalo; Frank Leroy, of Brooklyn, and Thomas King (colored), of New York.

Michigan Knights of the Grip.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 27.—The annual meeting of the Michigan Knights of the Grip began yesterday afternoon with a business session. The attendance will reach about 600 out of a membership in the state of upward of 1,500.

Can Burn Your Own Home in Colorado.

LEADVILLE, Dec. 27.—Justice P. M. Wall, in the case of the people versus Ryan for arson, has rendered a decision discharging Ryan, and holding that there is no law in Colorado prohibiting a man from burning his own house.

Alix Couldn't Break Her Record.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Less than 1,000 people were in attendance at Agricultural park to witness the attempt of Alix to break her record of 2:08 1/2. In this she failed, going the mile in 2:06 1/2.

Lepor Asylum Burned.

PANAMA, Dec. 27.—Venezuela advises state that the leper asylum in Nueva, Barcelona, has been burned down, but that no lives were lost.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Explorers report having seen smoke and steam issuing from the crater of Mount Ranier.

A. K. Linderfelt, Milwaukee's defaulting librarian, who embezzled \$10,000 of the library funds, has been located in Paris.

Harry Hayward, charged with instigating Blixt to murder Miss Ging at Minneapolis, is alleged to have tried to bribe the sheriff to allow Blixt to commit suicide.

Postmaster A. Wallisium, of Wallbaum, Ill., has been arrested for paying debts with postage stamps in order to increase his percentage from their sale.

Andrew Carnegie has made a demand on the government to be reimbursed for the \$40,000 fine imposed by the president in connection with the armor plate frauds.

Obituary: At Meran, Austria, Banker Rudolph Nunnemacher, of Milwaukee, aged 96. At St. Louis, Colonel Sol Falmer, 71. At Peoria, Mrs. Mary Ballance Cobb, 43. At Scranton, Pa., Thomas Cahill, base ball manager, 38. At Oshkosh, Wis., Banker Daniel L. Libbey, 71. At Rockford, Ill., Henry B. Evans, 41. At Fairbury, Ills., Mrs. William Shedd, 84. At Covington, Ky., John Vastine, 84. At Chester, England, Lady Henry Grosvenor.

Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, widow of the California senator, has presented the town of Lead, S. D., with a \$100,000 library. The steamer Gurley, from Port Morant, Jamaica, loaded with bananas for Philadelphia, narrowly escaped being swamped by a waterspout off Cape Hatteras.

St. Louis Democrats have decided on a Lexow investigation.

While impersonating Santa Claus at Columbus, Ind., the cotton on the Rev. Gilbert Dobbs caught fire. Friends threw him to the floor, but the flames were not extinguished until he had been badly burned.

Mother's Influence.

Who can over-estimate it? For good or evil it is far-reaching. Her name, the first that falls from the lips of the prattling babe, is often the last with per of the dying age. God bless our mothers! How important that they be shielded from those weakening diseases which so often wreck their constitutions and render them weak, fretful invalids, prematurely aged and ambitious. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has done much to emancipate women from this thralldom and may be taken by the most delicate with absolute certainty of benefit. For ailing mothers and all debilitated, or "run-down" women, it is the most effective restorative tonic to build them up. To those about to become mothers it is a precious boon. It lessens the pains and perils of childbirth, shortens labor, promotes the secretion of an abundance of nourishment for the child and shortens the period of confinement.

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