

PITTSBURG BANKS DEEP IN GRAFT

Freely Handed Out Bribes for Purpose of Securing Privilege of Holding Funds at Low Rate of Interest

STRONG PRESENTMENT BY GRAND JURY

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Charged With Taking \$25,000 From One Bank to Be Used in Bribery

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 8.—A true bill, charging the collector of delinquent taxes in Allegheny county, with bribery, was returned by the grand jury today, and at the same time a sweeping presentment was handed down with general charges that many of the 22 witnesses which the grand jury has had before it during the grand investigation thus far have wilfully withheld knowledge of graft secrets, and that a certain few have practically been guilty of perjury. Directors and officials of some of the six big banks which profited by the corrupt depository ordinance were severely scored by the prosecutors.

The indictment of Leslie follows his recent acquittal on a charge of perjury in claiming an alibi in connection with a previous indictment for alleged bribery. He is now charged with receiving \$25,000 from the Columbia National Bank of Pittsburgh on June 3, 1910, in the former indictment the date was named as June 6, and Leslie proved that he was out of the city at the time. It is charged that of the \$25,000, he paid \$17,500 to Wm. Brand to bribe councilmen.

The indictment season reached that complex stage today where even the grand jurors thought it necessary to present a comprehensive review of all their work. It was declared most emphatically that former Councilman Chas. Stewart and Cashier James M. Young, of the Second National Bank, have concealed information from the grand jury inquirers. "We have been unable to ascertain who paid Stewart this bribe," means—meaning \$25,000 charged as furnished by New Friend-Hoffert pool of banks—in New York. Although Stewart met this man at least on two or three occasions, although he knew his name and had several drinks with him, he nevertheless avers that he does not remember his name.

The grand jury also recommends a new investigation by the directors of the Second National Bank in specific terms charges that Cashier Young is shielding F. N. Hoffert. There is reason to believe that some one connected with the Second National Bank is responsible for this. The report made to the directors of the "Pittsburgh Deposit National Bank in denial" and the fact of payment of money to bribe councilmen is criticized in the presentment. The validity of the contracts under which six favored banks now hold the city's money is attacked.

Important, in that it shows how the banks were induced to put up so large an amount of money for the boodle fund is the recommendation that six per cent be collected on the city deposits from these banks after this date. The depository banks are now paying two per cent.

The presentment says: "When an ordinance has been passed by the council of the city of Pittsburgh by means of which bribery was participated in by more than ninety per cent of the then members of the council, when the officers of the six banks, or persons for whom benefit paid this bribe, we do not believe that a contract should be valid when it is a fact that other banks of the city of Pittsburgh offered a higher rate of interest. Can it be true that these six banks can reap such benefits from the city of Pittsburgh that now result to them and may result to them because of this wholesale bribery and corruption?"

We here desire to emphatically denounce as public manifestations not only the men who solicited the bribes but also the men of the city of Pittsburgh, but also the men who attempted to bribe the councilmen of the poor councilmen, who is paid no salary for the duties he is called upon to perform in the service of the public."

Bored Into Salt Water
CALGARY, April 8.—At a depth of 2,750 feet the Calgary, Alberta, Gas Company were yesterday forced to stop sinking a well owing to encountering a large body of salt water. That depth is about sea level. Geologists do not confirm the rumor that it is the China Sea, but at the same time the phenomenon is a great puzzle to them.

Calgary Boy Killed
CALGARY, April 8.—The five-year-old son of Rev. Frank Pratt, Unitarian minister, was instantly killed here yesterday. He ran after a delivery dray and was climbing up the rear board when a heavy iron truck fell backward from the dray, striking him on the head and fracturing the skull. He died instantly. His father is at present in Winnipeg.

Hudson's Bay Edmonton Land
EDMONTON, April 8.—City Assessor McMillan does not agree with Jefferson Levy, the capitalist of London, who says that the Hudson's Bay land divided lands in Edmonton are worth \$18,000,000, and that their increase in value is responsible for the jump of 26 points in Hudson's Bay shares in the past two months. The assessor claims that the property is not worth half that amount. The land is assessed as high as \$4,000 an acre, and some of it \$8,000. Last year the company paid \$50,000 in taxes in Edmonton, and the assessor says they will pay much more this year, owing to the increased assessment of property.

Calgary Power Plant
CALGARY, April 8.—Yesterday the city commissioners, Aldermen and members of the press travelled to the scene of the Calgary Power Com-

pany's dam, where 14,000 horse-power is to be developed. The trip was made in a special train in record time. The company are spending \$1,500,000 in construction of the dam and plant which will have a reserve force of water about two miles long, between 60 and 70 feet in depth and 350 feet broad. Two hundred and fifty men are now working night and day shifts, and the plant will be completed by September. The dam is located 40 miles west on the Bow River.

SOME FOR CANADA Four Hundred Passengers on Steamer Cairnrosa Destined For This Country.

LONDON, April 8.—Of nine hundred passengers on the steamer Cairnrosa, whose boiler exploded off Dungeness yesterday, four hundred were destined for Canada. Today there was a serious mutiny among the emigrants rescued from the Cairnrosa and placed aboard the steamer Kanawha. Those on the Up-land were allowed to land yesterday, but when the Kanawha started to land her 500 immigrants, the Dover authorities made strong protests. After a conference between the city officials and officers of the Kanawha it was decided that the immigrants should stay aboard.

When the passengers learned of the decision they attacked the Kanawha's officers and crew and attempted to gain control of the small boats and go ashore. A fierce encounter followed and the Kanawha was compelled to signal the warship for assistance.

The people were finally permitted to land and were taken to London, where the Cairn steamship company's officials will see that they are given care until they can be sent to their destination. The emigrants from the Kanawha will be joined in London by 400 others who were landed here by the steamship Up-land.

INDIAN TAKEN ON MURDER CHARGE

August Charlie Arrested at Pemberton Meadows on Suspicion of Having Caused Death of Howard Wade

August Charlie, an Indian, for whom the Provincial police have been searching for three months past, has been arrested at Pemberton Meadows, on suspicion of having caused the death of Howard Wade, a rancher in the Harrison Lake district. The body of Mr. Wade was found in Harrison lake, with an axe, foul play was suspected and indications pointed to an Indian, under the influence of liquor, having been instrumental in the crime. The attention of the Provincial police was directed to the movements of August Charlie, an Indian of the vicinity, who was known to have been in the neighborhood at the time of the supposed murder. He got wind of their suspicions and fled. In the last three months, practically since the time of the crime, the chase has continued. This Indian, finally being caught at Pemberton Meadows. He has been taken to Vancouver and will be charged with the murder, according to a report just received by "Hussey." The Provincial police are undeterred in that they show how the which will lead to his conviction.

WINNIPEGERS BUY BUSINESS SITE

Large Lot on Corner of Government and Comorant Street Is Sold for the Sum of \$84,000

One of the largest realty sales reported for some weeks has just been closed by a syndicate of Winnipeggers at a corner lot on Government and Comorant street. The price paid was \$84,000. The lot measures 120 x 120 feet and is a desirable business site. It has been bought for the purpose of investment.

Exquisite property is being snapped up in many different quarters and nearly all the property listed in the district has changed hands within the past few weeks. There is a brisk demand for residential lots in all quarters of the city.

Making Canal Dirt Fly
WASHINGTON, April 8.—The total excavation of the Panama Canal for the month of March was 3,000,479 cubic yards, against 2,602,995 yards in February. The daily average output was 117,880 yards, against 118,174 in February.

Prairie Seeding Commenced
WINNIPEG, April 8.—Reports received by the Canadian Pacific Railway say that seeding commenced in all parts of the province on Monday last. Rain fell, however, in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the amount of work done is small. At Melford, Lethbridge, in southern Alberta, more sowing has been done, some of the ordinary trial flights, and another of any spectacular flights, in another attempt to break his quick start record.

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Aviators Have Troubles
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TWO BATTLESHIPS FOR U. S. NAVY

House Votes for Their Construction at Cost of \$6,000,000 Each—Whole Navy Bill Appropriates \$128,037,602

TWO FLEET COLLIERIES AND SUBMARINES

Chairman Tawney of Appropriation Committee Enters Vain Protest Against Enormous Naval Expenditure

WASHINGTON, April 8.—By the decisive vote of 182 to 110, with fourteen members present and not voting, the house today authorized the construction of two battleships to cost \$6,000,000 each. This action was taken just previous to the vote on the naval bill, carrying \$128,037,602. This amount is about \$3,000,000 less than was recommended by the navy department.

In addition to the battleships, the bill also provides for the construction of two fleet colliers and four submarine boats. As amended on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, of New York, the two battleships and two fleet colliers must be constructed by firms operating under the eight-hour law.

Representative Hobson proposed an amendment providing for three warships. The house rejected the amendment by an almost unanimous vote. There was almost the same unanimity against an amendment by Representative Gronna of North Dakota, who wanted no ships, and against an amendment by Mr. Thomas, of Ohio, who wanted four.

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the appropriation committee, offered an amendment for one battleship, and supported it in a speech in which he declared that 72 per cent of the country's revenue is being expended on wars past and to come. His amendment was rejected by 104 to 138.

MILLER BILL NOT DEAD Author Says Its Supporters Will Rally Next Session—Horsemen Prepare for Races.

OTTAWA, April 8.—H. P. Miller, M. P. of South Grey, referring today to the fate of his anti-sabotage bill, said he very much doubted if it would come up in any form again this session, but he added: "We are not giving up. We will be back next session and we are bound to win out. Seventy-five per cent of our population, I believe, is with us, and in the end it will win. The biggest influence in the bill, the bill, was the speech of the minister of justice. It doubtless, swung many votes."

People interested in the Blue Bonnets of the Miller bill, the Woodbine, Toronto, who have been here on pins and needles for a fortnight, went home today to arrange for their spring meeting. "Everything was held up, pending the fate of the bill," said a man from Blue Bonnets. "We will now fix dates and bring on horses."

WINNIPEG, April 8.—With the shelling of the horsemen who have been holding off from entering the races to be held during the exhibition week in their entries at once for the harness and running races, for which close on April 15. While the meet would have taken place even if the bill had gone through parliament, the bill being held up, according to local horsemen, would have been a tame affair, with few entries and little or no interest in the races. It was claimed that the June meet of the Manitoba Jockey Club would also be abandoned, and the Brandon races would likely have shared the same fate.

Playing With Matches
WINNIPEG, April 8.—Albert Henry Jones, the three-year-old son of H. J. Jones, of the C.P.R., was burned to death last night while playing with matches.

Reducing Work Hours
NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 8.—Notices have been posted in the New Haven road repair shops here reducing the number of hours worked per week from 48 to 44. It is expected that the work on Saturday being discontinued. It is understood here that similar orders have been given at the Readville shops of the company.

Peru Still Arming
WASHINGTON, April 8.—Warlike preparations against Ecuador are still going on in Peru, according to a dispatch received today at the State Department from the U. S. legation at Lima. The message states that the newspapers generally deplore the rioting which has taken place at intervals during the last week or more. The Peruvian government has given assurances that damages are to be paid to those who suffered at the hands of the rioters, who, however, have been completely under control since Wednesday.

Canadian Bank Clearings
NEW YORK, April 8.—Bradstreet's weekly bank clearings for Canada: Montreal, \$1,785,000, increase 57.9 %; Toronto, \$3,125,000, increase 30.7 %; Winnipeg, \$2,717,000, increase 18.7 %; Vancouver, \$9,076,000, increase 88.9 %; Ottawa, \$4,723,000, increase 21.2 %; Quebec, \$2,498,000, increase 13.8 %; Calgary, \$2,854,000, increase 85.4 %; Halifax, \$2,387,000, increase 35 %; Hamilton, \$2,065,000, increase 20.1 %; St. John N. B., \$1,668,000, increase 23.1 %; London, Ont., \$1,914,000, increase 32.8 %; Edmonton, \$1,305,000, increase 18.8 %.

Three Months in Jail
REGINA, April 8.—Night operator Voyer of the C.P.R. train office, was this morning sent to jail for three months for deserting his key on Wednesday evening. He was intoxicated and gave the despatcher the

key. The magistrate decided to make an example of Voyer, this being the second case within a week.

CHERBOURG, April 8.—The French submarine boat Ventose today established a record by navigating at a depth of 113 feet for 24 minutes.

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VICTORIA LEAGUE'S SECRETARY'S VISIT

Miss Talbot Tells Members of Women's Canadian Club of the Objects of That Organization.

By the invitation of Mrs. Fred Pemberton, the vice-president of the Women's Canadian Club, its members, with Mrs. Paterson, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, and a number of other guests, met at her very beautiful home, "Mountjoy," to listen to an address from Miss Talbot, the talented secretary of the Victoria League.

The day was delightful, and the long interval between the arrival of the cars and the start of the lecture was an opportunity of admiring the gardens, with their wonderful variety of spring flowers.

After tea was served, and an opportunity given all present to meet Miss Talbot, the ladies took their seats in the music room and Mrs. Pemberton said: "Ladies, it is my very pleasant duty today to introduce to you Miss Talbot, of the Victoria League. I know I speak for you all when I say that we deeply appreciate the honor that so busy a woman has done us in giving us an entire afternoon of her short stay here, and that we are all looking forward with much pleasure to her address."

Miss Talbot Heard
Miss Talbot expressed her very great pleasure and sense of the honor done her in being asked to address the Women's Canadian Club of Victoria. The people of England had watched with extreme interest the progress and work of the Canadian Clubs of Canada.

Through Lord Milner, Mr. McKinder, Mr. Ames, and others, the eminent British speakers who had addressed meetings of the club in various cities, members of the league had come to appreciate the work it was doing in giving the people an opportunity of listening to the personal experiences and opinions of distinguished visitors from different parts of the Empire. She presumed the aim of the Women's Canadian Club was similar, and had great pleasure in addressing its members.

The purpose of her visit was two fold: she had been sent out by the executive in London to promote a closer understanding between British people, however far apart, and to gain as far as possible accurate information concerning the aims and interests of the people as well as their material condition.

In the second place she was to confer with similar societies, and where there was an empty field organize branches of the league first in New Zealand, and then in Australia. The principles of the league were broad. It aimed to bring about a real understanding between the British Empire. It was independent of party. Miss Talbot knew that imperialism had been made to serve the purposes of party, but this was not the aim of the league, which welcomed alike the tariff reformer and the free trader, the advocate and opponent of woman suffrage. Although it had been founded by a small party of women, both social and political reformers, it recognized no distinction of class, and did not value the sentiment of imperialism which did not seek opportunities for service.

The Guild had been founded in 1901 at the suggestion of Lady Edward Cecil, who had been living in New Zealand. About the same time the Guild of Loyal Women had been formed in Africa, and the daughters of Empire organized in Canada.

The speaker showed how the patronage of the Princess of Wales had been obtained. When first received she refused, and it was not till Lady Jersey and other members had convinced her that the organization had done real work, and was on a sound financial basis that she consented to give the league the prestige of her name.

During Mrs. Talbot's visit to Australia branches of the league had been organized in West Australia, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania. In New Zealand many branches were organized in both islands. In Canada, Miss Talbot would not try to interfere with the Daughters of the Empire, which was already in the field.

Need of Education
The need of education which was one of the chief objects of the league was very obvious. There was in many places an impression among the young people of the colonies that the old country was a land of idleness and that the British people were the young familiar with the different parts of the Empire. Picture talks, school libraries, literature, biographies of the great men and women of the past, and the Mosques of Empire were among these. In this work Mr. Hallam, a former master of Harrow, was very active, and was eminently fitted for the work. A series of lectures to working men had been organized. There was no jingoism or empty flag waving.

The speaker described the social work and said that through the league every traveller who had an introduction to it could be brought into touch not only with the home life of Great Britain but could be placed where he would have the best of both worlds, gaining desired knowledge. Artists, teachers and college students were included.

Miss Talbot told of how Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain had welcomed the Canadian teachers who were sent to South Africa after the war, and how they had been entertained at Downing Street. At this end of the lecture, Miss Talbot asked for the sympathy of all Canadians for the settlement of the Old Land in their loneliness and isolation. In closing, Miss Talbot spoke of the pleasure she had experienced during her visit to this beautiful and attractive city.

Mrs. Brooke Robertson spoke very warmly of the love Canada bore to the Motherland. Miss Talbot would see larger and finer places but none