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#### PROBING AFFAIRS OF POLICE COMMISSION

Proceedings Opened Th s Morning in Judicial Investigation Being Conducted By Judge Lampman---Interesting Evidence Taken

It is a fair inference that you had

either of them?-No, I do not know

You know nothing to their discredit?

Anything that has come to your no tice is to their credit?-I know of noth-

ing at all to discredit them personally.

elimination -Pressure brought to hear

Names Not Made Public.

an accusation against the police com-

gampaign worked up against them

was a surprise to the people; he kney

lice commissioners. These statements

Judge Lampman-It is not in the

statements and I have a letter this

Mr. Tait-It would be interesting to

Judge Lampman-It might be inter

Mr. Tait-It might be useful in

learing the names of the police com-

lission to find whence the campaign

Judge Lampman-We will find that

four years was, in view of his evi-

that my editorial was fully warrant

You speak of recent development of

that had arisen under former commis-

that; that is what they are there for.

hence you were after?-I may tell you

every statement made to me person-

got one of the names the others migh

try to secure the presence as witnesses

Corroboration from Week.

W. E. Blakemore, editor of the Week,

was then asked to read it. Mr. Robert-

What were their names?-For the

You speak of gambling resorts, where

Speaking of the white gambling re

Did they give you names?-Yes.

reasons already discussed 1 must de-

cline to give vou the names.

are they ?- I do not know.

Perry was one of them.

worse, I was given to understand.

dence now, not warranted.

if the statement that Tam

it as we go on.

by correspondents.

trace these rumors to their source.

of his information.

not?-I think so.

Bishon a member?-Yes.

whites to Chinese.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

; mation against the present board?-I Protestations that no money had cannot recollect now. ever been paid to police commissioners or police for protection of houses of ill-fame in the restricted district Leonard Tait is president of the local were made by four keepers of re- Conservative Association and Ald. sorts at this morning's opening session of the police inquiry. Coupled with this, however, was an assertion either by one of the quartette that houses 'up-town' were given protection, and that she did not know why she should

The public interest in the inquiry was testified to by the large crowd which filled the space outside the rail in the county court room. Throughout the session an intensely interested crowd stood listening to the evidence in the expectation of hearing some facts regarding the rumored payment of protection money by illegal resorts. Several police officers were present, having been summoned as witnesses and in a quiet corner was a group of during the morning for identification mission; there seemed to be a kind of

and thorough, from the manner in that it was a great surprise to the powhich it has started, and it will be carried on smartly through long sittings twice a day so as to hasten its and the witness should state the

Prompt as usual Judge Lampman entered court at 10 o'clock and opened the inquiry by reading his commission, and announcing that he had taken the oath before Mr. Justice Gregory.

H. B. Robertson, representing the attorney-general's department, stated that he had been instructed to conduct the most rigid inquiry into all the matters covered by the terms of the com-

R. T. Elliott, K. C., was present on behalf of the Voters' League, and desired to have certain witnesses called which Mr. Robertson had agreed to do

the Times and the Week. Julian Gilbert having been sworn in as stenographer the taking of evidence

police court since April 13th, 1908, and secretary of the police com produced the minute book and all the

correspondence, inward and outward, since the beginning of the year. Robertson, and the judge asked what he proposed to prove.

Mr. Robertson replied that the reso

lution regarding the restricted area had been passed by a former commisbut he had not as yet been able to lay his hands on the resolution in

The Times Charges.

Robert Dunn, editor of the Times. was called as the first important witness, and stated that he was the writer planted." which appeared in the Times

You speak there of Tammany Hall. nany was based on graft?-Yes. What were the sources of the infor mation on which you based this sentinderstand that the ownership of houses of prostitution is now principally in the hands of Chinese as a result of a process of elimination?"-My information from correspondents of the paper and from personal communica-

Can you give me the names of them some of them?-I know them but March 19th, entitled "Sinister Rumors." I cannot divulge names. They are, This he had written, he said, and he wever responsible men.

They live in Victoria?-Yes. son followed this up by seeking for the I think we must ask you to give the authority. names so that we can sift this matter What were the sources of your information?-I found at every street to the bottom?—I cannot give them, as I got them in confidence, and in the corner such charges were being voiced, case of some of them it would injure and several prominent gentlemen spoke to me, and from four or five of them I

them to divulge the names. Do you know if these informants got the facts in that article. spoke from their own information or hearsay?-I believe they spoke from their own knowledge.

Judge Lampman stated his view that the witness should assist in getting at the truth of the information.

In reply to Mr. Robertson, Mr. Dunn they are?—In Chinatown, the majority stated that he would see his informants and endeavor to have them come for-

and endeavor to have them come are ward as witnesses. He would report his sorts, did they tell you where those are?—No. They said there were three success at a later session. D. S. Tait, who stated that he ap- or four. peared for two of the commissioners, examined the witness. He first took up an article written condemning the appointment of Leonard Tait as a com- Judge Lampman did not think there

gambling houses were being allowed to mission came into office the white

the names to Mr. Robertson

the same party returned and said there was a mistake: there were too many people to "divvy" and there would have to be an increase. One man said nd he shut up.

What did you refer to in speaking of the arrangement under which the

That is, they were paying to carry in the game, and this man would not pay any more than he was paying, and nut up?-Yes.

Another editorial of March 26th, on as handed to Mr. Blakemore and he nonthly rents of from \$250 to \$500 bedistrict, and it was suggested that as these were so out of all proportion, a fair inference would be that the land ford was contributing out of the rent for purposes of protection. In reply to stions Mr. Blakemore said this was ritten on information from respect-

ole, responsible citizens. Mr. Tait asked the source of the statement that the fact of the high entals was in the possession of the

Mr. Blakemore repiled that he got

hat from Leonard Tait. And your statement as to the period overed being extended?-I may say that I went over and saw the attorneygeneral and pointed out that anything appening now had its roots farther ould adopt no other course in the first nstance but restrict the inquiry to 1910, but if the inquiry brought out evifurther back the commissioner be the person to ask for an extension of his powers. If he did, I was informed that the request would be granted. In these articles, did your informa tion make a charge against the commissioners?—There was no direct charge against any commissioner. The

That the tribute did not get that high up?—If you put it so. The people who gave me this information said that as far as they knew there was nothing

What do you mean by a process of to get the transfer of lands from John M. Langley, chief of police, was called formally to speak as to the limits of the restricted area. He stated that the limits were fixed shortly after gentleman by personal communication. the fire of 1907. The old limits were: Herald street, west of Government Store; Chatham street, extending from Mr. Tait, having been refused the Douglas, extending within four lots of names, told the court he did not proose to let it go at that. This was stricted district at present was practi-

cally Chatham street. Chinaman Her Landlord. Miss Ruth Baldwin, keeper of a ouse at 636 Chatham, stated that she and three other girls lived there. She had been in possession since February 23rd, and her rent was \$150 monthly. It was a twelve-room house, furnished by herself and the water and light paid for by her. The first rent was paid in advance on December 28th to Chow Kee in the office of her lawyer. In all was called on to stand up and Miss

that we should inquire into the life of Baldwin identified him. Don't you think \$150 is a very high rent just for the house?-I think it is

> regard to going in there?-No. Did anyone on their behalf see you? No. Mr. Brayshaw had an interview

What was the reason you did not go there on January 1st?-I had notice om the commissioners not to go in, hen my lawver and they told me t many had been established here for o ahead, everything was all right. Did "they" tell you how it was made

ll right?-No. Did you pay money to anyone elsa ut Chow Kee?-No, sir, absolutely.

Was anyone paid that you know of! l'ammany?—I had facts supplied me Mr. Tait asked the nature of th.

talk with Mr. Brayshaw. But that was in regard to conditions Witness said it was a friendly talk. Mr. Brayshaw came to see her. There tion?-No. sions? - Conditions were growing had been some trouble between him and the Chinaman supposed to be in- dropped?—You told me just now. But you had nothing against the terested in this place in regard to a present commissioners, you say?-I bill. He had some sort of a lien. He hink the commissioners should check thought the Chinaman was interested in that place and did not want to let You speak here of "this new Tammany of the West looking forward to as he had made a complaint he came our years of fatness as a result of and talked to her and said everything the provincial general elections." Was was all right. As he found the Chinat material for a campaign four years man had no interest he was willing to withdraw the charges. that every communication I had and

Judge Lampman-Did he say who he saw when he told you it was all right?

lly was from a Conservative. I had nothing from a Liberal in this matter You say the police told you you could not open up? Yes, Sergt.-Detective Palmer told me so. He came there Was one of them B. J. Perry?-B. J. when I had furnished and told me I Mr. Robertson suggested that having could not open up, and I did not until getting that blue paper.

my attorney told me it was all right.

Mr. Moresby told you everything was sick.

Mr. Moresby told you everything phoned him I was sick.

move to Chatham or Herald streets.

A. J. Morley was mayor then. She phoned him I was sick. Mr. Dunn renewed his undertaking to

> What had he done for you as your awyer?-All I know is he told me I Mr. Tait-Did your lawyer and landlord tell you to go ahead, that you could not be stopped?—No. They told

> ne to go ahead and move in. Mr. Robertson-The police had told After you went in, did you see the

olice?-No, I was sick. Judge Lampman-Did anyone ever ollect any money from you to allow you to go in there?-No, sir, absolutely Anybody come to you representing

imself to be from the police commissioners?-No. Did you ever hear of anything of that sort being done?
The witness shook her head.

Charge That was Dropped. Frances Smith stated that she owns on one. the property she occupies and con-Discovery street. It contains sixteen conduct in the house or something. \$1,400. She had been convicted last She conducted houses of ill-fame on moned at that time, but after the

summoned again this year.

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il! I know.

What further did you do about the natter?-I did nothing. What happened to the summons?-I

lon't know. Do you mean to tell me that you been dropped or not?-I don't know Don't you know that summons was

s the first time I heard it. Witness said she had told Ald. Bishop she got a "blue paper" and did not know what it was for. She thought pay any money for protection, there had to be something wrong or

Was any payment hinted at?-No. Did you tell Ald. Bishop you would nake it right with him if he fixed this

Did ar yone ever suggest to you that fixed up?-Never

missioners?-Mr. Tait and Mr. Bishop Was the mayor there?-No.

remember. They asked me if I owned had never heard that part of the rent her return from Europe she remem Was there any suggestion of protes on of any sort?-No, not that I re- in a while, but had not seen the ar-

Did you offer them any?-No, I didn't. Did anyone suggest that if you paid any money you would receive protec- (Laughter.) Who told you the summons had been

(Laughter.) Did Sergt. Palmer tell you?-No, I never saw Mr. Perdue. Mr. Who? Did Mr. Palmer or any policeman tell

And you have paid no money to anyone for police protection?-No. Witness said her rent had been raised after the fire, and so had all the houses. To Judge Lampman she said Ald. ple in the same line of business.

Bishop was to let her know next day.
The next day she went back and he morning.

-I never heard any more, You do not expect to pay it now?-I have been expecting it right along. Ald. Bishop told you it was not fair to send you a blue paper?—He didn't

you not to go in?—Sergt. Palmer told exactly say it wasn't fair, but he would see I got fair play. D. S. Tait remarked that His Honor would probably find that the policy of carrying this particular house had been discussed by the whole board. Judge Lampman (to witness)-How

long have you been here?—About eight Have you paid anything like a license?-I have paid blue papers. You have paid enough, I suppose, to make up a good-sized license? How many blue papers have you had?—I do been notified she would not be able to not keep track of them, four or five run, and called the chief in.

ducts as a house of prostitution at 54 out of the way each time, disorderly them of her heavy investments. The Gladys Barr was the next witness. At that time did you have any infor- Mr. Blakemore undertook, if shown and I asked him to help me, and he nishings, except a few pieces such as To Judge Lampman, witness said she the senate

man valued the furniture at \$1,600. The tically one house. There were six women in the house. The rent was raised the 14th of March this year. No.

615 was raised in rent last month Homan, a Chinaman, was the man who informed her of the raise. He had not said why. He had not told her that he had to pay larger sums for protection. All the time she was in the city she had paid rent to a Chinaman, not to a white man. No person had ever suggested that she should

Witness believed \$200 a month very lisorderly before a house was "blue- high rent. She had had a visit from Mr. Tait. He asked about the rent. who she paid it to, etc. This was in He did not suggest paying him any money. The other commis

sioners did not call. To Mr. Tait witness said the rent was extortionate. She had nowhere had kept on her house. Some of the else to go, however. The restriction of girls had left, however. the district caused the excessive

To Judge Lampman, witness said she had been offered the property for \$32,or a little money this matter could be This Chinese owner had said the property would be worth this some day, but he was not anxious to sell.

Judge Lampman-I'm not surprised Replying to further questions from the commissioner, witness said she was used as a corruption fund for ticles dealing with charges against the police department. She knew nothing

where the large sums obtained for rental went to. "Possibly to China." Witness admitted that she had been asked if she knew that money had been paid to the police, but she had never believed it. But she did think it was a big rent she had to pay and would be glad to have something happen to reduce it. She believed she was taxed heavier than any other keeper on the street, but she had no

remedy. The houses were not licensed.

She inquired as to this from other peo-Stella Carroll was the next witnes She had run a house at 642 Herald told her to call up the chief in the street for the past two years. She had been convicted some time ago but the He told you the first time he would conviction was quashed. She carried had always had her own ideas about it, look into it. What did he tell you next on a house on Broad street, prior to but she preferred to keep them day?-He thought it was not fair my two years ago. She had been told to move to Chatham or Herald streets. others were let alone. She had been A. J. Morley was mayor then. She summoned frequently but the convictions had been called to the chief's office, tions had been quashed. Some had tion from taxation as guarantees the summoned frequently but the convictions and applications had been quashed. what did the chief say?—That they and the chief had then read an order would put off the case for a couple of for a "restricted district." In 30 days tion. She had been told often that she moved to some furnished cottages she could get protection by going to on Chatham street. She owned one certain parties. Asked wh

getting \$150 per month. body before going from Broad street. ness if he did not get her protection. The mayor and Chief Langley had This was because he had protection talked with her about the establish- himself. Asked where the money ment of a restricted district. Mayor this protection went, witness replied: Morley had told her the same thing.

"Through the police, of course." J.

Later she had had a talk with Chief

A. Alkman had been her legal ad-Langley on her return from Europe viser. She had not seen Reda, as he when she had been informed she would was out of the city. Everyone thought not be allowed to run. The chief had she had quarreled with the referred her to the mayor. On seeing view of her trouble. She had not told mittees and routine business. the latter she asked him what was the the many things about the chief, how trouble.

may be. I paid \$50 each on two and \$25 ter said he had not notified her. There was a long conversation. They were What were they for?—For something discussing the houses. She had told mayor had said all the houses up town

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asked her about medical examination about it. She had never met Mr Bishop. She had never at any time paid any money for "protection." the keepers were, however, complain-

ing of high rents. To Chief Langley witness remembered him having said that the only "place she could go was west of Government street on Chatham. Or bered the chief saying in the mayor's presence that her premises were to

ose to St. John's church. To Mr. Tait witness said that Comises alone. He was seeking official in-

To Judge Lampman witness said the ents were constantly getting higher

cense. She had been here for ten ars. She learned from Sergeant Redgrave at that time that there were money. The only change which had and ablishment of a restricted area. She ad heard rumors of graft from visitors | March 1st, 1910. to her house. She had heard that cople "running up town" had had WANTED-Persons to grow protection"-that is, it is "fixed with he officials." (Laughter.) She had no protection She had to "dig out." She herself. She had been harassed while told her that other houses had protec- by the city council in 190 house on Chatham for which she was parties were she mentioned Mr. Reda, setting \$150 per month. who "ran cribs on Chatham street."

She had no arrangement with anyShe was urged to put him out of busi-

The commission then adjourned until

BUSINESS BEFORE COMMONS

Ottawa March 30 .- To-morrow matters concerning the transcontinental would have to close. She was not sum- the House of Commons. The naval bill will, it is expected, be taken up again I think we should have them?—I do not think I should say what the names year for running the house and was Chatham street (615 and 617), for the mayor left office. Mayor Morley had next week, and when it is passed conpast two years. She paid a rent of mot promised protection. Chief Lang-sideration of the Miller anti-gambling by mr. Robertson—Did you appear?—I \$175 for No. 615 when she went in first; ley had told her to get rid of the bill will be dealt with. This bill is pension. sideration of the Miller anti-gambling edy for missioner, which Mr. Dunn said he was any need to give names at this went to see Mr. Tait and he was not home. Then I went to see Mr. Bishop Chinaman landlord paid for the furyears ago. there are some doubts about it passing

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