

FIVE ARE INDICTED

Day C. Barton Case Etrix Grand Jury to Present Facts to Court.

LANT K. SALISBURY ONE OF DEFENDANTS

He is the City Attorney Who Had the Omaha Gold Locked Up.

CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY IN WATER DEAL

Taylor, the R. ... is Among Those Held.

MUST ANSWER FOR PUTTING UP

Prosecuting Attorney Has Privilege of Pushing Case Against Some Not Mentioned, and City Councilmen May Be Implicated.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Five indictments were returned today by the special grand jury which has for several days been investigating the scandal growing out of the attempt to have the city council let a contract for supplying Grand Rapids with pure water.

Salisbury is the lawyer who Guy C. Barton of Omaha had arrested in Chicago last February on the charge of embezzling \$50,000, and the indictments in this case are a result of the publicity given the water works deal by the Barton case.

Why Barton Case is Left Out. Barton's negotiations were outside of Michigan, and not so easily reached by the grand jury, but Fitzgerald operated here.

The surprise was in the indictment of Taylor, who furnished the money which the others are accused of spending among themselves. Taylor came here last Monday as a witness for the defense, testifying among other things that he had got back all of the \$100,000 he advanced, with the exception of the \$7,500 retained by Thomas McGarry as attorney's fees.

Others May Be Tried. The limitation of the indictments of these five men does not mean that they will be the only ones to follow. Under the laws of Michigan, an indictment by a grand jury is not a necessary preliminary to a criminal prosecution and the prosecuting attorney may, at any time, join other defendants with them by simply filing information against them.

May Flout Against Requisition. Taylor in New York and the sheriff at once telegraphed the chief of police of New York City to hold him until requisition papers can be sent on. It is expected here that a fight will be made in New York City or Milford, Conn., over the requisition.

But in the meantime Thomas P. McGarry could not be found anywhere by the industrious deputy sheriff who was hunting for him with a bench warrant. His brother and partner in the law business said he was out of town and he would notify him at once by mail to come back and give bonds. It was suggested that the telegraph was quicker, and the brother said he might use that.

Seek Transfer to Civil Court. When Salisbury and McLeod appeared before the superior criminal court this afternoon they asked for a change of venue to the circuit court, which ordinarily tries only civil cases. Albers said he was contented to abide by Judge Newham. The request was noted and the cases set for June 19.

The evidence submitted to the grand jury showed one of the most remarkable cases of the gold brick game ever thought of. It was a case of where the confidence man sold the brick to another for \$100,000, and nearly sold it to a third for \$100,000, while all the time in consultation with a third party for a similar sale, and still have the brick in his possession. The similarity to the gold brick is still further retained in...

FOR A TRANSATLANTIC RACE

Lipton Proposes a Three-Thousand Mile Test of Constitution and Shamrock II.

LONDON, June 14.—When the attention of Sir Thomas Lipton was called today to the report that his secretary had announced his willingness that Shamrock II should race with the Independence if a cup were offered, he replied that no arrangements had been made, but did not see why he should not do so after his engagement with the New York Yacht club was concluded.

NEW YORK, June 14.—The intention of Sir Thomas Lipton that he would like to arrange a race across the Atlantic between the Constitution and the Shamrock II after the international races was conveyed to the members of the New York Yacht club tonight. Great surprise was expressed at the possibility of such an undertaking.

SCENE IN FRENCH CHAMBER

Anti-Semite Member is Removed for Violent Attack on Administration of Algeria.

PARIS, June 14.—There was an exciting scene in the Chamber of Deputies today. M. Drumont, anti-Semite, Algeria, attacked the government in connection with the administration of Algeria. When a vote of censure and exclusion from the Chamber was proposed as a result of his remarks, M. Drumont refused to leave and a body of soldiers entered the house, where he retired shouting: "Vive l'Armee!" and "Bas les Juifs!"

The incident arose during the debate upon anti-Semite interpellation regarding the repression of the Algerian administration. The interpellation called upon the government to extend more thorough protection to French colonists.

GROWTH OF ENGLISH CITIES

Census Shows Liverpool to Be Over Thirty Per Cent Larger Than in 1890.

LONDON, June 14.—A preliminary census volume just issued gives the population of the five largest cities of England, exclusive of London, as follows, the figures of the previous census being given for comparison:

WOMAN STABBED TO DEATH

Mrs. Thiele of Villisca Murdered on the Street by Her Husband.

VILLISCA, Ia., June 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Ida M. Thiele was stabbed at 11:30 today and died soon after. She was going down town after giving a German lesson to one of her pupils and was met at Mr. Oyster's yard by her husband, with whom she has not been living for several years. He stabbed her three times with a knife, once striking her watch. Mrs. Oyster saw it and rushed to the door calling to him. He answered in German, "She must die" and ran. A crowd was soon after him and he was caught four blocks from the place on the front porch of a house. Marshal Patton locked him up.

ASSESSMENTS ARE VERY SHY

Franchise Corporations Get Off Remarkably Easy on County Taxes.

MORE TWO PER CENT VALUATIONS

Properties Assessed at Thousands Carry Bonded Debts of Millions—How to Make Up Deficit.

Old Glory floats over the court house in seven places, the blind mason of justice stands proudly atop the dome with her scales evenly balanced, the board of equalization is in session in the basement and the tax assessments against the millionaires corporations remain at ridiculously low and inequitable figures.

The citizen with the thousand-dollar homestead is assessed at 16 per cent of its actual value or more, while the corporation with millions is considerably put down by the assessment.

Every property owner who is paying taxes on 16 per cent of the actual value of his property, while the corporation assessments remain at from 2 to 3 per cent, must be aggrieved, because 5 per cent asked to pay more than his equitable share of the expenses of the county and state governments.

GENERAL MILES ON THE FLAG

"Most Glorious Emblem Ever Unfurled as the Emblem of a Free People."

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 14.—At the Temple of Music on the Pan-American grounds today Flag day was observed under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Grand Army of the Republic and other patriotic societies.

General Miles reviewed the history of the flag. "Whatever may have inspired Washington in drafting the design," he said, "the result was the bequeathing to the nation, to remain unfurled in all its original luster, a flag for all nations to behold and respect."

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Low Rate on Companies

The county assessors, however, have assessed the companies at from 2 to 3 per cent of the actual value of their personal property, with the result as follows:

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MRS. M. KINLEY OUT OF DANGER

Physicians Decide to Issue No More Bulletins Unless Relapse Occurs.

WAS BUDDHIST, NOW MORMON

Son of Ceylon Merchant Will Carry Joseph Smith's Teaching to His Native Isle.

CHICAGO, June 14.—A student at the University of Chicago, R. S. Nyaka, son of a wealthy merchant of Ceylon, Ceylon announced today that he had become a Mormon.

UNION PACIFIC DEAL RIPE

May Be Definitely Announced Before Gould Proclaims His Greater Missouri Pacific.

NEW YORK, June 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Such rapid progress has been made on the Pacific Northwest-Southwest Pacific deal within the last couple of days that the completed transactions may yet be officially proclaimed before George J. Gould sets under the limelight with his long-advertised and telegraphically delayed great Missouri Pacific consolidation.

Today it was confirmed that James Henry Smith, "Silent" Smith, of the Armours, and the Milwaukee group had consented to part with their St. Paul holdings, thus insuring harmony in the northwest.

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SINKS IN COLLISION

Ferryboat Northfield Goes Down with Hundreds of Passengers.

LOSS OF LIFE IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE

Jersey Central Express Fast March Chank Does the Mischief.

CRASHES HEAD-ON INTO STATEN ISLANDER

Water Instantly Filled with Struggling Men and Women.

WALL STREET BANKERS AND LABORERS

Tugboats Hurry to the Rescue, but Full Tide is Flowing and Night Shuts Down Upon a Scene of Mad Despair.

NEW YORK, June 14.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the most frightful ferry collisions in the history of this city took place at 6 o'clock this evening just off the foot of Whitehall street. The Northfield of the Staten Island ferry crowded to the guards, was run into by the Jersey Central rail line express boat Mauch Chank. A score or more of passengers are dead, but the total drowned may not be discovered for days.

Within three minutes after the collision the water was filled with frantic men and women, screaming for help and struggling to keep above the surface. Before the Northfield had gone more than 200 feet from its slip it became apparent that a collision was inevitable.

The captain of both vessels rang furiously to their engineers to stop and back, full speed astern, and both boats whistled loudly. Then the crash came. A starting cry of fear as if from one voice was heard, the shrieks and shouts of the ferry-docks packed on the Staten Islander then Scores of women fainted. Others leaped madly into the water. The boats after an instant's pause succeeding the ramming separated. Through a great ragged hole torn in the ferryboat's side water streamed in a torrent. Men and women were hysterical and with whitened faces and tears running down their cheeks they clutched at the life savers, which were tightly secured in a network of wires.

Men All Prove Themselves Heroes.

With but few exceptions every man aboard behaved like a hero. All knew the Northfield was mortally hurt. It was rolling overboard and sinking rapidly. But these men, some laborers getting from their work, others bankers from Wall Street returning to their country houses on the island, thought first of the women and children. Scores of the men seized little ones in their arms, the mothers of the two or three women nearest the stern, and they cheerfully and with assurances of safety. Many of the women refused to be quieted, seized life preservers and jumped.

Tugs and craft of every sort, bearing the shrieking of the stricken boat, steamed full speed toward her from the bay and from North and East rivers. The Northfield was fast floating, a crippled hull, as the first tug boat reached it. In scores of cases, however, the tugboats were unable to get to the stricken boat, and many of the women were within 100 feet.

Black with Struggling Humanity.

As fast as the pug nose of a tugboat bumped against the side of the Northfield it was black with struggling men and women, grasping at anything that promised a hand-hold to safety. In the front part of the Northfield a dozen men passed women and children to the nearest tugs, picking them off the side guards, where they clung to the water to their knees and held unconscious with terror.

A hundred or more passengers had rushed to the hurricane deck. The Northfield slowly sank and at 6:09 was resting on the bottom. His hurricane deck was just visible. The people on the deck were rescued quickly. As the boat sank the water around it was black with struggling people. Women were buoyed up by their clothing. The tugs and other boats gradually rescued them. There seemed to be no one with sufficient presence of mind to throw ropes' ends overboard, so that the frantic people in the water could have something with which to hold themselves up until they were taken on board. Ambulances from all the hospitals in the lower part of the city and the police reserves were seen at the scene. Tonight search is being made for bodies.

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NEW YORK, June 14.—12:30 a. m.—No bodies have yet been recovered from the Northfield. The loss of life can only be estimated by reports to the police from eye witnesses. There was a full tide flowing and there is little hope of recovering any bodies tonight.

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NEW YORK, June 14.—The Northfield was a wooden side-wheeler and had been in the service of the Staten Island Railway company for the last thirty years. The Mauch Chank is a steel hulled propeller, used as a ferryboat by the Central Railroad company of New Jersey. The collision occurred just off the Staten Island ferry slip at the foot of Whitehall street and the Northfield, which was crowded with passengers, sank at the outer end of the Spanish line pier in the East river. The Mauch Chank, which was badly damaged, landed its passengers. Over 100 passengers on the sunken Northfield were dragged out by the people on shore and by the crews of the fleet of river tugs which promptly responded to the ferryboat's call for help. A few of the Northfield's passengers were hurt, and the police believe that lives were lost.

Captain Daniel Gully of the tug Mutual, who was on the ferryboat crash to-day, says that immediately after the collision twenty-five or thirty of the passengers leaped into the water and that many of those perished. Captain Gully says he is sure that over a score of the Northfield's passengers were drowned. The captain of the tugboats that were early on the scene are inclined to think the disaster was not so serious as to loss of life. Thus far no bodies have been recovered.

Estimates of Fatalities Vary. The difference for such a variance in opinion resulted from the wild excitement on the Northfield. The tug Mutual saved seventy-five persons from the Northfield and the tug Unity and Arrow saved 150.