

HEAT TAMMANY IN SLUSH FUND OF INTERBOROUGH

Thompson Inquirers Seek Trace of A Freedman as Bag Carrier.

SHONTS, IN BED, TO BE WITNESS

Rogers Admits He Got \$50,000—Dragnet for Young—B. R. T. Plans Juggled.

Questions asked by Frank Moss, chief counsel to the Thompson committee, while Richard R. Rogers, counsel to the Interborough, was on the stand yesterday showed that the committee believed that the trail of the \$2,000,000 slush fund will lead directly to Tammany Hall.

Mr. Rogers, who admitted that his bonus of \$50,000 awarded to him by the Interborough will come out of the pockets of New York City taxpayers, was asked if he had given any part of his bonus to the late Andrew Freedman, friend of Richard Croker and other Tammany leaders.

He also said he believed that none of the \$150,000 bonus awarded T. P. Shonta, president of the Interborough, or the \$10,000 bonus awarded to E. F. J. Gaynor, auditor of the Interborough, went to Mr. Freedman.

Tammany's Trail Sought. From Mr. Moss's questions it was apparent that the committee believe that Mr. Freedman, whose relations with Tammany leaders were maintained up to the time of his death, acted as the carrier of the bag to Tammany Hall.

To-day, if Mr. Shonta is unable to appear before the committee, it is likely that the session will be held at his bedside, so that his testimony may be taken. James L. Quackenbush, counsel to the Interborough, informed the committee last night that Mr. Shonta is laid up with a bad attack of tonsillitis, and if they wanted his testimony immediately they could go to his home.

Senator Thompson announced last night that he hoped to devise some means of making a dragnet that would bring George W. Young, the former Interborough director, to the committee. He said that Young's valet, one Hughes, had been subpoenaed to appear yesterday.

It is evidently Young's man discovered that since the subpoena, which was later found was dated February 2, by mistake, took advantage of the technicality of not appearing. "But we'll try to get him again, and also his master, who, we have been informed, left for Palm Beach. We'll have Blairbridge Colby on the stand to-morrow morning, and he may tell us about the whereabouts of his former client."

Plans Switched to B. R. T. Le Roy T. Harkness, assistant counsel to the Public Service Commission, admitted on the stand yesterday that after the injunction had been obtained by P. C. Carpenter, a Brooklyn taxpayer, restraining the plans for third-tracking the B. R. T.'s Fulton Street "L" from Cumberland Avenue to Nostrand Avenue, the plans were removed from the custody of D. L. Turner, assistant engineer of the Public Service Commission, and given to the B. R. T.

After this action he prepared an affidavit for Travis Whitney, secretary of the commission, which the latter signed. In this affidavit Mr. Whitney stated that there were no plans before the commission. Mr. Harkness contended the plans were not complete and were not formally before the commission at any time.

After Mr. Rogers took the stand he was asked a number of questions to establish the fact that he submitted a memorandum on the prior determination claim to some one at a conference held in the office of George S. Coleman, in the Public Service Commission. Others at this conference were Mr. Harkness and D. L. Turner, an assistant engineer of the commission. This conference, he said, took place between the 25th and 30th of June, 1915.

Rogers Explains Claims. Answering other questions of Mr. Moss, he said he had not submitted any vouchers covering the item of \$1,622,000 in the claim, on which \$125,000 was allowed. He said he believed these vouchers could be obtained from the Interborough's auditor, Mr. Rogers went into details with respect to the various items in the claim, on which \$257,000 was finally allowed. Concerning the \$1,522,000 item to cover administration, superintendency and engineering, he said:

"I had a statement showing that \$1,522,000 covered the salaries of our administrative officers during the time the contracts were being negotiated, and we discussed the proportion of time which these officers had devoted to the contract. I said that practically all of Mr. Shonta's time had been devoted to them. They held that \$150,000 was in line with what had been allowed the B. R. T. In November Mr. Craven made his final allowance. Exceptions were filed by the commission and in view of this act I held that the allowances were insufficient. The time taken there was extended by stipulation until the spring of 1914, when I was advised by Mr. Coleman that the commission had withdrawn its objections, whereupon I withdrew those of the Interborough."

Received \$50,000 Retainer. Mr. Rogers then testified that his retainer with the Interborough was \$50,000, and was contemplated to cover all his "ordinary work."

"You don't mean to say that for your services you would have any definite legal claim against the company beyond your regular salary?" asked Smith.

"I know I might have." "You think that the \$50,000 bonus you received was to be charged against the city?"

"The resolution of the Interborough board of directors awarding you \$50,000 was passed after the date which was signed and after the date which limited the prior determination."

that Mr. Shonta, receiving a salary of \$100,000 a year, must have been neglecting his duties in paying so much time to the slush fund as to warrant a bonus of \$150,000.

Negotiations as a Side Line. "I don't mean to say that he neglected his regular duties," said Mr. Rogers. "I mean to say that what was required of him in one hour or twelve."

"Were the services rendered by you, Gaynor and Shonta in these negotiations contemplated in your regular duties?" asked Mr. Smith.

"What record is there of an obligation to pay you for extra services?" "None, except as I have stated."

"And isn't that true as regards to Mr. Shonta, Mr. Gaynor?" "I presume so."

"Did any city representative know that you, Shonta and Gaynor, were to receive special compensation?" "I never received."

"Then all allowances for special payments to the Interborough were matters first brought to the attention of city officials three months after the contracts were made?"

"That is true so far as specific amounts go."

"How long before it was made did you know you were to be allowed extra compensation?"

"Some time before that I talked with Mr. Shonta, Mr. Hedley and another of the directors."

"Who was that director?" "Mr. Harkness interrupted to inquire further with respect to the late Andrew Freedman, who was in close touch with Tammany Hall politicians."

"Can you know if Mr. Freedman got any part of the bonuses?" asked Mr. Moss.

"He didn't get any of mine."

Denies Freedman Got Share. "At that time were any sums passed to Mr. Freedman from or on behalf of the Interborough?"

"I can make an unqualified denial so far as I am concerned, and I am satisfied he received none from Mr. Shonta."

"Have you any knowledge on the subject?" "No positive knowledge, except as to my own. I have information which precludes the idea that any portion passed to Mr. Freedman or any one else."

"Who suggested the \$50,000 to you?" "I did."

He said he suggested it to Mr. Shonta, and also to Mr. Hedley, Mr. Freedman, who thought it reasonable. Mr. Freedman, he said, believed the services he performed would cost \$300,000 or more if outside counsel had been employed on the work.

Mr. Craven was on the stand for a brief time. Mr. Moss read to him the clause in the dual contract requiring him to have a voucher for every dollar spent on the clerical and elevated road construction.

Coleman Speaks of Contract. "You could have had access to all the books of the Interborough," asked Mr. Moss.

"Yes, you see them?" "No."

D. L. Turner, assistant to Mr. Craven, was the first witness of the day. He said that the first of the quarterly department reports was submitted to Borough President McAneny, Controller Frederickson and the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and to the Corporation Counsel.

WARSHIPS IDLE, SHORT OF MEN

Three Unable to Act with Atlantic Fleet for Lack of Crews.

ALL SHIPS NEED LARGER PERSONNEL

Admiral Fletcher Tells Committee at Least 5,000 More Are Required.

Washington, March 3.—Only fifteen of the twenty-one battleships of the Atlantic fleet are on active duty in West Indian waters, three of the other six being so crippled for lack of officers and men that they cannot operate with the fleet, and the other three either awaiting or undergoing extensive repairs.

The fifteen active ships are short from eight to seventeen officers each of the number assigned to them by the Navy Department, and 1,000 coal passers, electricians, gunners' mates and other trained enlisted men, although they have aboard about one hundred more men than the total personnel allowed by regulations.

This was the situation of the fleet as pictured to-day by Admiral Fletcher, commander in chief, before the House Naval Committee. He added that in his opinion, and that of various boards of officers who had studied the subject, the battleship squadrons of the active fleet required at least 5,000 additional men over the complements now assigned. The shortage in the various ratings, he explained, however, would not materially injure the efficiency of the fleet were it called on immediately to engage an enemy.

Lack of men was cited as a serious handicap. Admiral Fletcher thought, because it requires ten years to train a competent lieutenant or lieutenant commander. Nothing this Congress could do would remedy the situation at once. Many suggestions as to how the training of young officers might be hastened had been advanced, but in his opinion the only effective and logical way would be to increase the Annapolis cadet corps to 2,000 men and await their development.

Conducting figures as to ships' complements presented by the Bureau of Navigation, the General Board and Admiral Fletcher were discussed at length in the hearing.

Chairman Padgett asked the admiral to submit his opinion as to the number of officers in higher grades, which should be provided for immediately to relieve the shortage in that respect. Admiral Fletcher suggested that in addition to the regular promotions two rear admirals be created each year for five years, six captains a year for five years, and that all lieutenants should become lieutenant commanders after eight years' service in that grade. About fifty lieutenants would be eligible immediately, he said, under this plan.

Representative Roberts asked where Admiral Fletcher ranked the American navy among the navies of the world and was told that it was "some place between third and fourth," with a "good margin over Japan, which was fifth."

Lacking exact knowledge of the French building program, Admiral Fletcher said, he could not make a closer comparison.

THREE MEN KILLED IN ALBANY COLLISION

Freight Hits Express and Third Train Runs Into Debris.

Albany, March 3.—Three men were killed, another is in a hospital in a critical condition and a fifth is believed to have lost his life in a rear-end collision in the North Albany yards of the New York Central Railroad to-day. The dead and injured men were accompanying shipments of horses. The fifth was supposedly a tramp stealing a ride. His severed head was found beside the track.

A heavy eastbound freight struck a train loaded with express, which was waiting a signal to pull into the Albany station, smashing a steel coach in which the express messengers were riding, a refrigerator car and a load of heavy automobile parts. The engine of the freight was not derailed, but six cars behind it were demolished.

The train, also loaded with express and westbound, crashed into the wreckage, throwing debris in all directions and adding a baggage and express car to the pile.

Inspectors of the upstate Public Service Commission have begun an investigation of the causes of the wreck.

GAY HUED BEAVERS WAR'S HIDDEN HORROR

Hatters May Abandon Sombre Black Through Dye Famine.

Orange, N. J., March 3.—'Tis often heard how things have changed since father was a boy. They haven't changed a bit.

When dad was a youngster, up to his neck in mischief, his father and grandfather wore stiff hats of such sombre hues as pearl, white, slate and steel. They were the rage, and it was considered quite the thing to fall in line of a torchlight political parade, carrying a lighted broom and wearing your pearl daisy at a rakish angle. On Sunday evenings a Beau Brummel always wore his white hat when calling on his lady fair. In the dark it looked like the moon. That, you say, was years ago. Yes, but—

A big shortage in dyes causes hat manufacturers to predict the passing of the black stiff hats. Manufacturers are able to get white, slate, pearl and steel colors, by different blendings of the war. By artfully combining contrasting ribbons with the natural color, they make hats they predict will be popular.

It is all on account of the war, this shortage of dyes, but it goes to prove that things haven't changed a bit since father was a boy.

U. S. INDICTS 100 BREWING FIRMS

Grand Jury Charges Companies with Election Conspiracy.

BREWERS ASSOCIATION OF N. Y. ALSO NAMED

Corporations Accused of Illegally Contributing to National Campaigns.

TRINIDAD WELCOMES T. R.

Colonel and Wife Delighted by Trip Through West Indies. Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, March 3.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt arrived here to-day, and were welcomed by a representative of the Governor and a number of prominent local citizens. Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt say they are delighted with the trip through the West Indies and have been received everywhere with great courtesy.

INVESTIGATE BRANDEIS' WORK FOR PRICE BILL

Senate Committee Ask Manufacturers to Testify.

Washington, March 3.—A new line of inquiry was inaugurated to-day by the Senate committee considering the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the Supreme Court. William Whitman, a woolen manufacturer, of Boston, and William H. Ingersoll, a watch manufacturer, of New York, were summoned to testify, it is understood, as to what connection, if any, Mr. Brandeis had with the unsuccessful campaign for the passage of the Stevens price maintenance bill by the Congress.

There was no announcement of the committee's exact purpose, but Senator Walsh said that Whitman had been asked to appear because it might be known something adverse to Brandeis.

The only testimony heard so far by the committee concerning Brandeis' part in the price maintenance campaign was that of A. Whittier, secretary of the American Fair Trade League, who said that Brandeis had refused to receive pay for furthering the objects of the league—the passage of such a measure as the Stevens bill.

SALARY SCARE IN ALBANY

Standardizing Committee Probably Will Urge Pay Cut in Controller's Office.

Albany, March 3.—Representatives of the Horton Civil Service Investigating Committee threw a bombshell among the employees of the State Controller's office to-day by telling them that the Legislature intends to recommend to the Legislature big cuts in their salaries.

If the proposed plan is carried out almost all of the 294 employes in the New York and Albany offices under the Controller will be reduced in salary anywhere from 10 to 50 per cent. As this information spread about the Controller's office resentment rose high and an indignation meeting was held.

VILLA FLEES NORTH TOWARD U. S. BORDER

Friends of Felix Diaz in Havana, Plan Mexican Raid.

El Paso, Tex., March 3.—Francisco Villa, the bandit, is fleeing northwest from Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, according to official dispatches received to-day by General Gabriva, at Juarez. Carranza officials were uncertain whether Villa was headed for the United States border or for Sonora.

General Luis Herrera, ex-Carranza chief, has been summoned to Queretaro after having been deposed for failure to pursue Villa.

PASTOR WHO RAN OFF WITH NEGRO GIRL HELD

The Rev. F. F. Martyn, White, Arrested on Mann Law Charge.

The Rev. F. F. Martyn, graduate of the Union Theological Seminary and son of the Rev. W. Carlos Martyn, minister and author, was arrested while walking with a mulatto girl last evening. Although the minister is charged with violating the Mann white slave act in bringing the girl to the city from St. Louis, the point of real interest in the case involves his claim that he is a minister of the gospel.

Martyn's father formerly was pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, one of the leading white congregations in St. Louis. Later, however, it was given over to a negro congregation, the Rev. F. F. Martyn, the son, was called to minister to this congregation. He accepted and soon began to call himself a negro.

Verne Davis, the girl who was with the minister when he was arrested last night, admits that she was brought here by him and had been living with him as his wife at 227 West 132d Street. She said they decided to run away from St. Louis, but agreed that it would be better not to go together. As a result of this arrangement, she said, she remained in Chicago for several days, after which she came on to New York on money forwarded to her by the pastor.

The Rev. Martyn was locked up at the Fourth Branch Detective Bureau, but the girl was permitted to return to her home in Albany. She is being held over to the Federal authorities to-day.

BILLY SUNDAY MEETS CARDINAL

Evangelist and Mgr. Gibbons Chat About Baseball and "Champs."

Baltimore, March 3.—Billy Sunday had a ten minute chat with Cardinal Gibbons to-day. The Cardinal introduced him over carefully and curiously. Mr. Sunday and Dr. Howard Kelly, physician to the evangelist, accompanied him, and the surgeon to the Cardinal and the Rev. Louis Stickeny, chancellor of the archdiocese.

Cardinal Gibbons admiringly steered clear of religion, and led the conversation to baseball. He asked Sunday if he had ever played baseball in Baltimore. Sunday said he had, but wished he had.

The Cardinal said that this town that used to be worth playing in, they talked of "Pop" Anson, "Mags" McGraw and "Hughie" Jennings, and of the famous Oriole "Champs" of twenty years ago, and the evangelist, greeted that he had not been a member of Robinson's pugnat winners.

Cardinal Gibbons expressed surprise that Sunday was able, with his thrust in its present condition, to make his voice carry so well. The Cardinal said that he had found his own voice far too weak at times. He recalled an occasion in Wilkes-Barre, when he and President Roosevelt were speaking from a platform in the public square. Several streets converge at this point, and thousands of persons packed all of them. Cardinal Gibbons said he spoke first and failed in his efforts to make himself heard. Then Roosevelt spoke and he, too, failed. The Cardinal said that he didn't feel so bad about his own failure after that. He wondered if Sunday would have been able to succeed where he and Roosevelt failed. Sunday doubted it very much.

CONGRESS SPURS OIL SIFT

Farmers Using Gasoline Demand Reason for Proposed Tax.

Washington, March 3.—Urged by Congress, the Federal Trade Commission to-day appointed Leslie S. Haney, of Austin, Tex., to prepare with speed a preliminary report on the cost of production and distribution of oil.

The commission has been investigating this subject following a Senate resolution last winter. Price discrimination in the sale of gasoline has also been investigated. The preliminary report may come within the next few weeks.

Many Senators and Representatives have received requests for information about the proposed tax on gasoline. The commission says that there has been a tremendous increase in the number of gasoline engines in the last twelve months, and that practically every farmer in the United States has added a gasoline pump to his farm equipment.

The grand jury, which has been in session six weeks, was excused by

MARJORIE STERRETT whose dime started the fund to build the U. S. S. America, will appear with leading theatrical people at the HIPPODROME Sunday Night March 5, 1916. This is Broadway's tribute to the cause launched by a 13-year-old Brooklyn school girl—a cause sweeping from coast to coast, enlisting the sympathy, support and dimes of patriotic people everywhere—backed by leading newspapers in scores of cities. Here's your chance to see a wonderful performance and at the same time to give your share toward Uncle Sam's new battleship. SOUSA AND HIS BAND head the list, of which they are but one of the many big features: Anna Fitzg—Metropolitan Opera Star, Virginia Fox Brooks—From "The Great Lover," Irene Fenwick—Star of "Pay-Day," Will Rogers—The "Lariat King," Palace, Harry Fox—Star from "Sizzles! Look! Listen!" Joseph Santley and the "Magazine Girls," Sophie Barnard—Vaudeville Artist, Claire Rochester—Star from "Ziegfeld's Frolic," Sam Asche—From "Katinka," Victoria and Nathalie Boshko—Concert Artists, Belle Storey—Star of "Hip-Hip Hooley," Hippodrome, "The Girl from Milwaukee"—Vaudeville Artist, Seymour Brown—Composer of "Oh, You Beautiful Doll." Boy Scouts and a squad from the Old Guard will be there, too, joining in the great patriotic chorus when Marjorie waves the Stars and Stripes. Get your seats—regular Sunday night prices—at the special box office early to-day. Be entertained and be a patriot!