

Girl Forger Laughs at Prison and Tells Strange Story of Life

DEMOCRATS FOR BROOKLYN MAY

Secretary Hitchcock Aroused by Official Report on Defrauding of Indians.

HE WILL ACT QUICKLY

It is Expected That He Will Appoint a Special Inspector at Once.

TAMS BIXBY DENIES GUILT

Chairman of Dawes Commission Declares He Has Resorted to No Fraudulent Practices.



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month after," remarked Detective Peabody, "and I believe it. Look here at the copies of Detective Clarke's signature she made after seeing once. I cannot tell which one Clarke wrote now."

"Bless me," ejaculated the Magistrate, "Have you any objection to going back?"

"Her Speech to the Court."

"None whatever," cheerily answered the woman.

She walked over to the clerk's desk to give the necessary data about herself and interrupted the detective as he started to tell her name and age and residence.

"Asked to tell something about herself, she hesitated a moment and then smiled.

"Well, this is an embarrassing position, surely. It really is not imperative that I should say anything, you have all been so kind" making a bow to the police and the court attendants, "in willing to satisfy a curiosity that is perhaps quite natural."

"I most sincerely hope that I can prove my innocence, but my friends—perhaps I should say our friends—here, Mr. Peabody, tells me that there are many persons who will appear against me at my trial."

"The specific charges against the woman is the forgery of checks, which the police say were cashed by Charles A. Keene, a jeweler of Broadway, near Madison lane, amounting to \$300; R. H. Macy & Co., in the sum of \$100; and Benedict Brothers, jewelers, in the sum of \$200. All of these checks were presented to the Lincoln National Bank.

"Tapping the floor with her foot, the woman paused a moment and then went on—

"My home until recently was in Minneapolis. Four years ago I was married to James B. Singerey, at the Little Church Around the Corner by the Rev. Dr. Houghlin. I met him in the city of New York. I had no idea that I should ever become a June bride, for I had always expected to marry a man of my own race and color. Singerey was a white man, and now, now, oh, well, he is under arrest, too, as you all know."

"Then she smiled mischievously, and added—

"It's quite a family affair, isn't it. I suppose if we had any children, they would have arrested them, also."

She dropped one of the magazines she was carrying, and, making a bow to the judge before whom her husband would be arraigned, asking for clemency, were also found in them she recites some of her personal history, telling of the death of her father, which she says ensued, and declaring that her husband was not a criminal at heart and if given a chance would redeem himself.

"There were also some indications that the woman had got hold of letters from a man named G. W. Strong, of this city, and was practising his signature with a view possibly to forging, the detective declared. There were found hypodermic needles and morphine in the couple's room and a trunk full of clothing."

"The police say the two had lived at an address in Lexington avenue, near 126th street, before moving to Mrs. Creighton's home, which they had expected to leave to-morrow. They also declare that the woman was arrested for forgery at Buffalo during the Pan-American Exposition, but escaped at the moment the authorities were trying to take her photograph. She admitted to Detective Peabody that she had been arrested twice in the West, but had not been held."

"The police are trying to find out if she was connected with 'Diamond Jim' Alton, Arlington James Parker, the woman's alleged husband, has a criminal record, too. He was confined in the Elmira Reform-

atory in 1899, and it is said married soon after he was released. He was said to be an expert pickpocket, having from Pittsburgh, James Reed, the young man who was arrested with Parker, was the messenger boy for the Parkers. He comes from Boston and has no criminal record. Photographs of him have long been in the Rogues' Gallery.

HER FOSTER PARENTS WILL NOT AID FORGER

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sunday.—Mrs. Mabel Singerey, erroneously called Mrs. Mabel Parker in yesterday's dispatches, who is a prisoner in New York, is an adopted daughter of Thomas J. Preece, of the firm of Preece & Dunham, brokers, at No. 9 Third street North, Minneapolis.

Mr. Preece, who is at the Sampson House, Excelsior, said to-night that nothing whatever would be done by him or Mrs. Preece in the matter, as all relations between them and their adopted daughter ended three years ago.

"We adopted Mabel," said Mr. Preece, "when she was a little child. She was not related to our family, but my wife and I liked her. She lived with us until she was nearly eighteen, attending school for a time in St. Paul. We then sent her to an Eastern school and shortly after that, when she was barely eighteen, we received word that she had run away from the school with this man Singerey, of whom we had never heard, and had become his wife."

"Our relations practically ceased from that moment. It is nearly five years since she has been in Minneapolis, and she was not very well known here, having been away at school. She is now about twenty-one years old."

"So far as I know she is still living with Singerey, but she may not be. We obtained the address of her foster parents when we heard of it, and what has happened since we have not heard of."

"I noticed that one paper said she had been arrested several times before for the same offense. If that is true, we know nothing of it."

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MR. GORMAN'S ATTITUDE

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

Mr. Gorman thinks that if the question of politics is to enter at all it will be far better for the democracy if the republican leaders go before the country having failed to agree among themselves on the desired legislation or having failed to muster sufficient strength to begin or to renew obstructive tactics so early.

Any aggressive action on the part of the democrats to oppose legislation or to force obnoxious legislation, as was done last winter, the Senator does not consider either statesmanship or politics.

Senator Gorman says that Senators Aldrich, Allison, Platt and Spooner are still groping in the dark, and that President Roosevelt himself has not been able to get the light. He is, however, well informed, the sub-committee considering the question at Senator Aldrich's home in the city of New York.

On this account he thinks it unwise, especially for minority members of the Senate, to begin or to renew obstructive tactics so early.

Sensors Dubois, Teller, Blackburn, Gray, Chamberlain and Cannon, says the democrats who killed the Aldrich bill just before the close of the last session of Congress, will be glad to accept any measure which will put the bill in the light of being obstructive.

These men will be urged by Senator Gorman to assume a different attitude at the coming session if anything in the line of a real measure is proposed.

They will be told plainly that they must not be put in the light of being obstructive.

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HEARD BUREAU

No. 724 FIFTEENTH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday.

With scandal investigations going on in the Department, President Roosevelt and his Cabinet members are having very little vacation.

The Indian land scandals, just brought to the attention of the Department of the Interior, promise to prove almost as sensational as the glove contract scandal in the War Department, in which Representative Littauer, of New York, is involved, and the scandals in the Post Office Department, which have resulted in many indictments and removals.

The charges the government officials in Indian Territory have conspired to defraud Indians by leasing and buying their lands at ridiculously low prices is now entirely in the hands of Secretary Hitchcock. The case has been taken from the Indian Bureau of the Department of the Interior and will probably be investigated under the direction of the President, much as was done in the Post Office scandals.

EXPECTED ACTION

It is believed that upon his return to Washington to-morrow, after his conference with President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, Secretary Hitchcock will designate a special inspector, who will immediately go to Indian Territory and begin a wholesale investigation of the charges, which involve Tams Bixby, chairman of the Dawes commission, Indian Inspector George Wright and many other prominent government officials.

Assistant Secretary Bixby expressed here at the charges against Indian Inspector George Wright. He is Secretary Hitchcock's right hand man and was sent to the Indian Territory as the Secretary of the Dawes commission. He is not under orders from the Indian Bureau, and was supposed to be the chief protector of the five tribes in their rights.

"I shall be much surprised if the charges against Mr. Wright, the Indian Inspector, are sustained," A. Clark Tonner, Assistant Indian Commissioner, said to-night. "He and many of the other members of the commission have always been above reproach. Charges are so freely made against them when they are not sustained by affidavit."

"Mr. Brossius has done much good work in the Indian Territory. This time it is impossible to find a foundation for all the charges he has brought."

"The outcome of the investigation will be."

ADVANTAGE TAXES OF IGNORANCE

Ignorance on the part of the Indians of the laws regulating the lands in the five tribes has been taken advantage of in every possible manner by the government agents among whom there are said to be many government officials. The scramble for valuable mineral and oil lands in the Indian Territory has been done by the government agents who were not able to keep out of the fish, and have been successful in making the Indians believe that the government agents were dealing with the Indians, if the charges made by Mr. Brossius be true.

"It is assumed that the investigation now started will be far-reaching and will result in the quieting of bad rumors which have been circulating for several years concerning the methods of the government agents in the Indian Territory. The Department of Justice will co-operate with Secretary Hitchcock in looking into the Brossius charges."

Secretary Hitchcock is known to be thoroughly aroused by the recent charges which are said to afford him an opportunity for making an investigation which will result in the removal of many of the Indian land agents, and the department is interested in the purchase of the lands which are said to be in the hands of the Indians.

TAMS BIXBY SAYS HIS RECORD IS CLEAN

Chairman of the Dawes Commission Declares the Charges Are Probably Based on Grievances.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sunday.—"I have never bought an acre of Indian lands," said Tams Bixby, chairman of the Dawes Commission, to-night, "and I don't intend to. Nor have the companies in which I am interested. They had not done it up to the time I left, so far as I know, and I come pretty near knowing what they have done."

Mr. Bixby is spending a fortnight at his home here. He is sincerely at the disposal of the companies telegraphed from Washington. He is director of the Muskogee Title and Trust Company and of the First National Bank. The companies, he says, do a straight banking and loan business. They do not stand ready to make loans on the Indian lands when they are purchased. That is one of the purposes for which they were organized.

"I can assure you how there can be any basis for the charge that lands are sold at improper figures," he continued, "Every acre of land is sold at a fair price, and the deeds are passed upon by the Department of the Interior, under the Secretary's supervision. I am not a member of the Dawes commission, and I do not believe he has been guilty of any impropriety."

"This is only a piece of the same business that is being going on all the time. The Dawes commission has blocked every step of the government, and it is time that it had left a crop of grievances. From some of these atom centers, I suppose the rumors are being spread. The companies were engaged in buying lands. There has been nothing in my own course for which I would not cheerfully face the strictest investigation, and I have every confidence in my associates."

TOP BY \$700,000

William West Durant's Attorney Says Client Will Agree to Three Months' Incarceration.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sunday.—According to Maurice Meyer, a lawyer, who has offices in the Pulitzer Building, and who is understood to represent William West Durant, against whom a judgment for \$700,000 was obtained a few months ago by his sister, Mrs. Heloise Durant Rose, the execution of a body service will be accepted in the near future by Mr. Durant, who will arrange for three months' imprisonment in Hamilton county, where he now makes his home.

By this means he plans to satisfy the judgment obtained against him by his sister. It is understood that because of his friendly relations with the Sheriff of Hamilton county the imprisonment of Mr. Durant will not be particularly irksome.

Mr. Meyer was in Saratoga to-day, not as the representative of Mr. Durant, but as the representative of a woman who is a mysterious holder of bonds of the Forest Park and Land Company, which was organized by Mr. Durant and which defaulted on its interest on bonds after the judgment had been rendered against Mr. Durant.

Senator Edgar T. Brackett, as counsel for William Hay Becker, cashier of the First National Bank of Saratoga, who is maintaining his residence in Hamilton county. He is a member of the Metropolitan Club and of the New York Yacht Club, as well as of other social organizations.

The late Dr. Thomas C. Durant built the Adirondack Railroad and acquired large real estate interests in the mountains. At the time of his death it was said that his estate was much entangled, but it is his son's intention to clear up the possession of a large fortune. Mrs. Rose, who was an equal heir with her brother, received only a comparatively small sum, Mr. Durant alleging that his fortune was made by himself and was not left to him by his father.

Mrs. Rose spent some time in Europe with her husband, and when she returned to New York, not long ago, she demanded an accounting from her brother. He refused that anything was due to her from the estate of their father, but the referee to whom the case was given held otherwise, and the Court confirmed his judgment, awarding to Mrs. Rose the sum of \$700,000.

As soon as that was done Mr. Durant alleged that he was a bankrupt, and the executions issued by the Court to recover the amount due to Mrs. Rose were returned unsatisfied.

MISTAKEN FOR

T. J. Oakley Rhinelander Had Unpleasant Experience with Secret Service Agent.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sunday.—Several times a millionaire narrowly escaped by the party had boarded a car to return to the hotel Mr. Rhinelander paid the fares with a quarter.

"Let me have that quarter; I think it is a counterfeit," said the secret service agent, whose name was Wilson, quietly to the conductor.

The coin turned out to be spurious, as the agent had suspected. He gave the conductor a good coin, holding the counterfeit as evidence, and thereafter for several hours he did not let the supposed counterfeit out of his sight.

Hoping to learn of other supposed members of the counterfeiting band, Wilson followed Mr. Rhinelander from place to place. If he strolled about the veranda Wilson was not far away. If he sat down Wilson was in a chair close by.

At length Wilson's actions attracted the attention of the house detective of the Oriental, who had been watching the stranger was a pickpocket waiting for an opportunity to rob a wealthy patron of the house. He detected the pickpocket and ordered the supposed pickpocket off the premises.

How long this game of cross purposes might have continued had not the Oriental house detective been watching the stranger was a pickpocket waiting for an opportunity to rob a wealthy patron of the house. He detected the pickpocket and ordered the supposed pickpocket off the premises.

"I guess you don't know who I am," protested the secret service man. "In a few minutes I will have that counterfeit for you. Counterfeiter!" gasped the detective. "Why that's Oakley Rhinelander, one of our big New York millionaires, who is staying here."

The secret service man was easily convinced that he had erred and departed apologetically. The incident caused considerable comment in the hotel.

MARYLAND VOTERS ROOT OUT RACE

Openly Sell Themselves in the McComas-Mudd Senatorial Contest.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

BALTIMORE, Md., Sunday.—Senator McComas and Representative Mudd are fighting for the control of the republican organization in Maryland. Primaries were held yesterday in all the counties in the State. Senator McComas has a little the better of it, but not until the Baltimore city primaries are held, two weeks hence, will it be definitely known who has won.

The fight yesterday was in Southern Maryland. Representative Mudd's territory, both sides were well provided with money and every voter, black and white, in Prince George's county, was paid for his vote.

Office holders representing the two factions were at the polling place at Marlboro, the county seat, with handfuls of one dollar notes. The men with the cash stood opposite the window and offered the money.

"Here's a dollar!" said a Mudd man to the first voter.

"I'll give you \$2!" said the McComas man, who appeared to have the larger roll.

The voter was about to accept the offer, when the Mudd cashier yelled, "Three!"

Not to be outdone, the man with the McComas cash held out \$4, and as the crowd was surging forward the voter was compelled to take the money or lose his place in the line.

The next voter stopped to the window and got \$2 before he was ushered past. Another man received \$10 by allowing the contestants to bid for his vote as if it were an auction sale.

All negroes of powerful physique got more places in line. One instance was noted where an aged darky vote was bid for up to \$75, but he refused it, mumbled something about sentiment, at which the crowd laughed.

Fully \$30,000 was spent, and when it was all over it was found that more republicans had voted than were registered, showing that democrats took a hand.

SENATOR PLATT DECLARES HE WOULD NOT QUIT CABINET FOR GOVERNORSHIP

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

ELIHU ROOT is not being considered by the republican party managers in this State as a possible successor of Governor Odell. This fact was made clear by Senator Thomas C. Platt last night at Manhattan Beach. In view of Mr. Root's approaching retirement from the head of the War Department, the belief has more than once been expressed that he would be a candidate for Governor next year.

"I don't think I would do anything in that regard," Senator Platt said when questioned in regard to the rumor. "Mr. Root would not resign the Secretaryship of War to become Governor."

Speaking of the appointment of Mr. Root's successor, Senator Platt said that there would be no vacancy until December 1, there was plenty of time to select a candidate. He was asked if it was true that he favored the appointment of Colonel John J. McCook of this city.

"McCook would make a strong objection," Senator Platt replied, "and I don't think Ohio needs anything more just now. McCook was from Ohio originally, and popular secrets are being blown out."

Senator Platt's allusion to Ohio was a reference to the possible appointment of William H. Taft to succeed Mr. Root. He admitted that President Roosevelt was a great admirer of Mr. Taft, but said he had never heard of Mr. Taft's interest in regard to the matter and believed the appointment should be given to New York.

Senator Platt was gratified by the decision of State Senator McClelland, of Westchester, to accept the appointment of United States General Appraiser, which the President offered to him. He said it had been the intention of the republicans to nominate him to the vacancy which would be created in the Senate by the resignation of Senator Platt.

"What effect will this have on the situation which was brought about by the resignation of Senator Platt in the last session?" was asked.

"I think it will tend to relieve it," Senator Platt replied. "I don't think they will be able to do anything more."

If the extra session of Congress to act on the financial bill should be called, it would be possible to accomplish something, which would not be the case if the work were deferred until November.

Of the demand of Hugh McLaughlin for the nomination of Bird S. Coler for Mayor, he said he had no objection. He would be a good candidate for the democracy to name, and that he would prove just strong enough to be defeated, as when he ran for Governor. He could see nothing in the situation to prevent the re-nomination of Seth Low.

James S. Snell, republican leader in Montgomery county, John K. Stewart, of Amsterdam, and Hobart Krum, of Schoharie county, talked with Senator Platt, at Manhattan Beach yesterday.

"Governor Odell has called a halt and called a conference. Senator Platt said I expect to see him next week. I would like to have Mr. Snell appointed. He has been very devoted and faithful to the party."

Mr. Snell was the chief opponent of Representative Littauer in his fight for re-nomination last fall.

VACANCY FOR NEW YORKER

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CAUGHT BY CHANCE

Detective Stumbles on a Man Charged with a Murder in Chicago Four Years Ago.

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ST. PAUL, Minn., Sunday.—A man who was charged with a murder in Chicago four years ago, was caught by chance by a detective in St. Paul.

Frank Sines, a barber, was locked up in Police Headquarters yesterday to await advice from Chicago, where he is wanted on a charge of murder.

In 1899 the police of this city received a circular, with photograph of Sines, attached, in which the Chicago police asked that the barber be arrested for the murder of Oscar Quastrom.

Detective Sergeant Petrovski yesterday called on friends at No. 343 First avenue. He looked into an apartment and saw a man seated at a table whose face resembled him of the photograph of Sines.

The man said he was Tony d'Arado, a barber, who had been in Chicago for ten years, had only been living here for the last four months. When taken to Police Headquarters and confronted with the circular, which had been made up with the circular of the Chicago police, he admitted he was Sines and that he had committed the murder. He said that he had killed Quastrom because the man had attacked his (Sines's) father.

YOUNG 'AVENGERS' HALTED

One, Eleven, the Other Thirteen, They Were Bound for "the Plains" After Indians.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sunday.—Two boys wearing revolvers thrust under their waists for belts, were arrested yesterday by the police at Richmond Hill, Long Island. They described themselves as Ashley Pecan, aged thirteen years, and Ley Seaman, eleven years old, of Richmond Hill.

The boys called to the police that they were on an errand of mercy. They had been reading about how the Indians "cut West" massacred white settlers and carried off young girls as captives. They left it become known that they were headed for the "plains" to prevent this. They will be sent home.

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DYNAMITE A STEAMER

The White Star, on Saranac Lake, Blown Up on the Second Attempt in a Year.

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PLATYSBURG, N. Y., Sunday.—The steamer White Star, owned by Captain Lawrence, which runs on Saranac Lake, was blown up by dynamite to-day while at her wharf and completely wrecked.

An attempt to destroy the steamer in a similar way was made last season.

RELATIVES OF MAN FOR WHOM CITY WAS NAMED IN ASYLUM

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sunday.—As a result of troubles, the exact nature of which is not known to their relatives and friends, widow and daughter of Captain Denver, who was a member of the Chicago police of Washington, who was a brother of the late Claire Denver, for whom Colorado's chief city was named, have become hopelessly insane at Colorado Beach, and it has been necessary to send them to a private asylum. The mother is about sixty and the daughter forty years of age. During their insanity they were in the hands of an acknowledged social favorite.

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