

SAFELY PLOT SENT BRANDT TO PEN

Indictments Charging Conspiracy Expected to Follow Grand Jury Probe of Judicial "Railroading."

MAN WENT TO PRISON TO SHIELD A WOMAN

Confessed to Crime He Did Not Commit to Protect Her, According to Current Reports.

New York, Feb. 15.—Indictments for conspiracy are expected by District Attorney Whitman as the result of a grand jury's further investigation today of the case of Polke N. Brandt, the former valet of Banker Mortimer Schiff, who has served five of 30 years prison sentence for burglary.

A detective has admitted that his report on the man's alleged bad character was made on others' orders and after but little inquiry. Whitman wishes to see whether improper influences were brought about to send Brandt to prison.

Whatever happens, whether the governor pardons Brandt, as now seems probable, or a new trial is ordered by Justice Gerard, there will be an investigation to determine if improper influences were used to send Brandt to the penitentiary for thirty years.

There is also a communication from Howard S. Gans, then counsel for Mortimer L. Schiff, which is dated March 20, 1907, and addressed to Inspector McLaughlin.

21,000 ACRES PURCHASED FOR THE FOREST RESERVE Price Government Will Pay for Lumber Company Holding About \$200,000.

GLAD KNOX IS COMING Venezuela Regards Intended Visit of American Statesman as a Special Mark of Friendship.

Hospital as Hawley Memorial. Chattanooga, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Kinship of the late Edwin Hawley, railroad magnate, will erect a memorial to him in this village where he was born.

ATTACKS MR. TAFT AS A REACTIONARY

Medill McCormick Aroused at the President's "Vicious" Assault on Progressives.

Washington, Feb. 15.—A statement issued last night at the Washington offices of the Roosevelt national committee, in the interest of Col. Roosevelt, and signed by Medill McCormick, declared that President Taft's administration has embarked upon a policy of "political suicide and murder."

President Taft's New York speech in which he referred to "political neurotics" is criticized, as is Secretary MacVeagh's speech at Lansing in which he declared that Roosevelt would not, and could not be a candidate for the presidency.

Mr. McCormick, who recently withdrew from Senator LaFollette's campaign, has opened offices in a downtown office building. The statement was issued from there.

Not content with viciously attacking the progressives in one speech, in another it has sought to divide the republican opposition to the president, by confusing facts with reference to Senator Cummins, Senator LaFollette and Colonel Roosevelt.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED FOR ATTACKING WOMEN

One Is Hanged at Memphis and Another at Starkville, Mississippi.

Memphis, Feb. 15.—A mob early this morning hanged an unidentified negro accused of having attacked a white girl yesterday. It is said he partly confessed. A rope was tied around his neck and he was dragged to a bridge and strung up. The body was then shot full of holes.

YEGGS WRECK BANK

New York, Feb. 15.—Truckmen who tried last night to blow the safe of the private bank of Giovanni Macaroni did their work too well. The charge of the explosive was so great that it not only cracked the safe, but wrecked the building. The robbers fled without any loot.



THE "BOY SCOUTS" BUSY AGAIN

LEGISLATIVE BAN ON SOCIAL GLASS

Virginia House Passes Bill to Make "Treating" in Saloons Illegal.

Richmond, Feb. 15.—The house of delegates of Virginia is strongly against the "social glass."

J. H. TUCKER DEAD

Prominent Attorney Succumbs to Heart Attack, at His Home on Charlotte St.

J. H. Tucker, of the law firm of Tucker & Lee, died suddenly at his home, 224 Charlotte street, about 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

WANTS FEDERAL CONTROL OF THE LABOR UNIONS

Steel Corporation Director an Opponent of the Organization as Un-American.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Percival Roberts, Jr., a director of the United States Steel corporation, told the Stanley steel-investigating committee yesterday, that his company would like to see labor unions under the same governmental control as corporations.

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ROBBED OF \$25,000

Two Bank Messengers Held up in Heart of New York's Business District.

New York, Feb. 15.—Two messengers of the East River bank were held up today and robbed of \$25,000 in the heart of the downtown business district.

BOND APPEALS TURNED DOWN

GUDGER FOLLOWED LEADERS' POLICY

Says Vote on Sherwood Bill Was Against His Personal Inclination.

WANTS PRUNING KNIFE PUT TO PENSION TREE

Would Remove from Rolls Names of Those Sons Not Deserving of Federal Aid.

The full text of Representative Gudger's speech in the house on the subject of special pension legislation to which reference has been made in these correspondences, is as follows:

"Much has been said to mislead the public touching the recent pension legislation. Many exaggerated statements have been put in circulation and I deem it proper at this time to state the exact facts, so that the country may have a clear understanding in regard to this proposed legislation.

"The democratic leaders in the house thus made the Sherwood bill a democratic measure, going even further by agreeing to consider it as the first general bill at the regular session of the sixty-second congress.

"As a matter of fact, 9,600 special pension bills were passed during the sixty-first congress. Many of these bills gave from thirty to fifty dollars per month, and that the entire appropriation carried by the bill would be less than \$28,000,000, and that it would, to a large extent, do away with the much-abused system of special pension legislation and make a uniform law that would be just to all.

"The democratic caucus pledged itself to go into general legislation and also pledged itself to report a pension bill to this house, and notwithstanding that, you put these motions on the calendar to block the consideration of other business. The house has acted as it pledged itself to do on a pension bill.

"So it will be observed, first, that the democratic caucus pledged itself to report a pension bill; second, a democrat is the author of the bill; third, a democratic committee unanimously reported the bill; fourth, a democratic majority gave the bill the right of way; fifth, the democratic leaders supported the bill, including Speaker Champ Clark and James T. Lloyd, chairman of the democratic national congressional committee.

"The bill was passed; a majority of the democrats voted for the bill. Out of seven confederate soldiers who are now members of congress five voted for this bill, and the honesty of purpose and patriotism can not be called into question; also, the entire delegation of three southern states voted for the bill.

Structural Iron Workers Union Unable to Bail Out Its Indicted Officials and Agents.

SEVEN OF INDICTED NOT YET IN CUSTODY

Authorities Very Anxious to Locate M. J. Young of Boston—All Arrested on One Bill.

Indianapolis, Feb. 15.—Official reports received by government officials up to noon today showed that only seven out of 54 men indicted in the dynamite conspiracy had not been arrested.

"After the defendants are arraigned on March 12 and the trials proceed," said Mr. Miller, "we have reason to anticipate new aspects. Information is expected to develop at the trials indicating the complexity of many more than those indicted now. We do not assert that we already have all those implicated. This is, however, a beginning."

The indictment on which all the men were arrested charges all the 54 men with conspiracy to violate the statutes forbidding the carrying of explosives on passenger trains and details 47 transportation charges as overt acts and names Orin McManis, the McNamara or Herbert H. Hockin in each act, but does not specify the part taken by the other defendants.

All of the defendants are named in each of the 32 indictments, and, according to District Attorney Miller, sentences may be imposed for each of the offenses. It is the contention of the government that each of the defendants was guilty in each of the conspiracy charges, although his active participation may have been in one transportation only.

Another indictment of 24 counts charges all the defendants as being principals in the transportation of nitro-glycerine. A further indictment of 24 counts charges McManis and J. B. McNamara with physical transportation of nitro-glycerine and all the other defendants with abetting. Two other remaining indictments with 16 counts each, charge all the defendants with being principals in the transportation of dynamite and with having aided McManis and J. B. McNamara.

Altogether the indictments contain 128 counts against each of the defendants and the penalty for any one of the offenses varies from 18 months to two years.

Nashville, Feb. 15.—A vigorous protest by Confederate organizations in Tennessee is in preparation against the proposal of the Tennessee penitentiary authorities to clothe convicts in gray. The plan to abolish stripes resulted from Gov. Hooper's investigation of the prisons last Christmas.

MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

If I could Select the Man I Would Name Name Address Cut this ticket out and mail it to The Asheville Gazette News, or hand it in at this office. If you do not care to write your name on the ballot, you can write it in a separate book provided at the office. Results will be published from time to time and if no name is the name of the voter be given out unless requested.