

### Brady Denies Knowing of 'Bribe' Deal

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not sure. But whoever I talked to, they gave me the gist of it. The committee then asked Burke to tell of the interview of March with Thompson at the Republican Club.

#### Talk With "Red Mike"

"Well," resumed Burke, "Thompson said that four or five days before he had been to see Red Mike. I asked him who Red Mike was and he said Red Mike was Mayor Hylan. Thompson said: 'I went in to see him for a minute and he talked to me for four and a half hours.' Then Thompson took a letter from a bag and he said: 'I think I'm against the traction companies.' I said: 'What made you change your mind?' He said: 'They would give me the figures I wanted.' Then he read the letter. It was drafted on the traction companies. It was a letter addressed to Mayor Hylan. He said he was going to give it to the press.

"Then he read a second letter to John D. Rockefeller, telling him it would be to his benefit to get all the electric light and power companies in the state, including the Middleport Gas and Electric Light Company. He asked me if I could introduce him to Rockefeller. I said I could get Mr. Brady to do it."

"Did you think your influence with Mr. Brady would persuade him to do it?" interrupted Senator Fowler. "I don't think I know."

#### Transit Inquiry Discussed

Resuming his story, the witness said the chief proposition advanced at the March 1 interview by Senator Thompson was that Thompson would again like to meet Mr. Stanchfield, so that he might try to induce him to persuade J. Henry Walters, president pro tem of the Senate, and Thaddeus C. Sweet, Speaker of the Assembly, to consent to an investigation of the financial condition of the transit companies in New York City. Thompson, Burke said, declared he wanted to be chairman.

"The impression," said Burke, "was that the investigation was to be a superficial one."

After Thompson saw Stanchfield, the witness said, he talked with the latter about Thompson's visit. Stanchfield, he said, told him that Thompson had made the suggestion of an investigation to him. Stanchfield, Burke said, told him Thompson's proposal was impossible because there were only five or six weeks left between then and the date of the adjournment of the Legislature.

#### Committee Report Discussed

Mr. Thomas, on examination, said he had known Senator Thompson since the early part of 1917. In answer to a question as to the occasion for his first call on Thompson, he said: "I called on him at his hotel—at the Biltmore—at his invitation. He came with counsel, H. J. Hemmens, to whom I acted as technical adviser to look over the page proof of the report of the legislative committee that had been investigating the Public Service Commission of the State. This was about January, 1917."

"Did you have a conversation with Senator Thompson during that period in which the matter of a trust company in Lockport or Middleport was mentioned?" "At no time, never. The first intimation I had of any such subject was what I saw in the public press one night last week."

"Did you have any conversation with Senator Thompson in which you said to him in the grill room of the Biltmore, or any other place: 'Now, here, we want to help you, and we understand that you want to establish a trust company in Lockport, and we will furnish you the money for it?'" "I did not. I have never had any conversation with Senator Thompson about any trust company, nor have I ever had any conversation with any one else in my life that I can remember in connection with the organization of a trust company."

"Did Senator Thompson at that time, or any other time, say to you: 'I do not want the money. It is all a mistake. Forget it, and let's not have any more talk about that?'" "He did not."

"Or anything like that, in substance?" "Nothing approaching it."

"Since that report was cited, have you seen Mr. Burke?" "Yes, I saw him occasionally, with less frequency afterward, up to, I suppose, a year ago."

"What was the occasion of your meeting him?"

### Note to "Precious" Opens New Phase Of Wilkins Case

"Burke sometimes brought the page proofs of these papers to us." "From the office of the committee, at the Biltmore."

"That was before the report of the committee was presented, wasn't it?" "That was following with the Public Service Commission bill amendments to the Public Service Commission law."

"Burke also brought those papers to you, didn't he?" "Yes, at times. Sometimes we got them there, sometimes we would meet him there, see him there, but he was not a visitor to my office."

Met Burke in Albany

"You say that after the commission's report had been presented, which, as you now think, was some time in February, 1917, did you see Mr. Burke after that?" "During the time that we were discussing the amendments to the Public Service Commission law."

"What was the occasion of your interview with Mr. Burke in regard to this Public Service Commission law?" "I was going to see you to talk the impression that I was having any interviews with Mr. Burke."

"Did he tell you whom he represented those times he came to see you?" "No; it was my impression in the beginning he was one of the employees of the committee."

Senator Black—Why did Senator Thompson want your people to see the page proof, if he did?"

"He told me it was his purpose to let the corporations interested see the proofs."

"When it came to drafting the bill that grew out of this report, did you see the proof of the bill?"

"Who sent that to you?" "Well, it came from Senator Thompson."

The Chairman—Did you talk with Senator Thompson about that?" "Oh, yes."

#### Burke Tells of His Labors

The witness was excused and Burke was recalled to enable him to make some unimportant corrections in his testimony of Saturday. After he had done this—he was on his feet—he insisted on going into the history, or part of it, of his life for nearly a quarter of a century back.

While the members of the committee were trying to silence Burke, who insisted on continuing his story, he cried: "Just a word more. My fourth official position was with the Thompson committee which investigated the traction situation in New York City."

Every one sat up. Burke was allowed to continue.

"I went to work with the committee at the request of Senator Thompson. I worked in conjunction with Senator Thompson for a year and a half and he said that I served him faithfully."

Senator Knight asked, "What was the arrangement about I was on that committee and would like to know."

"The arrangement was this: Thompson said to me, 'Now, Burke, yours is a special account; you are not an ordinary man in these investigations, as has been determined by your most recent record. I will put in a bill to the committee and I would see you paid. I have never asked him about it since.'"

"Was your bill ever submitted?" "No, sir, it was not."

"Did you ever submit any bill to him?" "No, sir."

#### Brady Is Examined

The examination of Burke was suspended that Mr. Brady might be heard. He said that he lived at 411 State Street, Albany, and had a New York City home at 989 Fifth Avenue. He said he was chairman of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, and was president of the New York Edison Company, the Brooklyn Edison Company and held office in the Consolidated Gas Company and in other light and power companies.

He said that he met Thompson twice, once at his Fifth Avenue home, and on a prior occasion at his office, at 51 Wall Street.

"How were the interviews brought about?" asked Mr. Cheney.

"At Senator Thompson's request. He requested one of our attorneys, Judge Beardsley, to bring him in."

"What was the occasion of his visit?" "None that I could see. He only wanted to meet me."

"On any pending legislation?" "No. He said he wanted me to see that he was not black as he was painted. We shook hands and spoke two or three minutes and he left. This was some time ago."

"When did you next see him?" "Traction Situation Discussed"

"On March 1, at the request of Burke, Senator Thompson came with Burke to my home. Senator Thompson started in on a general scheme for the development of state water power and so forth. Then there was some talk of the general traction situation and I told him that we couldn't go on indefinitely giving 7 cents' worth of service for 5 cents. He asked me for some figures. I sent some to him. They were indicative figures—not conclusive."

Mr. Burke was recalled to the stand.

The second interview with witness was arranged for Senator Thompson with Mr. Stanchfield was on February 6 of this year.

"Senator Thompson," explained Burke, "told me that he wanted to destroy some letters that were in part of the records of the committee, and he said he did not want to destroy them in my presence, and he did not want them given to me, but he said he would destroy them if somebody could make the arrangements whereby he was positive that Mr. Shonts knew that the destruction of the letters took place."

"Did Senator Thompson tell you what the general purpose of the letters was?" "The witness said they related to the Shonts' family affairs."

When Burke was excused, Senator Thompson made a voluntary statement to the committee. He said the letters Burke referred to were memoranda written by Perley Morse, who was accountant to the committee, as the result of an interview with Mrs. Shonts and the Duchesne de Chaulnes.

"The matter was one involving only the domestic affairs of Mr. Shonts," said Senator Thompson, "matters known to the counsel to the committee and which I destroyed. That is all I will say now. But when I retake the stand I will explain Burke's interest in the papers."

An adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

### Physician Accused of Murdering Wife Denies Writing Letter Sent Here as Evidence in Divorce Case

MINEOLA, Long Island, April 14.—Investigation of the marital ventures of Dr. Walter K. Wilkins was begun yesterday. Dr. Wilkins is now in the county jail charged with the murder of his wife, Julia, who, he declares, was killed by burglars.

The authorities of Napa City, Cal., have forwarded papers to District Attorney Weeks including a copy of a

divorce decree obtained December 26, 1889, by Grace L. Mansfield, declared by the doctor to have been his first wife.

The documents include a letter alleged to have been written by Dr. Wilkins to the correspondent, whose identity is not revealed. The letter read in part: "My dear, precious one, if you only knew what a night of wakefulness I have had, I have been thinking of my dear darling one all night long. My God, I just thought at one time that if I could be by your side and place my arms around you that I would just give the world. I would be willing to die the next hour if necessary as a just punishment. I don't believe you will ever know just how your loving boy has yearned and wished for his sweet girl."

"I wouldn't go through these awful days and weeks again for any amount of money. My heart will jump for joy the moment there is a prospect of setting the hour when I shall be with you. Does my precious one fully realize how very dear she is to me and how precious, tenderly she is loved by her Walter? Walter just idolizes every bit

of you. Those precious kisses I am just famishing for. I will hug her to death the minute I lay my hands on her. "With my sweetest kisses for you, dear and with loving thoughts, I am, your heartless boy, Walter."

Dr. Wilkins declared the letter was a "snake" when asked about it yesterday. He said: "I never wrote it, and I don't know where it came from. I have been married only three times. My first wife was Miss Grace Mansfield. She declined to come with me to New York when I had an offer as house physician at Randall's Island, and she obtained a divorce after I left California. We never had any trouble when we were married. It was the first marriage for both of us."

### Contractors Ordered to Speed Work on New Subway Yards

The Public Service Commission yesterday sent a sharp note to the Thomas J. Buckley Construction Company to hurry up its contract work on the new yards for the extension subway at 180th Street and at 239th Street. The first named job involves \$269,000 and the other \$92,000. Each is about 80 per cent completed.

### Mrs. Joseph H. Hoadley Found Dead From Gas

Wife of Lawyer Asphyxiated in Her Bed—Death Accidental, Say Family and Police

Not until an undertaker reported the case to the medical examiner's office last night did it become known that Mrs. Fannie C. Hoadley, forty-two years old, of 18 East Eighty-second Street, was found dead in her room yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. She had died during the night from inhaling illuminating gas that escaped from an open jet in a chandelier. The police say her death was an accident.

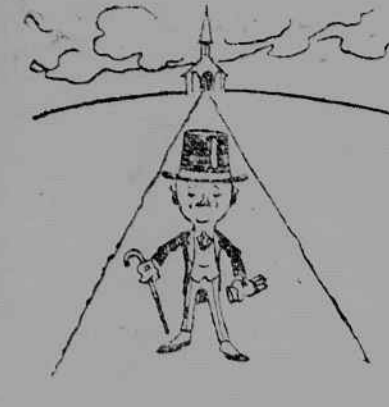
Her husband is Joseph H. Hoadley, of the law firm of Hoadley, Lauterbach & Johnson, of 22 William Street.

Japanese servant to inform her that breakfast was waiting. The servant failed to get any response to his knocks at the door. He noticed an odor of gas and, opening the door, found Mrs. Hoadley dead in bed.

Swann Purchases Ryan Estate

District Attorney Swann has purchased the former home of Mrs. Ida M. Ryan, late wife of Thomas Fortune Ryan in Rockland County. It consists of a handsome brick villa on a seventy-acre estate. It is about a mile north of a former summer home in Montvale, N. J., which Mr. Swann purchased three years ago and sold about a year later.

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### Expects Prohibition To Make Drug Addicts Parole Commission Here Quotes Figures Compiled by Congressmen

Representative Henry Rainey, of Ill., has a list of twenty-five physicians who were drug addicts and commissioned as captains and majors during the war, according to the official annual report of the Parole Commission of New York City, which was given out here yesterday.

The report said that Representative Rainey had estimated the number of drug addicts as the first draft of 80,000, the report says.

"In New York City a list has been made up of 8,000 on between one and thirty-one who are addicts. The congressman regards newly-enacted prohibition laws as certain source of still greater addition."

The State Narcotic Drug Commission will open an office in the Health Department, 149 Centre Street, today to make possible closer cooperation between city, federal and state officials in the local drug crusade.

### DAIRY SHOW The Entire Milk Industry April 21 to April 26.

HERE'S the country brought to the city; real live cows, real farmers, real farm family at home and at work producing the milk that New York City drinks. Chosen housekeepers show how to make milk dishes—from soups to dessert;—a chance for you to try their cooking.

### Children's Milk Week

will be featured at the Milk Show. Elimination contests each day, feeding of infants demonstrations, etc. Milk as a necessary food for growing children—under auspices of Department of Health of New York City.

### See These Features:

- 1—Milk by electricity.
- 2—Cheese, butter and ice cream making.
- 3—Most valuable cheese in the world, representing 30,000 quarts of milk.
- 4—Dried Milk—how it is made.
- 5—Prize cows of different breeds. Champion milk producers.
- 6—Cost of milk production shown by actual food, labor, shelter and overhead exhibits and figures.
- 7—Food value of milk compared with other foods, shown by exhibits and actual cooking.
- 8—Speakers, open forum—food questions answered.

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# When you're in the mood for reading

## "A woman should stick by her man"

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You follow her life, narrow and selfish at first, then broadening, until her big chance comes. The May Companion lets you right into the swing of the story.

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## Is it ever right to tell a lie?

Ruth Comfort Mitchell, speaking as "Jane," tells a delightful story in the May Woman's Home Companion. It is hard to describe the charm, spirit and humor of this story. The plot turns on that perennial controversy, is it ever right to tell a lie to give comfort and peace to one who is dying?

But the plot is not important. Read this story for the delightful way in which it is told.

## "Face powder is like gun powder!"

if it is not watched it may do more damage than good" says Miss Gould in the May Companion; and she discusses at length and most interestingly this matter of powdering, when and where to do it—and particularly, when and where not to do it.

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