

BUCKLEY NOTE  
NEW MYSTERY  
IN M'CALL HUNT

Name of Albany Lobbyist  
on Paper Indorsed by  
the Commissioner.

BANK REFUSES  
ACCESS TO ACCOUNT

Chairman and Wife Threatened  
with Subpoena When at Their  
Daughter's Wedding.

The Thompson committee kept up its reputation yesterday for unexpectedly dragging into the open the names of prominent men for whom it is not grudging. Continuing its investigation of the Public Service Commission, it stubbed its toes on a mysterious and (as far as the committee records went at sundown) unexplained note transaction involving the names of Edward E. McCall, George W. Perkins and William H. Buckley.

It is a matter of history that a certain William H. Buckley was once an Albany lobbyist, who was called as witness before the Hughes committee in the insurance investigation in 1910. During those proceedings Buckley was accused of attempted bribery by Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life Insurance Company, who testified under oath to the effect that Buckley offered to deliver six Senators for \$3,000. When called as a witness Buckley disappeared.

Perley Morse, the public accountant employed by the Thompson committee to go over McCall's account at the Bankers Trust Company, was the one who brought the names of Perkins and William H. Buckley into the proceedings yesterday. He reported that he found at the bank last Wednesday a carbon copy of a letter sent by the bank to McCall in 1908, informing him that \$1,500 had been received from Mr. Perkins, and applied in part liquidation of a \$10,000 note made by Buckley and indorsed by McCall.

Letter Inquiry Is Dropped.  
Mr. Morse reported that when he asked for the letter again it was missing. Later word was brought from the officials of the bank that it had been found on the desk of a bookkeeper who had forgot to replace it in the files. For some reason or other the matter was dropped at that. Senator Thompson, chairman of the committee, announced that it was not very pertinent to the present inquiry.

All in addition that could be learned about the letter from the bank was that the \$10,000 note had been finally liquidated. No documentary evidence was discovered there as to why Perkins sent the \$1,500 which, as a member of the investigating forces said, "seemed to drop from a clear sky."

When asked by telephone last night about the matter, Mr. Perkins said: "This is the first I have heard of it. That was several years ago and I would

have to look it up before I could say anything about it. Offhand I can't recall what it is, so many transactions have passed through my hands since then. I dimly remember there was such a person as Buckley. I don't recall what financial relations I had with Mr. McCall, and would not undertake to speculate. I have not the records at hand here at my home, and could not get them before Monday."

Bank Refuses to Show Ledger.  
The day's proceedings were filled with a good deal of snapping and snarling and threats of dire measures on the part of Chairman Thompson. His good humor was upset at the opening of the hearing by the refusal of the Bankers Trust Company officials to produce their depositors' ledger showing McCall's personal account.

William N. Duane, vice-president of the bank, appeared and voiced the refusal. He said it was the bank's duty to protect the confidence of its clients, and it would not open that particular book to public gaze unless compelled to do so by a Supreme Court order.

Thompson said that unless the bank acceded to his demand he would subpoena McCall and his wife, who were attending the wedding of their daughter at St. Patrick's Cathedral, to appear and give their permission for the production of the book. He told Mr. Duane to go to the bank and get back by 2 o'clock with the book. At the appointed hour Mr. Duane, accompanied by J. M. Hartfield, as counsel, returned and read the statement:

"Under the advice of counsel I have declined to produce the depositors' ledger of the Bankers Trust Company from 1906 to the present date, containing the account of Edward E. McCall and E. E. McCall, because the subpoena duces tecum directs generally the production of the entire deposit account from 1906 to date, and there is contained in said account many hundreds of items of deposit and withdrawals made by the depositor with the Bankers Trust Company, and which transactions established a confidential relation between the depositor and the institution, and the institution cannot disclose the items appearing in the account to the public or to the committee.

Necessity Is Denied.  
"The account is a private bank account of a citizen of this state covering a long period of years. I further state that no showing has been made of any proper case for the production of the books mentioned or that any of the items included therein are pertinent to any inquiry now pending before this committee or that the production of any of said items is necessary or that proper cause exists therefor.

"The Bankers Trust Company has permitted accountants designated by this committee to examine at length all of its books and records relating to any matter or thing which the accountants desired information about except as to the books now referred to, and as to these books, upon the grounds above stated, the witness cannot produce them.

"I, or the institution of which I am an officer, have no desire or purpose to delay, impede or interfere with the action of this committee, but in view of the advice of counsel I think it would be a positive breach of duty for us to disclose, and therefore cannot act otherwise."

At the end of this Senator Thompson, flushing and with rising voice, said: "I hereby issue instructions that subpoenas be issued for McCall and also Mrs. McCall to appear here at 5 o'clock. I had hoped you people would not put those people in this position. I am only subpoenaing them on account of the Bankers Trust Company. You know it would take two or three days to produce the books by a Supreme Court order, and that is the reason you refuse to let us have these books. I am going to have the New York City public understand your attitude."

"We are very much surprised you should ascribe any ulterior motives to us," Mr. Duane said.

Only a Bluff, Says Chairman.  
"You know very well, Mr. Banker," retorted Thompson, "and every one else knows that your books are no more confidential than the books of a broker or tradesman. Your lawyer knows it—this is nothing but a bluff."

Then Hartfield began to talk, saying: "We will test this matter out in the courts."

"You sit down," shouted Thompson. "You have no standing here. You are here only by courtesy of the State Legislature. You've been concealing things—it has been your attitude right along. You say you have nothing to conceal—you have in your files a letter from George W. Perkins bearing on the McCall matter which you have refused to let us have."

"How do you know—have you seen it?" demanded Hartfield.

"The Mr. Morse was allowed to explain about that matter, telling how he had gone to the correspondence clerk for it and failed to get it.

"That is a very unfair remark," said Hartfield.

"You sit down. I will find you in contempt if I have the power," Thompson shouted. "You may leave here— you may go—that is all."

Later Thompson announced that he had recalled his orders to subpoena the McCall's at once, having had a conference with Hartfield, and that friendly relations had been established. He said McCall and his wife would be subpoenaed for Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Accountant's Report.  
Mr. Morse, the accountant, filed with the committee the following report of such part of the account of Ella Gaynor McCall in the Bankers Trust Company as he had been allowed to examine:

"This account was opened March 3, 1913, by a deposit of \$100. Regarding this, we find a notation in the bank saying that this was Edward E. McCall's personal check on No. 103. This is the clearing house number of the Bankers Trust Company.

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Newark Newspapers  
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FIGURE IN LIST

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MELANCHOLY AFTER  
HOLIDAY PARTINGS

Magazine Editor Says Wife Was Depressed When Children Went Away to School.

Because she felt that she had "outlived her usefulness," Mrs. Jean Edgerton Hovey, author and wife of Carl Hovey, managing editor of "The Metropolitan Magazine," from whom she had lived apart for the last year, committed suicide early yesterday morning by taking gas in her rooms, at 15 East Thirty-eighth Street.

Mrs. Hovey's act followed two years of suffering from neurasthenia. Her husband, summoned to her bedside soon after her death, said that "it was only in a fit of melancholy, to which she was subject frequently, that she could have done such a thing. This condition, he said, was doubtless aggravated by the depression resulting from her sixteen-year-old son Copeland's return to boarding school at Morristown, N. J., after a short stay with her over Thanksgiving, and the fact that her daughter, Bettina, fourteen years old, was also away at school near Boston, being separated from her for the first time.

About 8 o'clock yesterday morning Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, a maid in the lodging house of Mrs. M. L. Pennypacker, where Mrs. Hovey had lived for the last two years, opened the door with the aid of the butler, the door of Mrs. Hovey's room was forced. Mrs. Hovey was found in bed, with a blanket over her head, and a gas tube from a study lamp attached to the left, and leading to her mouth. Dr. Taylor, from New York Hospital, was unable to revive her with a pulmonary.

Mr. Hovey and Mrs. Hovey's cousin, Dr. J. Lee Edgerton, of 72 West Fifty-second Street, arrived soon after, with Coroner Israel Feinberg. Four letters were found, one for Mr. Hovey, one for Dr. Edgerton, one for her lawyer and one for a friend named Mrs. Smith. Mr. Hovey said that there was no motive given in his letter, except that his wife had written that she had outlived her usefulness.

Mrs. Pennypacker said that she had not noticed anything unusual in Mrs. Hovey's conduct of late, and that she seemed quite cheerful, particularly on Wednesday night, when she returned from a walk with her son. She believed that the act was unpremeditated, because Mrs. Hovey had an appointment for tea with a friend yesterday afternoon.

The Hoveys were married in 1898. Mrs. Hovey was born in Charleston, S. C. She was educated near Boston, and later attended Radcliffe. She was the author of a novel, "John O'Partlett," and was a frequent contributor to magazines. Mr. Hovey was graduated from Harvard in 1897, and after leaving his studies, he is the author of biographies of Stonewall Jackson and the late J. P. Morgan. He is a member of the Harvard Club and lives at 4 East Forty-third Street.

The funeral of Mrs. Hovey will be held in Charleston.

"I DISMISSED BURR;  
MAYOR RIGHT"—POLK

State Department Counsellor Also Denies "Interest" Charge.

Washington, Nov. 27.—"Mayor Mitchell is absolutely correct," said Counsellor Frank L. Polk to-day, speaking of the charges made against New York's Chief Executive by former Assistant Corporation Counsel William P. Burr. "I was solely responsible for the dismissal of Mr. Burr. My mistake was that I tried to save his feelings and let him down easy. The reasons for his dismissal were numerous—the Eleventh Avenue case was only an incident."

As for the charge that I was interested in the New York Central because I once did some work for Cornelius Vanderbilt, it just so happens that he is the only member of the family who has no interest in the Central."

While testifying before the Thompson legislative committee on November 24 Mr. Burr accused Mayor Mitchell of causing his dismissal from the Corporation Counsel's office because he was active in urging the removal of the New York Central tracks from Eleventh Avenue.

In a statement issued Friday Mayor Mitchell explained that Mr. Burr was removed because his work in the so-called "Death Avenue" tracks case was unsatisfactory and wholly barren of results.

GARY PHYSICIAN RETIRES  
Dr. R. C. James Keeps Vow to Quit Practice at Fifty.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 27.—In fulfillment of a vow made long ago that he would retire from active practice at fifty, Dr. Robert C. James, for a quarter of a century one of the best known physicians in New York, has come here to make his home on his ancestral farm. A lecturer at Bellevue Hospital, Medical College, he has been a family physician to E. H. Harriman and Judge Elbert H. Gary.

On one occasion, when Gary's son was ill at Portland, Ore., Dr. James was sent on a special train from the continent in time said to be the fastest ever made.

STEEL CARS FOR NEW HAVEN  
Road Places \$2,800,000 Order for New Rolling Stock.

The New Haven has placed orders for new equipment that will represent an expenditure of between \$2,800,000 and \$2,900,000.

This equipment consists of one hundred steel passenger cars, thirty-three heavy freight engines and two steel dining cars. It will be of the best type, and the freight engines are said to be of a more powerful type than any heretofore bought by the New Haven.

ZEALANDIA, PURSUED, DOCKS  
American Ship Searched by British Eludes Mysterious Cruiser.

The American steamer Zealandia, which was boarded recently and searched by an officer and men from the British cruiser Iris at Progresso, Mexico, arrived here yesterday and reported having been pursued by an unknown cruiser off the New Jersey coast Friday night.

SING SING GRAND JURY  
TO SIT 2 WEEKS MORE

Osborne Files Answer to Kelly's Writ Seeking Reinstatement.

District Attorney Frederick E. Weeks of Westchester County expects to take two weeks longer to complete the grand jury inquiry into Sing Sing affairs. It was reported yesterday that the prosecutor has evidence that convicts were permitted to go to New York and around Ossining without a guard, and this may be submitted to the jurors to support charges of laxity in discipline under the regime of Warden Osborne, made by Superintendent of Prisons Riley.

It is understood that the convicts indicted by the grand jury will not be placed on trial until their terms expire. Warden Osborne has been anxious to have the trials proceed immediately in order to show by his own witnesses that some of the convicts

have been "framing him up," because they did not have the liberties enjoyed by the members of the "honor system" enjoyed.

Although Nathan Kaplan, known as "Kid Dropper," now under indictment, expected to be tried on December 10, he has been transferred to Clinton prison and Corporation Counsel Thomas F. Curran, of Yonkers, who was assigned to defend him, said yesterday that he would get a writ of habeas corpus from Justice Moseschauser on Monday, so that he can be brought back to the White Plains jail.

Warden Osborne yesterday filed his return to the alternative writ of mandamus secured against him by Dennis J. Kelly, formerly foreman of the printing shop, who is seeking reinstatement. Mr. Osborne in his answer states that the reason assigned for the dismissal of Kelly was not made in good faith. He also says that Kelly was wholly unfit to perform the duties as foreman, and that "he frittered his time away on trivial matters."

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