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Chicago, Feb. 25.—The Tribune today says: One of the largest—if not the largest—theft from the United States treasury has been unearthed in Chicago. Somewhere between \$175,000 and \$200,000 was stolen from the local sub-treasury last week. The money has disappeared as completely as if it had vanished from the face of the earth. The authorities here and in Washington have been working night and day on the robbery since it was discovered. Chief Wilkie of the United States secret service has been keeping informed by telephone and telegraph of every development, and, according to telegraphic advices, he will leave Washington today to take personal charge of the investigation. Secy. Shaw, of the treasury department, was told of the gigantic theft when in Chicago last week and was in conference with Sub-Treasurer William Boldenweck and secret service officials. The money was stolen either a week ago Saturday, the next day or last Monday. The chances are it was abstracted on Monday. The loss was discovered on Tuesday.

MONEY IN BIG BILLS.

All the money taken was in large bills, bills of the denomination of \$1,000, \$500 and \$10,000. Just who discovered the loss the sub-treasury officials would not admit last night. Neither would they tell from that department the money was taken nor how the loss was discovered. At first it was believed that there must be some error in the bookkeeping. It was thought to be impossible that such a large sum of money could have been abstracted in the face of all the safeguards thrown around Uncle Sam's strong box.

The ledger men involved strenuously denied any error and an investigation showed there was no possible clerical mistake to account for the disappearance of the cash. This brought the inevitable conclusion that robbery was the only explanation. Just as certain was the deduction that the thieves were employees of the sub-treasury and were at that moment pursuing their daily tasks. Every man who could have had anything to do with the case was called to the sub-treasury by the office and put through an exhaustive examination. The men were rigidly cross-examined. Capt. Porter of the secret service assisted at the inquisition.

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They stood the ordeal, every one of them. All denied any knowledge of the theft and protested their innocence with unanimity. The chances were low that one of the employees had stolen the cash or had connived with some outside. Day by day since then the sweating process has kept up. Mr. Boldenweck, Capt. Porter, and his assistants, have worked from day light to darkness and from night until morning. All of yesterday the investigation proceeded in Mr. Boldenweck's private office and at 11 o'clock at night lights were still burning in the office. Saturday there came a glimmer of light. A faint gleam pointed in the direction of a certain clerk, and that, followed up, directed the finger of suspicion to another employee, a close associate of the first man.

IN THE INQUISITION CHAMBER.

The men were summoned into the inquisition chambers separately and subjected to a grueling examination. The rapidness of the proceedings against them and the certainty of detection and punishment was impressed upon them, and they were urged to make a clean breast of whatever part they had played in the conspiracy. One, thought to be the moving spirit, stood through the ordeal without turning a hair. He remained calm and collected. His straightforward answers to the questions of the secret service men were to be tantamount to a confession. The other, younger and much weaker, showed signs of breaking down. Just what he admitted, the secret service men refused to disclose, but it is believed to be tantamount to a confession. The admissions he made caused the investigators into renewed activity. Half a dozen operative started out and the results are expected in the next 24 or 48 hours.

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FIRST MET THAW AT RECTOR'S

He Did Not Require Any Help in Making Change When Paying the Check.

She First Met Jack Barrymore in the Tower in 1902—Other Men and Girls Were There.

New York, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was called to the stand at the opening of today's session of her husband's murder trial, and without any preliminary statement, District Attorney Jerome plunged into the cross-examination. Mrs. Thaw looked refreshed after her three days' respite and answered the first questions confidently. Thaw brought with him from the Tombs several packages of letters and papers. Mr. Jerome, as upon the previous days, continued to jump about from point to point in the witness' story. He first asked if she had not had trouble with her mother in Allegheny before going to Philadelphia to live—if she had not run away with a girl, Mrs. Thaw replied in the negative. Mr. Jerome's next question was, "How long after the shooting in the United States street house was it that the Amsterdam bank by Stanford White might have been a month?"

THE ROCKEFELLER BEQUEST.

Committee Named to See if L. D. S. U. Can Get Some of It. With a view of securing, if possible, a portion of the money recently bequeathed by John D. Rockefeller for educational institutions throughout the country, a committee has been appointed to work in the interests of the Latter-day Saints' University. It is thought that that school will come under some of the conditions imposed by the board having the bequest in hand.

SENT MONEY BACK.

When she saw Thaw she asked him to return such a thing again and he apologized. "He was self-possessed at that time," Hoffman House supper.

HOFFMAN HOUSE SUPPER.

Mrs. Thaw was questioned regarding a costume supper at the Hoffman House late in the summer of 1902, which she and Thaw attended. She had no photos of the costume she wore on that occasion. The supper broke up about 2 a. m. After that the witness did not see Thaw for a long time. He went abroad. Asked as to how often she saw Thaw up to June, 1902, she said "I don't think 15 times," but could not state definitely.

FIRST MEETING WITH BARRYMORE.

The witness first met Jack Barrymore in the summer of 1902, in the Tower. Stanford White and some other men and girls also were there. She could not say when she next saw Barrymore. She had gone to supper alone with him.

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