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COMMITTEE REPORTS PROOF OF
BRIBERY LACKING, BUT SUS-
TAINS PERJURY CHARGE.

MESSENGER TESTIFIES

"THERE WILL BE OTHERS IN
JAIL SOON," THREAT OF AC-
CUSED MEMBER.

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Denver, March 16.—Representative William W. Howland of Denver was expelled from membership in the lower branch of the State Legislature when that body, by a vote of 60 ayes and no nays, five members being excused or absent, adopted the report of the special investigating committee, composed of Speaker P. B. Stewart and Representatives Boone Best, P. D. Nelson, K. V. Dunklee and Hugh Taylor.

The report stated that the committee had been unable to determine definitely that Howland had accepted money as a bribe, but that it found him guilty of perjury and recommended to the House that he "be expelled as a member of the House as being guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of this body and that his seat be and is hereby declared vacant."

Meantime Howland is in jail, being unable to find anyone to go on his bond of \$2,000 pending his trial on a charge of committing perjury before the county grand jury in telling two stories in explanation of the receipt of money by him on the floor of the House the afternoon of Feb. 9.

Howland has declared that he is prepared to "let things ride," but to Representatives Ardourel and Dalley, Democrats, who went to visit him at the jail, he is said to have declared, bitterly, "I'm the first representative to land in jail, but I'll not be the last. There'll be more of you soon."

Because of Howland's arrest and facts adduced before the grand jury, the House investigation committee Monday asked that it be continued, with all plenary powers to conduct further investigations and hearings into the case in hope of getting at the real truth of the whole transaction. The request was granted unanimously.

Denver, March 15.—Representative William W. Howland of Denver was arrested Saturday afternoon on an information filed with District Judge Denison by District Attorney John A. Rush, in behalf of the county grand jury, charging Howland with deliberate perjury in his testimony before the grand jury, relative to his receipt of money Feb. 9 on the floor of the House chamber at the state capitol. He was unable to give \$2,000 bail, and was taken to the county jail.

The Howland case took an interesting turn Saturday as the result of testimony Friday night before the House probe committee by Dr. Mary E. Bates of the Women's Protective League, to the effect that she had sent \$15 to Howland to be transmitted by him to

Mrs. L. L. Hartzel, a private detective engaged by her to investigate Juvenile Court officers and matters, when Judge Ben B. Lindsey of the Juvenile Court notified District Attorney John A. Rush that he would ask for warrants for the arrest of Dr. Bates, R. P. Rollins, undertaker; E. K. Whitehead, secretary of the State Humane Society, and Frank L. Rose, on charges of conspiring to defame Lindsey's character.

District Attorney Rush stated that he would issue no such warrants until Judge Lindsey presented evidence sufficient to satisfy the district attorney that his charges can be sustained in a criminal action.

The arrest Friday of Carl Gibson, a messenger boy of the Postal company who disappeared soon after the Howland probe started, brought out a story so entirely different from any told previously that the investigators confidently anticipate startling developments in the immediate future.

Gibson testified before the grand jury that he carried the mysterious package containing currency on Feb. 9, from an office in the Denver Gas & Electric building to Howland on the floor of the House, delivering the message to a doorkeeper. He declared inability to remember the office to which he was called, nor could he describe the person who gave him the package to deliver to Howland.

For the first time since the beginning of the case the word "bribe" was connected with it directly, when the information against Howland stated that the grand jury had been investigating "certain matters with reference to accepting and receiving a bribe by the said W. W. Howland." This infers that the grand jury has discovered evidence stronger than that brought out in the House of Representatives probe, and which leads to political influences "higher up."

Two of the "higher ups" were reported to have left the city Saturday, and the grand jury refused to chance Howland's remaining in Denver over Sunday.

George C. Waterman, Howland's close friend and partner in the "framed" story first told to the grand jury and the House investigation committee, was before the grand jury Saturday, and later was closeted with District Attorney Rush, prior to Howland's arrest.