

by the Comptroller, who, under date of April 23, answered a friend of mine: "The report was received Saturday, and has not yet been examined. I do not feel at liberty to furnish copy." Weber and Juessen caused printed copies of this report to be circulated among the banks, prominent merchants, and some of the newspaper offices, with their compliments. No copy was furnished me, directly or indirectly, and it was only through the courtesy of one of the banks that I borrowed one for perusal.

Such conduct, preceded as it had been by false accusations of every sort, was sufficient to arouse the resentment of any ordinary mortal, and for the purpose of bringing before the public the details of a legal proceeding, with which I had not the remotest connection, I called the attention of the reporter to its publication, in order that the people might learn to know something of my persecutors.

I can only rely upon time and truth to vindicate me from these persecutions. My heart has been rent with these charges,—the hearts of a large family have been tortured. If any sympathy goes out to the aged mother for the sudden loss of her son, have my enemies ever thought of my aged mother, bowed down with untold grief, who has lived to hear of such accusations? May God spare her for my vindication, is my only prayer.

HENRY GREENEBAUM.

HIS STORY.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

CHICAGO, May 4.—In this morning's issue of your paper you head the account of the Weber inquest with the startling announcement:

"Mrs. Robert the Direct and Greenebaum the Indirect Cause of Death."

A close reading of the testimony adduced at the inquest reveals not a syllable of justification for your statement, which attempts to fix upon me any indirect connection with the death of Weber.

I do not wonder that the deceased stated to Dr. Miller, who last attended him, "that the cause of his death was evidently due to Greenebaum's transactions,—that the woman was instigated to do it through them," for from the moment he was shot this man Juessen was heard to say, "This is Greenebaum's work," or language substantially like this, and the dying man was evidently fed with this kind of stimulant by his surroundings, inimical to me. I have no fault to find with the deceased, for he never exercised any charitable feeling for me in life, and his last hours were embittered by the malevolent insinuations of my enemies.

Let me say here, once for all, that, since the year 1877, I have never exchanged a word with Mrs. Robert, directly or indirectly, and have never known the woman, except when, in 1877, she called at the German Savings Bank to seek an interview with me, which I successfully evaded, because Juessen had before that time informed me of her relations to Weber, and I did not wish to be drawn into their private matters. Next, I heard of her through Mr. Moses, who defended me against the criminal charges brought by Weber before Justice De Wolf.

I rejoiced at his action in refusing her case, for I scorned to use her and her unfortunate cause to aid me in procuring my discharge, although it was in my power to create a counter-sensation which might influence public sentiment, or perhaps the action of the committing Magistrate. Weber brought his charge against me on Oct. 5, 1878.

It appears now that in the month of September Mrs. Robert had sued Weber for alleged rape for \$30,000,—which suit was at the time suppressed by the attorneys managing it, and never reached the public until Juessen published it in the city papers, after Mrs. Robert had brought the present suit.

Let me say, once for all, that I have never paid any money, or offered to pay any money, to Mrs. Robert, either directly or indirectly, or to any living person whatever for her use or benefit. I have never employed any attorney, or caused any other person to employ any attorney, to prosecute this or any other cause for Mrs. Robert; on the contrary, I rejected the only opportunity to hurt Weber when my attorney had it in his power to handle her matters. If Mrs. Robert ever mentioned my name to George W. Weber or Juessen, or stated that I backed her with money, she only used an artifice which, however unjust to me, can be easily discerned by any one. I forgive her in her present misfortune, although she has placed me in a false position, if Weber and Juessen swear to the truth. During her sworn cross-examination, she denied this statement, and since the tragedy has repeatedly done me justice in denying the charge.

The only positive act which I ever did in connection with the pending suit is this: Hearing about noon of the day of the shooting that such an examination was taking place,—which I was unaware of before,—I asked THE TRIBUNE reporter to take notice of the proceedings. Let me remind you that one day's examination had taken place already, and if I had known that such an examination was going to be had, the presumption would be that I might feel inclined to profit by its publication. The unwisdom of this step, in the light of the tragic circumstances which followed, is now apparent.

Let me briefly state what caused me to change my course of indifference to the Robert-Weber suit. Weber procured an order from Washington for Elmer Washburn, the Bank Examiner, to investigate the affairs of the German National Bank, aided by Weber at his own expense. The investigation was concluded some two weeks ago, and the Bank Examiner, as I am informed, has not yet finished his report. In advance of Mr. Washburn's report, Mr. Weber caused to be published and circulated a highly-colored and exaggerated report, doing me therein great injustice. When my attention was called to it through its publication in THE TRIBUNE of April 27, I at once telegraphed to Washington for a copy of the report, which was denied me