

BIG EXTORTION IS CHARGED

NOTED PHYSICIAN AND ARMY OFFICER ARRESTED IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—(Associated Press.)—A man giving the name of Harry A. Williams, but whom the police declare is Henry C. Wilson, for twenty years chief clerk and civil engineer in the Department of East United States Army, with offices in the army building in this city, was arrested tonight on the charge of extortion. Benjamin F. Whitmore, who says he is a reporter, was arrested with him on a similar charge. The police say Whitmore is a physician.

The two men are charged with trying to hold up the Water Front Improvement Company of Jersey City, which is engaged in filling in crib work on Rikers Island in East river, under a contract with the cleaning department. The men are charged with extorting \$45,000, which, the police say, was given them in marked bills, under threats of stopping the work of the company by causing to be withdrawn an army tug, a dredge and some scows which had been loaned in order to expedite the execution of the contract.

At the address given by Whitmore, which is on the upper west side, lives a Dr. Benjamin T. Whitmore. It was said there tonight that he was "not at home." Captain Titus said Dr. Whitmore's wife is visiting in the West.

Dr. Benjamin Thomas Whitmore is from Charles county, Maryland. He

was educated at Cote Brilliant College, St. Louis, and at the Louisville School of Medicine. He received the degree of L. L. D. from the Manhattan College for services in medicine.

He is at the head of the scientific department of Parke, Davis & Company, of New York Detroit and London. He has for nearly ten years been a member of the surgical staff of the Mullanphy Hospital in St. Louis, and held for four years the Chair of Physiology in the Cote Brilliant College. He wrote much medical literature.

Dr. Whitmore is a member of the Lotos Club, the Drug Trade Club, Chicago Medical Society and Mississippi Valley Physicians' Mutual Aid and American Aid Associations.
