

SAN FRANCISCO TORN IN TWO

CLUBS AND SOCIAL CIRCLES SPLIT OVER GRAFT.

Detectives Dog Detectives Who Are Dogging Other Detectives—Attempt to Rob Hearst Newspaper Office—Only a Few of the Big Incidents Get Hit.

The death by drowning of Chief Biggy of the San Francisco police, who once kept untiring guard over boss Abe Ruef after that slippery head of the graft combination had tried to hide himself and had called, is one of the incidents in San Francisco's bitter struggle over municipal corruption that has not been "suppressed." The recent, remarkable attempt to assassinate Francis J. Heney, the prosecutor of the man under indictment for extortion, was another incident that could not be "suppressed." Nobody in the East knew how many earthquakes there were following the big quake of April 18, 1906.

San Francisco much prefers that its troubles should not be published. The recurrence of earthquakes and some of the most sensational features of the graft prosecution out there might tend to hurt business should the fact be made prominent. Through the random San Franciscan visiting here people cast of sacramento learn a little more than comes by telegraph of the true conditions that exist in the rebuilding city.

The shooting of Heney brought to a focus all of the conflicting forces that have torn San Francisco into two great hostile camps. Interest in the prosecution, which has been necessarily long drawn out and only partially successful because of the tremendous influence behind some of the big men who are resting under Heney's hands, was instantly revived. When Heney comes back to San Francisco to make the closing address to the jury now sitting on the charge of extortion it will be war to the finish.

One incident in connection with the attempt to kill Heney, significant in itself of the dimension that has torn the city, was the necessity forced upon the Examiner, Mr. Hearst's paper, of protecting its office against the expected attack of a mob. One hundred and fifty special policemen guarded the Examiner's editorial offices and press rooms on the night that Heney was shot, and for several days following that event the guard maintained its position on Hearst's property.

It appears that for many months the Examiner had been baiting Heney editorially and in its news columns. The paper had taken up the defense of those whom Heney was attempting to land in prison unreservedly, being followed in its enthusiasm by M. H. De Young's Chronicle as a close second. By cartoon and editorial Hearst's organ had sought to belittle the special prosecutor and to put obstacles in his path.

Before election when Hearst and Hixson toured California, Hearst addressed a mass meeting one night and in answer to a question from the audience as to why it was that he opposed Heney in San Francisco, Hearst launched into a tirade against the prosecutor. He had not gone far when he was interrupted. The hisses grew into yells of approval and Hearst was unable to finish his speech.

The morning after Heney was shot the Call, owned by members of the Spreckels family and supporting Rudolph Spreckels and Heney, printed a half page cartoon, drawn after the style of the political cartoons, which depicted Heney as a creature of Hearst, shooting Heney in the back. Heney, who was personified by the usual Hearst humorous artist, laughed inordinately. The Call already charged Heney with being the instigator of such violence as that done by Heney.

The night that a mass meeting was held, a few days after Heney had been shot, a more serious crowd than had gathered in San Francisco, the Vigilantes listened to speeches and after the meeting started to walk down to the Examiner office to wreck it and to catch the editor of having blown up the heads prevented an attack upon the guarded newspaper office.

The newspapers represent the division that extends throughout the entire business and social life of the city. The Call, the Spreckels paper, and the evening Bulletin, edited by Fremont Older, one of the staunchest supporters of Heney and Rudolph Spreckels, are the two organs behind the prosecution. The Examiner, the Chronicle and the Argonaut, the latter a weekly paper of more than local fame, are bitter against all attempts to probe further into the system over which Ruef and ex-Mayor Schmitz once presided. Reporters of the contending papers have done detective work for their respective editors and against the prosecution. One paper sent a reporter half way across the continent not long ago on the track of the man who was suspected of having blown up the house of ex-Supervisor Gallagher, who "peached" on Ruef. Reporters have had the fights with detectives hired by the prosecution and with the counter array of sleuths hired by the united railroad and at the disposal of the defense.

The town is flooded with detectives. Bureau men, the head of Heney's ferretting staff has ever a hundred men under him. Not a taleman is examined as to his qualifications for serving as a juror, but that one of Burns' men has been put into his place in the jury list, possibly and no matter where the trial may lead. Very often it happens that one of Burns' men finds himself followed by a detective from one of the other camps, and this individual in turn is the subject of espionage on the part of another Burns man. A newspaper man from out of town took a job on one of the San Francisco papers not long ago and was put on the story of the graft prosecution. He was followed for two days by two detectives; they wanted to know how far he was from the prosecution.

So careful has the prosecution been in the selection of jurors in the present trial of Ruef that the longest list of "takers" in the history of American jurisprudence, over 1,000, was gone over before twelve men who could be trusted were found. Heney, the attempted slayer of Heney, had got his seat on the jury when Heney discovered that he had once been sent to prison for embezzlement. Another juror told the Judge in open court that an attempt had been made to bribe him; he named the attorneys who did it and Burns' men traced down the bribe, a check signed with Ruef's name.

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BIGGY LOST FROM TUG IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

He Was Supposed to Be Booked for Removal at Request of a Prosecutor, but There's No Direct Evidence of Suicide—Body Not Recovered.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—Chief of Police William J. Biggy was drowned last night in the Bay of San Francisco, whether intentionally or by accident has not been determined. The only fact that is known definitely is that he disappeared from the launch, launch Patrol while on the way from Belvedere to San Francisco. The body has not been found.

The belief here is general that Chief Biggy committed suicide as a result of the prolonged attempt to force him out of office, following the recent suicide in jail of Morris Haas, who shot Prosecutor Heney.

According to the official report made by the engineer of the launch, Chief Biggy had spent the evening at Belvedere and was returning to his home in the city. The engineer was the only other person on the launch, which is a thirty-five foot cabin motor launch. About half an hour after the boat had left Belvedere, Biggy, who had been sitting silently by the side of the engineer, complained that he was not feeling well.

The engineer suggested, he says, that the chief go aft and lie down in the cabin. Biggy answered that perhaps that would be a good idea and at once went to the cabin.

It was fully thirty minutes later, the engineer thought, when he slowed down his engine and went aft to see whether the chief felt any better. He had heard nothing from him since he had gone to the cabin. He walked into the cabin and was very much surprised to find the room empty.

A hurried search of the boat convinced him that the chief was nowhere on board, and the engineer hurried to his engine. He turned quickly about and retraced his course toward Belvedere, but found no sign of the chief.

After carefully going over his course under the launch's searchlights for a mile or more the engineer decided that the chief had left the boat and turned back toward the city at full speed. As soon as he arrived he reported the loss of Chief Biggy to the authorities.

All witnesses who saw Biggy last night say he was cheerful and in good spirits. There was no wind and the bay wasn't rough, so it is difficult to see how he could have fallen overboard. There is an unconfirmed rumor that Biggy was warned by police Commissioner A. D. Cutler was appointed acting chief to-day.

PU YU'S CORONATION DAY.

Pekin Palace All in Red for the Event—Special Constable Announcement.

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BEIJING, Dec. 2.—The coronation of Pu Yi, the infant Emperor, who will be known by the official title of Hsuan Tung, will take place to-day at Peking.

Everywhere the blue and white emblems of mourning for the late Emperor and Dowager Empress have been removed and red decorations substituted in honor of the new Emperor. The mourning emblems will, however, be replaced to-night upon the conclusion of the coronation ceremonies.

It is expected that a decree will be issued to-day in connection with the coronation making announcement concerning a constitution.

WHY MOVE THAW?

United States Judges Inquire If It's to Save Him From Imprisonment.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—"Would not the taking of Thaw to Pittsburgh bring the question of his sanity before the United States Courts?" asked Judge Buffington in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in this city to-day. Some of the lawyers present said this question revealed the whole purpose of the effort to have Thaw brought to this State, and revealed to the attitude of the Court in the matter.

Former Governor William A. Stone, who was arguing Thaw's favor at the time, replied to the query by stating that he was representing the trustees of the Thaw estate, and therefore was not concerned with the question. When further questioned by the Judge he admitted that such a result might follow, but he denied having any intention to let the matter go.

"What some of Mr. Thaw's creditors might do," he added, "of course I cannot forecast."

When a similar question was asked by Judge Dallas, Mr. Stone replied: "I do not say that there is some ulterior motive in these proceedings makes Judge Archibald a part of a bold conspiracy. The charge is absurd."

The argument to-day was upon an appeal from the decision of Judge Young, who in the United States Circuit Court for Western Pennsylvania, reversed the decision of Judge Archibald, who had directed that Thaw be taken to Pittsburgh to testify in bankruptcy proceedings. It is pointed out that while the claims against Thaw amount to nearly half a million dollars the effort to have him taken to Pittsburgh is based upon that of a hotel keeper whose bill amounts to less than \$100.

Judge Dallas and Buffington seemed especially desirous of knowing if there was any intention to prevent Thaw from returning to the insane asylum. The former Governor stated that he had no such intention and that during his stay in Pennsylvania Thaw would be under the care of the superintendent of Matteawan.

Mr. Stone had not finished his argument when the court adjourned. It is expected that he will finish this morning and that Judge Gardiner will then reply on behalf of the State of New York. In an interview Mr. Gardiner declared that Thaw is hopelessly insane.

Amherst Association Meetings.

The Amherst College Association of New York held its last meeting at the Hotel Astor on Thursday evening, August Post, secretary of the Aero Club, will tell some of the thrilling experiences he has had while ballooning, and Prof. F. B. Loomis will give an illustrated account of the biological expedition he headed last summer in Wyoming, when valuable skeletons of camels of the Miocene age were found.

To Speak at Dinner in J. F. Morgan's Honor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—B. F. Yokum of New York, Thomas Burke of Seattle and the Right Rev. C. P. Anderson, Bishop of Chicago, are the speakers announced for the banquet to be given here by J. Pierpont Morgan by the Chicago Association of Commerce in the Auditorium Hotel on Wednesday evening, December 3.

P. R. R. ENGINEERS' TICK

IS DIRECTED MAINLY AGAINST GENERAL MANAGER PECK.

They Say It's the First Time in Twenty Years That a General Manager Has Refused to See a Committee of Employees—Still Far From a Strike.

Vice-Grand Chief E. J. Hurley of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers came to this city yesterday to confer with the minor officials of the divisions of New York and vicinity on the state of traffic and the general conditions of work. His mission here was not in reference to the trouble on the Pennsylvania Railroad, which was looked on as serious, but he gave the engineers' side of the trouble.

"The present dispute," he said, "is a new proposition for us. For the first time in twenty years a general manager of a railroad has refused to see a committee of his own employees. The trouble comes from two sources and concerns chiefly the changes of runs and similar matters which have accumulated with each change of the railroad system."

"But our committee tried to confer with General Manager Peck of the Western district of the railroad, taking in the territory west of Pittsburgh and Erie, the regular formula of submission to the division superintendent. The only fact that is known definitely is that he disappeared from the launch, launch Patrol while on the way from Belvedere to San Francisco. The body has not been found.

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PARIS TELEPHONES AGAIN.

American Mains Switchboard Finished Three Days Ahead of Time.

The Western Electric Company was informed by cable yesterday that the replacement of the great 200-line switchboard of the great 200-line switchboard of the Government main telephone exchange in the Rue Gutenberg, Paris, had been accomplished three days within the contract time of sixty days. The new switchboard, which contains more than a million separate pieces, was begun on October 3 in the company's Chicago plant. The work was completed in New York on October 23 and arrived in France on the steamship La Provence on November 6. The installation was completed in four days after its arrival, and to-day the machines of the financial district of Paris is once more running smoothly.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Laura Wolcott d'Orémieux died yesterday at her home, 37 Madison avenue. Mrs. d'Orémieux was born in 1827 at Sunnyside, N. Y., and was the daughter of George Gibbs of the Newport family and of Laura Wolcott, daughter of Oliver Wolcott, Secretary of the Treasury. In 1853 she married Marie Theophile d'Orémieux, son of Count Henri d'Orémieux, a naturalized American citizen and for eighteen years an ambassador of France at West Point. In 1857 he resigned from the army and thenceforth he and his wife made their home in New York city, where he died in 1881. Mrs. d'Orémieux was one of the original members of the New York City Historical Society and was active in the great fair held in New York for the Centenary of the Revolution. She was a member of the State Charities Aid Association and the Society of Colonial Dames. She was a niece of Dr. Charles Johnson, a Unitarian Church. She was a skillful pianist and a constant attendant at the opera. She died in 1899, and leaves as only surviving Mrs. J. West Roosevelt, and three grandchildren.

JUSTICE E. C. DOWLING DEAD.

Succumbed to Heart Disease That Followed Pneumonia.

Justice Edward C. Dowling of the Second Municipal District Court, Brooklyn, died yesterday at the home of his physician, Dr. Hubbard Mitchell, 747 Madison avenue, Manhattan. He had not sat in his court for two months. He had been ill of pneumonia and on his recovery his heart became affected and he died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Luke Doyle, 242 Monroe street, where he lived, to that of his doctor.

Justice Dowling was well known in the Seventeenth Assembly district, which he represented for five years in the State Legislature. At the rearrangement of Municipal Court districts in Manhattan in 1897 he was chairman of the district committee and pushed the bill through. The bill provided for four additional justices in Brooklyn, and in recognition of his services he was nominated and elected to preside in the Second District. Before he entered politics he was a member of the law firm of Black & Gruber. He was graduated from the Cornell law school. Justice Dowling was 59 years of age and unmarried. He was a member of several Brooklyn clubs.

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MRS. JACK WILMERDING GETS COATES ARRESTED.

He Doesn't Mind It Much and the Court Promptly Lets Him Go Because His Wife Fails to Appear—She Has Had a Variegated Life for Sixteen Years.

Mrs. Jack Wilmerding, whose marriage to John C. Wilmerding, Jr., sixteen years ago was a society event in this town, appeared in the Harlem police court on Monday as plain Mary Coates and asked for a warrant for her husband, whom she called Jimmy Coates, for using threatening language. She got the warrant, but it wasn't any surprise to the court officer who arrested Coates that she didn't appear in court yesterday morning as complainant, because before she would let Coates be taken away from their home she threw her arms around him and wanted to kiss him good-bye.

It was Coates who let it be known that she was the former Mrs. Wilmerding and the great-granddaughter of Commodore Vanderbilt. He is an Englishman, and with the former Mrs. Wilmerding has been living recently in a four room flat for which they pay \$25 a month at 52 Bradhurst avenue. At first he said that they were not married and later said that they were.

"She's done a few things to me," said Coates, who took his arrest good naturedly. "She gave me a cauliflower ear, but she isn't responsible, anyway."

Mrs. Coates went back to her home last night and had a talk with the janitor. When Coates heard that she was in the house he ran downstairs, whereupon Mrs. Coates started away pursued by him. She got into a cab and her husband had jumped in after her. After the cab had gone half a block Coates jumped out and took his wife out. They went back to the house.

Mrs. Wilmerding passed from the social stage many years ago and not much has been heard of her in recent years. After kissing Coates good-bye Monday she locked the flat and went away, and when Coates got half an hour later he found it empty. The janitor said yesterday that she had not been back since. Coates, after explaining the case to Magistrate Kernochan, was discharged.

Mrs. Wilmerding or Mrs. Coates, is the daughter of Col. Vanderbilt Allen. Col. Allen spent most of his time in Italy and his daughter lived with him until she married Wilmerding at Grace Church. Mrs. Wilmerding caused a scene at Delmonico's some years later, and soon after that she and her husband separated. She went back to Italy to live with her father. Upon her return her uncle, Franklin Allen, had her examined for her sanity and she was put in Bloomingdale. She was later being hailed as another recruit from New York society. Her friends have put her in several sanitariums, but she has always managed to get out. Wilmerding sued her for divorce some years ago, naming Coates as correspondent and describing him as a former valet.

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Secretary Straus Urges More Supervision and Publicity.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Referring to the work of the bureau of corporations Secretary Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor in his annual report, made public to-day, says:

The five years experience of the bureau since its creation in dealing with corporations has made it clear that the greatest advance toward corporate reform must come through some general system of publicity. The logical conclusion from the work of the bureau thus far points to the imperative need of a Federal constructive system for the positive supervision of interstate corporations to the primary end of securing efficient publicity in corporate affairs.

Such publicity must be of the sort that is adapted to the practical requirements of American public opinion. It cannot consist with the mere publication of masses of facts and figures. These alone are not fitted to form the basis of public opinion. The Government must collect such figures, but to make them of any use in this connection it must also assume to summarize and digest them and present them to the public in the shape of brief, reliable, clear conclusions showing important corporate facts.

The work of the bureau thus far has been directed to this end and the results have demonstrated its value. It has been shown in many cases that the mere publication of improper business methods has led to the immediate abandonment of these methods. But the scope of this work and its beneficial results could be greatly extended by the establishment of a general Federal system of supervision of interstate corporations.

It is becoming more and more obvious that the work of the Government in regulating corporations should not be directed at the mere existence of combination itself, as such, but should deal rather with the way in which the combination powers are used, so as to prevent as far as possible the misuse of these great industrial forces. Only such combinations as are formed for wrongful purposes or such combinations as use their powers for evil should be brought under the condemnation of the law. It is useless to ignore the operation of the economic law that has brought about the present concentration in business. It is useless to ignore the fact further that this concentration is already accomplished.

The bureau, the report says, has now on hand and unfinished investigations of the tobacco, steel and lumber industries, inland waterways, the International Harvester Company and further investigations of the petroleum industries and cotton exchanges.

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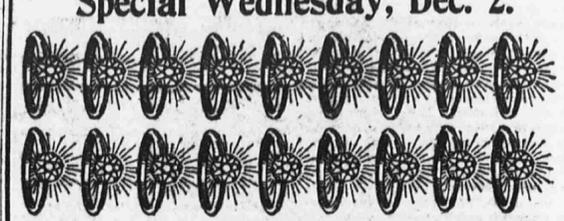
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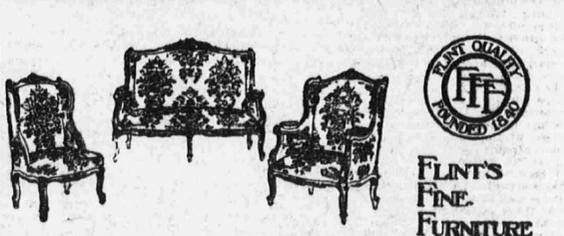
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