

ALL HELD UP BY RUEF

Rake-offs Paid by Fight Promoters and Saloon Men.

JURY HAS MASS OF EVIDENCE

Eddie Graney and Coffroth Summoned to Tell of San Francisco Boss's Obtaining Interest in Notorious Resort as Price of Protection-Dictator Demanded Money.

San Francisco, Nov. 18.-The grand jury will resume the work of probing graft on next Tuesday, taking up first the Belmont scandal, and after that the permits given to various members of the prize-ring trust to pull off fights.

Although professional boxing goes prohibited, they were carried on by the connivance of Boss Ruef and the accommodating police. Coffroth and Eddie Graney, both pugilistic promoters, were two of the partners in the Belvidere, while the other was Capt. Wilson, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

When the place was started Ruef saw the possibilities of profit in it, so before the license was granted he calmly demanded one-quarter of the interest. This was granted him without his investing one cent. Ruef drew thousands of dollars of profits as his share of the dividends.

He reciprocated for this by having the police shut up neighboring places of similar character, thus throwing all the business to the Belvidere. These facts have been related by Myrtle Cerf, Ruef's confidential agent, and they will be corroborated by Coffroth and Graney, for on their oath neither can deny Ruef's interest in the place.

After this came the exposure of the heavy graft which attended the granting of the prize-fight permits. As each of the fights was worth from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to the promoter, Ruef, with his supervisors, as well as the mayor, had to have their share.

Michael Debris, one of the proprietors of Merchant's restaurant before the fire, has decided to tell what he knows of the holding up of the French restaurant, in which it is charged that Ruef engaged, Debris disposed of the premises, and the payment of the money was for legal services. It was for the protection of the restaurant's license for a period of two years that the proprietors gave up the sum of \$2,175.

One of the conditions of the payment of the money was that greenbacks alone should be used. No checks were taken and no receipt given. Each contributor was obliged to make his contribution to the corruption fund in a small roll that could easily be passed from hand to hand unseen.

Handed Rolls Over to Ruef. Pierre Prie was the representative who visited Ruef on the occasion of the first payment of \$5,000, and a man named Lafante, it is alleged, gave the boss \$2,000 collected from Delmonico's, the Poodle Dog and Marchand's restaurants this year.

The boss had a distinct understanding that the transaction should be kept secret. There were no records to be kept. The restaurant men were to make no entry of the money paid on their books and they were to receive no receipt or any acknowledgment whatever.

The statement that the money was freely and voluntarily paid is disputed by Debris. It was not his money, he says, and only for the purpose of insuring for the places their licenses. The other legal business spoken of by Ruef amounted to nothing. Debris says Ruef never transacted any other business with him, and so far as he knows for any other restaurant. Debris is at present at Maywood. He was reluctant about testifying before the grand jury and dogged the service of the subpoena.

Many Big Men in Net. The grand jury will appear before the presiding judge of the Superior Court and will perfect an indictment against Supervisor Fred P. Nicholas, charging him with bribery. The charge against Supervisor Nicholas will be that he, as chairman of the building committee, forced Holmes Brothers, a furniture firm, to give him a "rake off" of 10 per cent upon a bill of \$200 for desks supplied the municipal government.

While the size of the furniture "graft" brought to the attention of the grand jury yesterday involved a total amount of \$1,000, it is understood that subsequent revelations will show that this graft was of vast proportions and that it involved men high up in the school department and other boards of city government. Holmes Brothers have made known every instance in which a city official profited or sought to profit through the purchase of furniture for the city. The extent to which this "graft" could be carried may be appreciated when it is known that almost every office in the city government has its furniture and fixtures supplied by the amount involved in the rehabilitation of the furnishings of the department it is estimated would reach \$10,000.

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Students in Big Universities Organize Permanent Body. New York, Nov. 18.-The alumni of the Waseda University of Tokyo, which was founded by Count Okuma, the leader of the Progressive party, gathered together to-night at Kluine's, 19 West Twenty-first street, New York, and for the first time organized an alumni association in the Eastern part of the United States.

There were ten men present. Most of them are students of Columbia, Yale, Princeton, and Pennsylvania universities. The Waseda graduates are all little Okumans, in that they are stern, fearless fighters for the cause of constitutional government. So, when the alumni meeting was called to order, T. Shimizu took up and made a very good speech about the San Francisco question from the constitutional standpoint, that should make Count Okuma's heart glad. S. Mori, the correspondent for Hochi Shimbun, a Tokyo daily, spoke on the question from the newspaper standpoint.

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WINS BRIDE WITH ELECTION.

Nebraska, Twice Defeated, Gets Aid of Friends in His Wooing.

DIES IN BOILING MOLASSES.

Baltimore Laborer Stumbles and Falls Headlong Into Vat.

TWO KILLED WHILE HUNTING.

Whining of Dog Leads to Discovery of Self-Stain Man.

HEED DEMAND FOR PASSES.

Western Railway Officials Weaken Under Deluge of Protests.

PHONOGRAPH GIVES HOLIDAY.

City Hall Clerks Get Off Early to Escape the Noise.

REFUSE TO ADMIT PRISONER.

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