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**RUEF A HYPOCRITE, SAYS DETECTIVE**

LOS ANGELES, May 21.—That Abe Ruef's tears were of the crocodile variety and that his maudlin sentiments regarding high ideals and civic pride were actually a disguise for the actual facts, is the declaration of I. S. Hurst of this city. Hurst was formerly retained by the Mercantile Association of San Francisco to obtain evidence against the "curly boss," and but for broken faith on the part of the Examiner, he says, Ruef would have been convicted in 1904 or 1905.

Positive evidence was laid before the so-called "Andrews" grand jury in 1904 that Ruef accepted money from gamblers, the local detective asserts. The report was given in strict confidence to three San Francisco newspapers, and all agreed to hold the story until the time was ripe. Hearst's sheet published the whole story the following day, Ruef was warned, and both Hurst and one of his agents narrowly escaped death. Hurst declares that in 1904, at the time when Ruef in his tearful confession said he was living in absolute poverty of public life, the union-labor boss was deriving an immense income from a clear stream of money ticket sellers, street "fakirs" and others.

"I smiled when I read Abe Ruef's confession," said the detective who camped on his trail three years ago. "Ruef wanted people to believe he was an innocent, but he was a scoundrel and bursting with civic pride, prior to the elections of 1905.

"As a matter of fact, I was in the possession of indisputable evidence, in 1904, that Ruef was absolutely raking in the coin, part of which passed up higher.

"Just one case to illustrate. We secured a gambler from the East, who applied for protection to ply his profession in San Francisco. Ruef told him he would be protected for 25 per cent of the profits, and that he would himself send a lookout to see just how much money was taken in. Ruef, he said, had a 'trap' game were to be run. Our plan was to mark the bills that our gambler was to pay over to Ruef, and then arrest the little boss with the money in his possession.

"This and other evidence was to be submitted to the grand jury. For man Andrews called in representatives of the Call, Chronicle and Examiner, told them what was to be done and secured their word of honor that nothing would be published prematurely. The next morning the Examiner published the whole story, Ruef saw our hand and took immediate measures to have our gambler 'quieted.'

"Certain men, assigned to put a permanent stop to all speech on the gambler's part, went to his room and were only held at bay by his threat to shoot through the door of his room at the Hotel Golden West.

"Our man, in the meantime hastily put on his clothing and fled down the fire escape. I will not give his name for obvious reasons.

"When I was giving a story to the Herald of Mexico City some time later about some of the happenings in San Francisco, including some of the strike episodes of 1901, I little thought it would reach the Bay City. But it did, and I had a fight later on when I returned to San Francisco, that came near ending my work.

"At the time Ruef claimed he was

**SICK SYRIANS SEEK ENTRANCE**

EL PASO, May 21.—Thirty Syrians afflicted with trachoma, the incurable eye disease have left Juarez for parts unknown. They have evidently started out with the intention of crossing the boundary line at points above and below this city along the Rio Grande. Four of the foreigners were caught at the Southern Pacific bridge, above the city, and two had been caught near Ft. Hancock, which is a circumstantial evidence that they have been scattered into different parts in their excursion to the United States.

Some of the Syrians who are now absent from Juarez had been staying in the city across the river for over a year, having been debarred from entrance into the United States by the immigration authorities because of their affliction with trachoma. Others of the foreigners have remained in Juarez less than a year after being debarred by the immigration people at this port.

The fact that practically all of the Syrians who are said to have left Juarez last Saturday had been debarred by the immigration authorities means that upon the second examination by the authorities they will be deported to their native country in Europe.

Six of the foreigners had been taken into custody since their departure from Juarez to attempt to cross the boundary and the immigration authorities are making diligent search for the rest of the foreigners who are making for this side.

All of the Syrians who had been in Juarez at least several months are afflicted with trachoma. They were debarred for this reason when they applied for admission into this country the first time. Returning to Juarez, they hoped they would be afforded an opportunity of getting into this country in the near future. Disappointed in their failure to cross the boundary unimpeded at this point they started out with the desperate intention to get across in any event.

The importance in catching the Syrians is because they have an eye disease which is said to be incurable and contagious, finally resulting in blindness.

**SAY TEXAS ROAD IS INSOLVENT**

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 20.—In an amended petition filed in the federal court, the complainants in the equity suit of Croker et al against the El Paso and S. A. Railroad company, for the appointment of a receiver, set out that the western division of the road is insolvent. Figures are given to support this contention. This is one of the main facts upon which the appointment of a receiver will be urged.

It is set out in the amended bill that according to the sworn statement made to the Texas railroad commission the 915 miles of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio from Houston to El Paso is valued at only \$16,142,297.45. Outstanding against this valuation are first and second mortgage bonds valued at \$20,732,000 or \$4,600,000 more than the total value of the road. Since 1901 a floating indebtedness of \$8,770,405.52 has accumulated, which is unpaid. This makes a total indebtedness of nearly \$30,000,000 against assets of only \$16,000,000. This is exclusive of \$5,284,000 of outstanding bonds issued by the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio for the purchase of other lines.

Fraud is charged.

Fraud is also charged in the petition against the Southern Pacific in its alleged non-control of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio since June 30, 1889, to avoid the Texas law. It is stated that although at midnight of that night the Southern Pacific made the public announcement that it had relinquished the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio to the Southern Pacific the board of directors of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio and has since dictated all of its officials and directed its policies and that it continues to do so in violation of the federal and state laws.

It is also set out that all of the equipment owned by the Southern Pacific amounting to \$14,500,000, none is credited to the assets of this division, but all is claimed as the property of the Southern Pacific.

The court is asked to direct that a proportionate share of the engines and coaches be designated as owned by the western division of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio.

Anxious to Bring Suit to Close.

Judge T. S. Maxey is to be asked to appoint a master to take care of the plea of the Southern Pacific company in the suit.

The complainants in the suit are anxious to bring the matter to a settlement. To this end H. Crawford of counsel for the complainants held several long distance conferences with Mr. Baker at Houston, counsel for the defendants. It was Mr. Crawford's desire to arrange with Mr. Baker some date upon which the taking of testimony could commence. Whether or not Mr. Baker agreed, Mr. Crawford declined to say.

He expressed the opinion, however, that the taking of testimony relative to the Southern Pacific company's plea would commence some time in June.

**TREATY WITH NETHERLANDS.**

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Secretary Root and Baron Von Swinderen, the Netherlands minister, have concluded an agreement under Section 3 of the Dingley tariff act, by which a portion of which, in return for the abatement of 25 per cent in the duties imposed in America on imports of Dutch spirits, the most favored nation tariff rates are accorded to American goods entering the Netherlands.

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