



POLITICAL CORRUPTION

Prominent Minister Defends Schmitz, Ruef.

CONSIDERED GOOD MEN

Ruef He Says is a Graduate of the University of California.

IS INJURING SAN FRANCISCO

Rev. Dr. Voersanger Believes the Great Publicity Given to Graft Scandals Will Have Bad Effect on the Bay City.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Rev. Dr. Voersanger, rabbi of the temple Emmanuel in San Francisco, will sail today on the Amerika for a year's rest in Europe.

In discussing last night the stories of graft in San Francisco Dr. Voersanger said:

"I cannot in fairness discuss the justice of these charges of graft, for my work is not in the political field, and I personally know nothing of the truth of falsity of these stories. But this I do know: Mayor Schmitz personally is one of the most estimable men. He is a devoted husband and father. His home life is of the most beautiful character.

"And Ruef—he is a graduate of the University of California, a young man of great ability, who had some wealth before he entered political life. He is of the cleanest life personally.

"Why is it that we hear on all sides stories of graft and political corruption of every character out in San Francisco, stories more lurid than we at home here ever hear, but our easterners never hear a word or tell a word of the struggles of our city against monumental difficulties to rebuild herself and take her place again among the fair ones of the earth. You hear nothing of our beavers working underground—day and night—to put up buildings and erect houses where we may lay our heads. Why is it that every breath of dirty scandal gets here but none of the good of which we have so large a part? Is it just the looseness or thoughtlessness of modern views? Such things are doing San Francisco an irreparable injury. They are discouraging eastern capital from going there to help us in our great task. They are making our lot doubly hard at this time."

REGULATING TRANSPORTATION.

Interstate Commerce Commission Make Important Ruling.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—In its last circular issued yesterday the Interstate Commerce Commission has given the railroads an important hint on through rates. The circular modifies to an extent one issued October 12, in which permission was given the railroads to reduce on a single day's notice the through rates where they are greater than the sums of the local rates. Shippers set up a cry against this and said it did not afford them any relief in such cases, adding that the commission should declare the sums of the local rates to be the through rates in such cases.

The commission now states that it has no power to fix such a rule, except on complaints, but the railroad are warned that on such cases being brought to its attention, it will regard

the sums of the locals as prima facie evidence that the through rate is excessive and unreasonable.

The circular also placed the approval of the commission on the issuance of free transportation to caretakers of livestock and fruit and declared that the term "fruit" will be taken to include all classes of vegetables and perishable products which need such caretakers en route. It also says transportation may be given for such caretakers to return to their homes.

VESSELS AND LIVES LOST.

Heavy Gale Thursday Night on the Great Lakes.

BUFFALO, Nov. 22.—The gale on Wednesday and Thursday nights on the Great Lakes caused a heavy loss to vessels and twenty-three lives. The vessels lost are the Hurlburt, C. B. Hill, Conemaugh, Pratt, Resolite on Lake Erie; Puritan on Lake Huron; Comfort on St. Clair river, and Paige and Taylor on Lake Michigan. The barge Athens is probably lost off Sandusky, Ohio, with eight men, but hope is not given up.

ROOSEVELT DISABLED.

Arctic Steamer Roosevelt Unseaworthy and Men Dissatisfied.

SYDNEY, Nov. 22.—The Arctic steamer Roosevelt left Port au Basque for Sydney today and is due here tomorrow at daylight. The steamer is leaking and otherwise disabled and it is alleged, is in an unseaworthy condition, which has caused discontent among the crew. For this reason Peary will remain by the Roosevelt until the end of the trip.

LA FOLLET RATE BILL

United States Senator Scores Piles and Ankeny.

DELIVERS SPEECH IN SEATTLE

Representative Government Was the Theme of His Address in Which He Discussed the Railroad Rate Bill in Congress.

SEATTLE, Nov. 22.—Following a lecture delivered here last night by United States Senator R. M. La Follette on "Representative Government" in which he reviewed the vote in the Senate against the LaFollette amendments to the Railway Rate Bill, cataloging Senators Piles and Ankeny of Washington as among the railroad senators, Thomas Payne gave the following statement to the Post-Intelligencer:

"I have discussed this matter with Senator Piles, who states to me that when he voted on the Railway Rate Bill he voted for President Roosevelt's bill and the amendments to the bill that were favored by the President, and not for Senator LaFollette's proposed amendments. I think this explains the vote of Senator Piles against the proposed amendments submitted by Senator LaFollette."

TILLMAN WILL SPEEL.

Will Deliver Lecture in Chicago on the Cuba Question.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, who is to lecture in Orchestra hall next Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Chicago Union Hospital, will be asked to eschew all mention of the race problem and the lynching question. This action was decided upon yesterday in accordance with the wishes of Mayor Dunne and prominent colored people of Chicago. Mr. Tillman's subject will be "Shall the United States Annex Cuba?" It was, originally intended that the subject should be the "Race Problem." Senator Tillman will be guarded by police while here.

COMMERCIAL INTERESTS

Text of Speech By W. J. Bryan at Congress.

SECOND DAY SESSION

Escorts Secretary Shaw to the Platform Amid Enthusiastic Applause from Audience.

WIDER FOREIGN MARKET

Shaw Would Not Go so Far as Secretary Root, But Favored Anything That Will Secure Merchant Marine.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 22.—Secretary Shaw and W. J. Bryan secured the lion's share of the attention here today among the list of speakers before the Trans-Mississippi Congress. All spoke on the subjects relating more or less directly to increasing the commercial relations of the country. Bryan was appointed to head a committee of ex-presidents of the congress to escort Secretary Shaw to the platform and when these two distinguished public men led the way to the rostrum there was great applause.

Secretary Shaw, who spoke particularly for a wider foreign market, declared if this country ever developed foreign merchants, it will be by granting them encouragement, not alone by dredging harbors and deepening channels, but by insuring the merchant marine. Mr. Shaw said he was not prepared to go as far as Secretary Root had, but would say that he was in favor of anything that will secure a merchant marine for the United States.

W. J. Bryan, whose subject principally concerned the commercial interests of the Mississippi Valley region, was the sole speaker of the evening. Among the speakers on the program today was Geo. W. Dickie, whose subject was, "Increased Facilities at Pacific Coast Shipyards." Mr. Dickie was unable to be present and his paper was read before the congress.

General John W. Noble spoke in support of the resolution favoring an inter-continental railway between North and South America. George J. Kindel of Denver, enlivened the morning session by again attacking E. H. Harriman and introducing a resolution calling for the resignation from membership of the interstate commerce commission of Judson C. Clements.

VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY.

Sugar Planters Complain of Prices Paid for Sugar.

MANILA, Nov. 22.—The sugar planters of Negros island which ordinarily is the richest producer of that staple in the Philippine group, complain of ruinous market prices. Some of the planters are upon the verge of bankruptcy and many are borrowing at the highest rate of interest in order to continue operations, hoping the market will improve.

ANTICIPATE CALAMITY.

Brooklyn Bridge Declared to be Pressing the Limit.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Recommendations made by the State Railroad Commission designed to relieve somewhat the Brooklyn bridge crush, found a startling echo yesterday when Vice

President Calderwood of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, declared that the bridge was being worked to its limit and that his company lived in expectation of a great calamity there.

INTERCEDE FOR NEGROES.

Colored Pastors of New York to Hold a Mass Meeting.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The negro pastors and other leaders of their race here have determined to hold a mass meeting at Cooper Union, December 1, at which distinguished white and colored men are to speak and sentiment is to be created favorable to Congress making a full investigation of the dismissal from the army of the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth cavalry. A large delegation of ministers, with lawyers who have been retained on behalf of the negro soldiers, is to visit President Roosevelt on Monday at Washington and urge him to re-open the case.

Captain Gilchrist Stewart, acting on behalf of the Constitutional League, left yesterday for Fort Reno, Okla., where the soldiers are being discharged, for the purpose of securing evidence from them which is to be used in efforts to have the President re-open the case.

ANOTHER OPERA TENOR.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Andreas Dippel, grand opera tenor, reported to the police yesterday that jewelry valued at from \$1,000 to \$2,000 had been stolen from his apartments during his absence. There is no clue to the thief.

REJECT AMENDMENT

Election in the State of Washington Held Yesterday.

DEMAND INCREASED WAGES

Four Steamers Collide in Seattle Harbor Between Ferryboat City of Seattle and Kitsap and Steamers Monticelli and Manette.

SEATTLE, Nov. 22.—The voters of the state of Washington rejected by a majority of nearly five thousand the constitutional amendments submitted by the legislature of 1905. The first amendment provided for the use of streams by loggers, farmers, etc. The second was designed to give small timber land owners a right of way across the lands of another to get their logs to market. King, Yakima and Spokane went strong for the amendments but Whatcom, Chehalis, Lewis, Mason, Thurston and Pierce went strongly against both measures.

Demands by organized labor in the building trades for an increase of from twenty to twenty-five per cent, which had been filed with the Master Builders' Association of this city, have in part been granted. The increased wage scale will add enormously to the cost of buildings to be erected next year. The new wage scale is effective December 1.

Four steamers collided in Seattle harbor this morning in a thick fog. The first collision was between the ferryboat City of Seattle and the Kitsap. The ferry boat missed her slip and was backing out when she ran into the Kitsap. The ferryboat was but slightly injured, and the Kitsap uninjured. The second accident was between the steamers Monticelli and Manette, bound in opposite directions. The Manette's stem was stove in and her guard and flag staff carried away.

PANAMA WRECKED.

DETROIT, Nov. 22.—A special to the News from Marquette says that the steamer Panama has been found wrecked on Miner Reef Point, in Lake Superior and that her crew had probably perished.

ITALIAN WARBLER

Sensation Sprung in Caruso-Graham Case.

DROPEd OUT OF SIGHT

Hannah Graham the Complaining Witness Will Appear in Court.

STATES EVIDENCE ALL IN

During the Trial the Doors Behind the Magistrate Swung Open and Woman with White Veil Stepped in Court.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Today was not without sensation in the Enrico Caruso case. Caruso was still on the stand when court adjourned last night and when court convened today, Deputy Commissioner Mathot questioned the defendant closely regarding the four years in which he has appeared in this country. Caruso acknowledged being in this country in 1904 and that he sang in Parsifal on February 4. It was at this point that the sensation came. The doors directly behind the magistrate's bench swung open and a woman in white with a white veil drawn closely over her face stepped into the court room. "Caruso, look upon this woman," said Deputy Mathot, as the woman raised her veil and revealed her features.

Deputy Police Commissioner Mathot who is conducting the prosecution said that he had but little more evidence to offer. There was only one witness for the prosecution yet to be heard, he said, and when that witness appeared he would require less than ten minutes to complete his case. He said that despite the efforts of the police, it had been impossible to present this witness today, but he felt safe in assuring the court that the person to whom he referred would be in court tomorrow. A report referred to that witness referred to was missing, and Hannah Graham appeared. She dropped out of sight when she left the police station last Friday and witnesses for the prosecution testified that the utmost endeavours had been made to find her without avail. Should she appear she would furnish a sensation far greater than that which has marked the two days' hearing.

When the woman in white entered, the deputy police commissioner said to Caruso: "Did you ever see her before?" The defendant moved uneasily and then replied: "No, I have never seen her."

"Did you not on the afternoon of February 4, during the second act of Parsifal, stand behind this woman in the Metropolitan opera house and subject her to exactly the same indignities which it is charged that Hannah Graham was subjected to in the monkey house?"

"I didn't" replied Caruso, hotly. "I never saw that woman before so far as I can remember."

"Is it not true that on that afternoon, not only this woman but other women, were victims of much indecent actions on your part?" persisted Mathot.

Caruso's counsel broke in with vigorous objections, which were sustained. It was reported in the court room that the woman in white was a member of the chorus of the Metropolitan opera company. One of the diverting features of the day was the appearance of Dr. Adolf Densiger,

former American consul at Madrid. Densiger testified that he was in the monkey house during Caruso's visit there Friday and noticed nothing improper in Caruso's actions. He declared that he testified voluntarily, because he knew the singer personally and knew him to be a gentleman.

Densiger testified that he was standing within ten feet of Caruso and it would have been a physical impossibility for him to have acted toward the woman as described by Detective Cain. Director Conreid of the Metropolitan company, described Caruso's manners much as did Mr. Densiger.

"To be brief, he is pompous, is he not?" asked Mathot.

"It would be more kind to speak of it as a habit," replied Conreid.

Several other witnesses testified as to Caruso's inability to speak English, and the hearing was then postponed until next Monday.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Enrico Caruso, the tenor who is charged with annoying a woman in the Monkey House in Central Park, will appear again in court at 2 o'clock today, when the hearing in his case is scheduled to continue. It is possible that a postponement will occur as Deputy Police Commissioner Mathot, who is pressing the case on behalf of the police department, may not be able to attend the trial because of his departmental duties. The case has developed into a fight between the police department and Caruso and his friends. The latter have intimated that motives other than the subservance of law and justice prompted the arrest of Caruso, but this the police officials interested vig-

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OREGON LUMBERMEN

Investigation to Ascertain About Combination.

PRICES ARE HIGH IN FRISCO

United States Attorney Devlin States That the Government Has No Jurisdiction in San Francisco Against Trust.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—United States District Attorney Devlin said today regarding his investigation of the so-called lumber trust that all evidence he had gathered had been transmitted to the attorney general at Washington for consideration. He said that the greater part of the lumber used in San Francisco is manufactured in Oregon and Washington and the mills are situated in those states. It is possible, he said, that an investigation would be held in Oregon and Washington to ascertain whether the price of lumber is made or out-putted and limited by a combination. So far as any combination among the dealers of San Francisco alone is concerned, Devlin said the government had no jurisdiction.

AUTOMOBILE BURGLARS.

Man and Woman Work the Game to Its Limit in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—It developed last night that two men and a woman who have come to be known as the automobile burglars, because of their respectable mode of transit, are credited with another haul, this time on West End avenue. It is reported to the police that such a party secured entrance to the home of Richard Wightman and secured jewelry to the value of \$5,000.

FARMER KILLED.

KALISPELL, Mont., Nov. 22.—John F. Payton, a prominent farmer of the Lodah Plains country, while riding a horse along the railroad track near Eureka, was caught by a fast mail train and instantly killed.