

SCHMITZ ANSWERS CHARGES

Says Political Enemies Took Advantage of His Absence

Hastens Home in Order to Speedily Probe Accusations

Warm Welcome Given the Mayor in His Home City—Mrs. Schmitz Unnerved by Husband's Arrest

By Associated Press. SACRAMENTO, Nov. 28.—About 100 people, about twenty of whom appeared to be ardent admirers of the Schmitz-Ruef dynasty, were at the railroad depot when, a few minutes after 7 o'clock tonight, the Overland Limited rolled in several hours late.

The Schmitz-Ruef citizens made much noise and redoubled their efforts when the mayor of San Francisco appeared on the rear platform of his car and delivered a brief address.

Mayor Schmitz said it gladdened his heart to meet with such a cordial reception, and he reiterated the statement in closing:

"Boys, it does my heart good at such times and under such conditions to receive such a reception. It shows that I have many friends in California—friends who will not believe the many vilifications that have been headed upon me.

Why Hastening Back "I am hastening back to answer my accusers and to prove my innocence of the charges brought against me. It is hard to an honest man can be abused as I have, but I intend to prove that what has been said against me and the charges that have been brought against me are false.

"During my absence my political enemies have taken advantage of the situation and by means of the newspapers have sought to poison minds against me. "I court a full investigation of the conduct of all municipal affairs. In fact I shall insist that all charges be proved to the bottom. And I shall establish my innocence. I shall prove to the people of the city and county of San Francisco and to the people of the state of California that it is possible for an honest laboring man to be an honest and capable mayor.

Has No Fear "Once again, boys, I thank you." "To a reporter Mayor Schmitz said: "There is really nothing to say except that I am innocent of the charges which have been preferred and will prove it. No, I have not the slightest fear. I am willing to face those who accuse me; in fact I am anxious to do so.

"Yes, we did cut our trip short, and that shows that I have no dread of what I face before me. On the contrary, I am hastening home in order that I may the more speedily probe to the bottom the accusations that have been brought against me. Being innocent, I have not the slightest doubt as to the outcome.

"How about Ruef? Do you consider him innocent, too?" was asked. "A shadow drifted across Schmitz's face and he shrugged his shoulders as he replied: "That is a different matter. I have nothing to say for Mr. Ruef. I can only speak for myself.

When Ruef was seen later he said: "Not a word, my boy; but it's all right; it's O. K."

Mrs. Schmitz Unnerved By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—A dispatch from Truckee says Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz of San Francisco, who with his wife is returning from a trip to Europe, was arrested here this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Harry Knox, on a charge of extortion, found by the grand jury of San Francisco.

The indicted official seemed to feel his arrest keenly, and Mrs. Schmitz believed that Deputy Knox was there with Abraham Ruef and Myrtle Cerf to greet her husband.

The arrest took place in Mayor Schmitz's compartment on the train, and when Mrs. Schmitz heard of the arrest she said: "Oh, they are not going to do that, are they?" Mrs. Schmitz seemed entirely unnerved at the arrest of her husband. The tears came to her eyes and she appeared to be very much worried. Mayor Schmitz did not emerge from the drawing room, where he was closeted with Mr. Ruef.

Reaches Home at Midnight By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, who had a short European trip to hasten home to face the charge of extortion and graft in office, upon which he was indicted by the grand jury during his absence, was warmly welcomed upon his arrival at midnight.

KILL FOURTEEN; WOUND MORE, AT USKUB

By Associated Press. BELGRADE, Servia, Nov. 28.—A report here today says a band of Bulgarians has burned two Serbian villages, Dovesen and Belyakovser, in the vilayet of Uskub, killing fourteen persons, mostly women and children, and wounding many others.

CHICAGO'S AGE IS CORRECTED BY 134 YEARS

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—It has been discovered that Chicago is 134 years older than present day histories now record.

The Chicago and Evanston historical societies held a joint meeting for the purpose of discussing and celebrating the discovery that was made by Frank H. Grover, vice president of the Evanston society.

Father Pierre Francis Plani, a French priest, is credited with founding the city in 1660—134 years before the supposed birth of the city in 1803.

BRYAN'S MEN WILL GET A BOUNTY

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The auditor for the war department today admitted the claim of William J. Bryan's regiment, the 1st Nebraska volunteers, for \$28,240, being the rate of pay allowed at state rates for the men of the regiment from the time they reported for duty during the Spanish-American war until they were mustered into the service.

The claim does not include an item of \$5000 claimed by officers of the regiment, which amount will doubtless be approved in accordance with the ruling made today.

As there are about 1000 men in the regiment the average amount to each man will be something less than \$30.

TELLS OF FIFTY LIVES LOST BY FLOODS

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—James Donnell, a coffee planter who arrived here on the steamer San Juan from Guatemala, tells of the destruction of the little town of Tutupec during a hurricane which recently ravaged the neighboring coast.

Tutupec lies in an out of the way part of Tehuantepec and its population amounts to about 5000. When the hurricane was at its height the town was inundated by a rise in the river on which it is situated and all of the buildings washed away. The inhabitants sought refuge in trees, but many of them were washed away during the night.

The news so far received from the scene of the disaster is not very definite in its character as regards loss of life, but it is known that fully fifty people were drowned. "Nearly all of the buildings in the town were swept away.

FURNISH FACTS TO POSTAL COMMISSION

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Postmaster General Cortright and Assistant Secretary Berger today presented to the congressional postal commission a mass of statistics bearing upon the cost of carrying second class matter.

The postmaster general was questioned as to the advisability of increasing the rate on this mail, but declined to express an opinion on that point. He did think, however, that there should be amendments to the laws that would make possible a better administration of the postal service.

An adjournment was taken at the close of today's session until Monday. Senator Penrose, chairman of the joint committee, said today that a report would be made soon after the convening of congress.

OLD PORTSMOUTH DOCK FINALLY CONDEMNED

By Associated Press. PORTSMOUTH, Nov. 28.—From telegraphic orders received here from the navy department at Washington stopping all work on the old wooden dry dock, it is believed that this historic structure, which has held some of the most famous fighting ships of three wars, is to be condemned.

The dock has been in active service since 1855. The original cost of the dock was over half a million dollars. In the past two years over \$100,000 has been expended in unsuccessful efforts to make it serviceable.

SERVIAN OFFICERS ARE SENTENCED

By Associated Press. BELGRADE, Servia, Nov. 28.—Captain Maximovitch, son-in-law of the murdered General Zankovitch, was sentenced by a court-martial today to ten years imprisonment and three other officers and twenty-six non-commissioned officers were condemned to terms varying from five to twenty years imprisonment on the charge of plotting a military revolt on a large scale.

POSITION TENDERED HOWARD

Eminent Architect May Direct Construction of Alaska-Yukon Exposition

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 28.—John Galen Howard, an eminent architect of San Francisco and the east, has been offered the post of supervising architect of the Alaska-Yukon Pacific exposition.

He is now in Seattle inspecting the site and the Olmstead plans. His decision will be announced this week.

FOUR MEN KILLED IN JOPLIN, MO., MINE

JOPLIN, Mo., Nov. 28.—Four men fell 100 feet down the shaft of the Windbow mine near Webb City, Mo., today, and were instantly killed.

GILLETTE DEFENDS HIMSELF

Declares Grace Brown Jumped Into the Lake

Tried to Reach the Girl, Whereupon Boat Capsized

Defendant's Counsel Moves for Prisoner's Discharge Because State Failed to Produce Eye Witnesses

By Associated Press. HERKIMER, N. Y., Nov. 28.—With heavy head and unsteady gait and with eyes that were bleared and weary, Chester E. Gillette presented a spectacle of physical and mental exhaustion when he stepped from the witness stand at 8 o'clock tonight.

He was the star witness in his own behalf on the charge of having murdered his sweetheart, Grace Brown.

When Gillette today took the witness stand in his own behalf his face was somewhat drawn, but his attitude was as care-free as the most unimportant witness in the entire case.

After going over his youthful career, which carried him through the west, Gillette said that he had been in the employ of his uncle, N. H. Gillette of Cortland, since March, 1905. In response to the queries of his senior counsel Gillette then began his rehearsal of the tragic story that other witnesses have endeavored to piece together.

The July Trip "I left Cortland on Saturday, July 8," he began. "Yes, I had been acquainted with Grace Brown for some time. I went to De Ruyter from Cortland and remained there one night. I met Grace Brown. The next day we went to Utica staying at the Hotel Martin that night.

"Did you have any talk with Grace Brown at the hotel?" asked Mr. Mills of counsel for the defense. "Gillette reached the affirmative reply, but on objection of the district attorney the conversation that was alleged to have passed between the Brown girl and Gillette was not allowed to enter upon the minutes.

Gillette then continued with the narrative of his trip into the Adirondacks. He testified that he went to a Utica laundry before starting onward. "We reached the Upper lake at 5 o'clock on Monday evening," said Gillette. "When we got to the hotel we started out for a walk. Returning we told the proprietor that we did not care much for the place and he told us of a morning train we could get out on. We took that train."

Why to Big Moose? "In his opening address Attorney Thomas for the defense said he would show that Grace Brown was the one who suggested that they go off and spend the day at Big Moose, but when Gillette reached that point in his story he made no allusion to what inspired them to get off at Big Moose after their trunks had been shipped through to Old Forge.

"We went to the Glenmore hotel in a carriage," said Gillette. "Grace sat down on the veranda. I went in and talked with the younger Mr. Morrison. He told me there was some beautiful sights on the lake and that if I wanted to see all the sights I had better take a row boat. "We went to the dock and started a rowboat," said Gillette. "We started along the south shore. We saw a rustic bridge, open camp and a boat house and finally took his story to the point where Grace Brown's body and the rowboat were found.

Shows Points on Map To illustrate his narrative Gillette left his chair and indicated points on the lake and shore as shown on a map. He spoke of little incidents, such as finding a spring, meeting people in boats and finally taking his story to the point where Grace Brown's body and the rowboat were found.

"We talked about what we ought to do," he said, "and I said we ought not to keep on as we had. I finally said I thought her father and mother ought to know what had occurred. She said she could not tell her mother and father. I told her she would have to. "She said: 'You don't know my father, you can't tell him.' "We talked a little more, then she flew up and jumped in the water, just jumped in. I was in the other end of the boat leaning back. When I started to get up the boat turned over. When I came up I caught hold of the boat."

He Swims Ashore "Did you see her?" asked Mr. Mills. "I could not; after a couple of minutes when I could not see I swam to the shore. I went off through the woods with my staff. I had landed near. My hat was in the water, I guess."

He told of going through the forest and of striking a road, meeting two men in one place and a third farther on. About the tennis racket, he said that it was in the way. "I had my suit case," Gillette said, and I decided to put the racket away. I put it under a log in the woods a little way from the road.

"Chester, did you strike Grace Brown a blow or do anything wilfully to cause her death?" asked Mr. Mills. "No, sir," said Gillette. Mr. Mills, for the defense, in moving for the prisoner's discharge claimed that the district attorney had failed to produce the eyewitnesses he said he would, that he had produced no witness to the tragedy at all, that he had not produced a preponderance of evidence, and that it had not been shown that Grace Brown and Gillette were engaged to be married and that it had not been shown that Grace Brown's wedding clothes had been made.

NEW YORKERS DOWN THE SIMPLIFIED SPELLING SCHEME

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The efforts of W. H. Maxwell, superintendent of public schools, to have simplified spelling introduced in the public schools in Greater New York were defeated today at a meeting of the board of education. Thirty-two commissioners voted against him and only four with him in favor of simplified spelling.

STOKERS ARE PUT INTO BRIG

By Associated Press. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Nov. 28.—Bluejackets ashore from warships in the harbor say that about sixty stokers are in the brig aboard the armored cruiser Tennessee because they refused to work when that vessel was put under forced draught Monday while the Tennessee and Washington were conveying the battleship Louisiana bearing the president home from Panama. Officers ashore decline to discuss the matter and it is impossible to get aboard the Tennessee tonight.

MODERN BORGIA DENIES SHE KILLED 5

By Associated Press. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Mary Carey of this city, who was arrested last night on suspicion of having caused the death of two of her children, her husband and two other persons by poison in order to collect the life insurance, was today given a hearing before a police magistrate. She was committed to prison to await the action of the coroner's jury, after denying the charges.

CONVICTS EDITOR VAUGHAN

Jury Recommends Eureka Newspaper Man to Mercy of the Court. EUREKA, Cal., Nov. 28.—M. M. Vaughn was convicted of an assault with a deadly weapon by a jury in the superior court.

Vaughan is editor of the Californian, a weekly paper, and last March got into a controversy with the Evening Herald. He is a paralytic and the Herald referred to his infirmity in one of its articles. Vaughn sent word that a retraction must be made or the editor of the Herald must fight. A retraction not being made he went in a buggy to the Herald office and asked to see the editor.

Niles G. Wyatt, business manager of the Herald, came out and Vaughn fired three shots at him, none of which took effect. Vaughn was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. When convicted Vaughn was recommended to the mercy of the court.

RENOUNCES TITLE AS EARL

Waltop Acquires Ranch Near Sheridan, Wyoming, and Declares His Citizenship. SHERIDAN, Wyo., Nov. 28.—Hon. John Fallows Waltop, son and heir of the present earl of Portland, went before the judge of the district court today and declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States.

He also renounced his right to the title of the family estate in favor of his son, John Waltop. He has been a resident of Sheridan some fourteen years, coming here to work as a cowboy and acquiring a large ranch on the Little Goose creek.

Ten years ago he married a daughter of John E. Walker of Chicago, granddaughter of Admiral Walker of Kentucky.

AMMON DECLARES HE WILL PROVE INNOCENCE

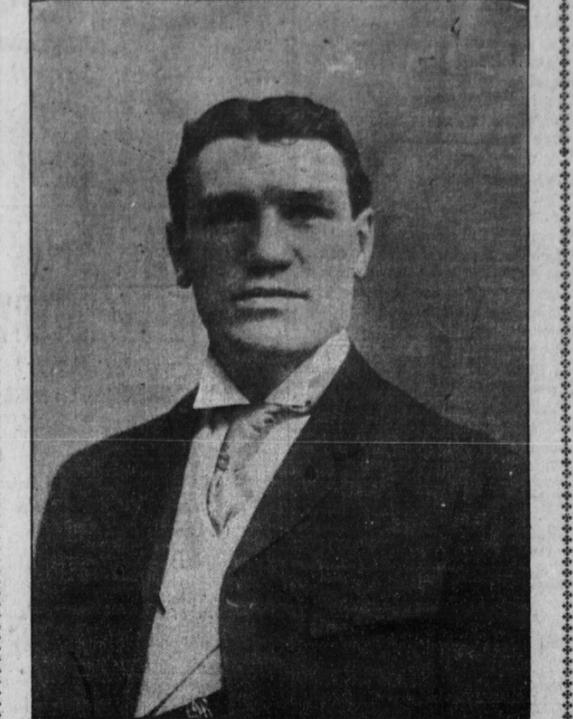
By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Announcement was made today that Lawyer Robert A. Ammon, who was convicted in June, 1905, of receiving \$20,000 of the victims of the Franklin syndicate by William E. Miller, was released from Sing Sing prison.

Ammon was sentenced to imprisonment for not less than four years nor more than four years and six months. He served all but six months of the minimum of his sentence. Ammon declared that he was an innocent man and that he was going to work to prove it if it took twenty years.

ROUSSEAU SUCCEEDS ENDICOTT

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Civil Engineer Harry H. Rousseau has been designated by Secretary Bonaparte as chief of the bureau of harbors and docks of the navy department, to succeed Rear Admiral Endicott, retired.

DRAW DECISION IN HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT NOT WELL RECEIVED



Burns Says He Was Robbed, as He Had Middleweight Champ Running Around the Ring to Get Away From His Punishing Blows to the Head

By ED MORIARTY. TOMMY BURNS and Jack O'Brien fought twenty terrific rounds to a draw at Naud Junction pavilion last night and the Philadelphia may consider himself fortunate that Jim Jeffries raised his arm along with that of Burns.

The final two rounds probably saved O'Brien from leaving the ring a loser as he stood before Burns and did not skip about the ring. Tommy was probably tired and did not exhibit the vim which marked a phenomenal burst of speed throughout the battle. It was a weariness, however, that came from a constant effort to cling to O'Brien's trail as the great ring general darted and flitted away from him for practically every round from the fifth to the eighteenth.

Those in constant touch with Burns' condition during the past few weeks expected that he would fight a whirlwind battle, but probably Tommy himself did not realize the strength and stamina which he exhibited last night.

O'Brien is Clever True to his prediction, however, he went at the Quaker in cyclonic manner and only the superb blocking and brain power of the latter saved him. It was a terrific right drive to the nose in the fifth round that came near proving Jack's undoing. To the fifth O'Brien jabbed Burns as he might a swinging punching bag.

His feinting and lightning lefts proved more than Tommy could fathom and earnest though Burns was the crowd could not restrain an outburst of wonderment as the Philadelphia utterly bewildered him.

At times Burns swung wildly at the air as O'Brien circled toward a far corner of the ring. It appeared as an exhibition between a postmaster of

EXPLODES KILLING SCORES

Factory in Germany Blows Up, Wiping Out Town

Estimated That Three Hundred Are Injured

Surrounding Industrial Region Is Thoroughly Settled and Rescuers Hard at Work Searching for Bodies

By Associated Press. DORTMUND, Germany, Nov. 29.—A "Roburot" factory situated close to the town of Annen, several miles southwest of here, blew up yesterday evening and was wiped from the face of the earth.

It is estimated that 300 persons were killed or wounded, but the exact number has not been ascertained.

Up to 1:30 this morning eight bodies had been recovered and eighty of the severely wounded persons had been conveyed to hospitals.

The work of rescue now going on is attended with the greatest danger from the possibility of a renewal of the explosions.

The accident occurred at about 8:30 o'clock. There were two tremendous detonations heard throughout the surrounding industrial region, which is thickly settled.

The inhabitants of the neighborhood fled in panic, fearing further explosions.

The town of Annen is nothing more than a heap of ruins. Houses were shattered right and left and no house escaped injury.

BOY DRINKS BRANDY AND DIES

Mother, Sick at Sea, Sees Loved One Buried in the Deep. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—A pathetic story of the death and burial at sea of an 8-year-old boy was told when the steamship Statendam arrived from Rotterdam.

Among the passengers when the ship sailed from Rotterdam were Mrs. L. Bayer and her son Vladimir. They were coming to this country to join Mr. Bayer, who is in business in Cleveland, Ohio.

During a storm the boy asked his mother for a drink of water, but she was so ill that she could not get it for him, but pointed to several bottles, some containing water and one containing brandy. The boy took a long drink of the brandy.

Death ensued and his body was buried at sea.

Mrs. Bayer is almost distracted with grief. The boy was her only child.

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST For Southern California—Fair Thursday, light west wind. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 58, minimum, 36.

- 1—Schmitz answers charge. 2—Prof. Hau tries insanity dodge. 4—Beautiful woman gains freedom. 5—Political news. 6—Editorial. 7—City news. 8.9—Sports. 10—Field Marshal Cates is active. 11—Southern California news. 12—Classified advertising. 13—Markets. 14—Railroad news.

EASTERN Chicago's age is lengthened 134 years by history discoveries. Four miners killed at Joplin, Mo. Muttonous stokers placed in brig aboard cruiser Tennessee.

FOREIGN Three hundred reported killed and injured in explosion near Dortmund, Germany. Rebels killed in Samar.

COAST Mayor Schmitz reaches home. Washington and Chicago committees authorize fund distributions among San Francisco sufferers. Telephone merger after new territory.

LOCAL Gas company promises turkeys can be cooked today. Many churches will unite in services. Librarian Lummis wants fewer examinations. Chamber of commerce committee unanimously favors world's fair. Prisoner proves innocent of vagrancy charge. Non-partisans are feeling jubilant.