



DELANY UNDER CHARGES OF EXTORTION

A SCANDAL WITH UGLY FEATURES

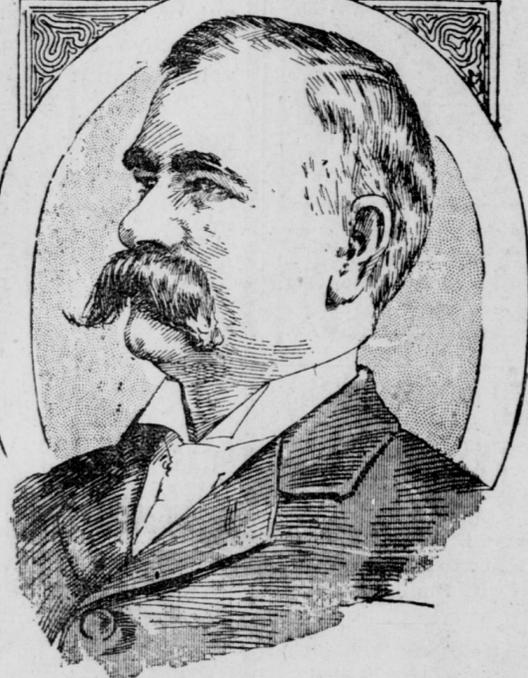
Supervisor Is Charged With Attempting Blackmail.

Startling Disclosures by Officers of the Public Pound.

Chairman of the Committee on Health and Police in a Bad Light.

DOG-KILLING IN POLITICS.

Board of Supervisors Threatening to Re-enact an Odious Impounding Law.



CHAIRMAN DELANY, Who Is Accused of Gross Misconduct in Office.

A fight for life is being made by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. According to the reported statements of Captain Delany of the Health and Police Committee of the Board of Supervisors an attempt has been made to blackmail the society out of \$500. The directors have decided to resist the unlawful demand for money. As a result of this refusal and of the refusal of Secretary Holbrook to release impounded animals free of cost, at the request of Supervisors, it is reported that the board seriously contemplates the possibility of placing it in politics again, as it was in the disgraceful days of the past.

Assistant Secretary E. L. Wadham of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals makes the startling accusation that he has been approached by Chairman Delany of the Health and Police Committee of the Board of Supervisors in a way that would do justice to a Black Bart.

"By the way, can you put me on how to get \$500?" is the delicate way the chairman of this responsible committee is reported to have made known his corrupt and criminal desires. This was also told to Mr. Charles Bauer. "This language was reported to the directors of the society," said Director Samuel Seymour, "and we decided to pay no attention to it further than to resist any attempt to coerce or blackmail the society."

The language reported to have been used in this way to Wadham and others—twice to Wadham—is enough to warrant an investigation into the methods of the chairman of this important committee. If the charges are true they constitute the most shameful case of political and official blackmail that has been reported in many years.

This language becomes the more serious when it is recalled that a petty spite has existed against the society by various supervisors ever since Secretary Holbrook first refused to recognize the requests of Supervisors, which are quite numerous, that animals held in the pound be "released without cost to the city."

In the old days when impounding animals was carried on as freely as robbing in the regions of the Alhambra, it was a common thing for Supervisors to flood the pound master with these requests to favor every political heeler in the neighborhood. Printed forms showing the shameful extent of this abuse still exist and are used daily, though the secretary, acting under legal advice and the interpretation of the clerk of the board, has refused to recognize any such orders. He takes

this stand because there is no provision that the cost of paying for the care of such animals and the cost of their capture be paid, except in the regular way by fine of the delinquent. It has been decided that Mr. Holbrook will resign as poundkeeper, an office which pays him nothing in addition to his salary as secretary of the society, and that he will be succeeded by Mr. Seymour. It is the general opinion that this will be a compromise measure, as the Health and Police Committee has recommended that the impounding of animals be taken away from the society and put into politics again.

If this should be done there is a great likelihood that there will be a repetition of the disgraceful scenes of the past acts of cruelty and corruption that caused the society to take hold of the matter some years ago. It is also reported that ex-Pound Keeper Osborne will under no circumstances be appointed to succeed Mr. Holbrook. Under the corrupt system that some of the supervisors suggest there is no guarantee that private citizens will not again be subjected to the petty blackmail and insults that thrived in the wicked past. There is also no assurance that animals will not be stolen, turned out of owners' lots and abused, as in the past, that disreputable wielders of the larfat and dog catching basket may again grow fat by corruption.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has gone into the animal question in a thorough and scientific manner. Their plan for the care and final destruction of condemned dogs has been pronounced the finest in the United States. Rev. Dr. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavor Society, visited their plant at Sixteenth and Alabama streets when he was here, and his opinion was that the plant and the methods pursued were incomparably ahead of all such institutions in the United States. It is the general opinion of those who have investigated the matter that the methods of this society are in every way creditable, and that the Board of Supervisors will make a great error if they do so rash a thing as to place the care of animals in the hands of ward politicians again.

The society does not desire to see its plant become worthless by an order of the Board of Supervisors, made through jealousy. It absolutely refuses, however, to contribute a cent to the fund as demanded by Chairman Delany. "When I become pound master," said Mr. Seymour, "I shall abide by the decision of the directors of the society as to whether it is my duty to heed orders of release issued by supervisors. As the supervisors get so little patronage of

any kind it might be well to give the poor fellows a chance to release some of the captured goats and dogs of their constituents." But as to Supervisor Delany and that \$500. Assistant Secretary Wadham sticks to it that the Supervisor made some very pointed remarks, amounting practically to a request for a bribe, and has a written statement to that effect. Secretary Holbrook backs up Wadham, and says there are numerous other people who, if they could be coaxed to talk, could pick something even more definite and damaging upon Delany. "I am perfectly familiar with that \$500 proposition," said Holbrook last evening, "and have heard of it several times. I was given very pointed hints on numerous occasions that money would be required to hold the pound, and that was some time before Wadham reported to us what Captain Delany had said to him. Wadham's report was not, therefore, news to me nor to several officers in the society. As Mr. Seymour will tell you, for he and I consulted several times in reference to the \$500 proposition, we decided to pay no attention to the matter, but to stand our ground and refuse to be held up in this brigandish manner. I have been told several times by friends of Delany that the Supervisor was only joking when he said he wanted \$500, but that was a serious matter, in my estimation, to joke about. "Delany" made the proposition, and nobody knows it better than himself. Mr. Seymour and I have got proof to show if he insists on denying it."

DELANY DENIES IT. Says He Did Not "Talk Business" With Wadham. Supervisor Delany was seen at his residence last evening and denied that any overtures had been made to the officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals regarding the control of the pound. "I know Mr. Wadham," he said, "and asked him regarding the manner in which the institution was to be conducted, but as far as any money talk is concerned, that is entirely out of the question. We are friends, and I simply asked for information, with absolutely no idea of any benefit to myself or the committee. I also know Mr. Bauer of the Westerfeldt Bakery and Samuel Seymour of the S. P. Taylor Paper Company, both members of the society, and have talked to them about this matter, but there was absolutely

WHY HAWAII SHOULD NOT BE ANNEXED

Telling Reasons Given by Professor Von Holst.

Speech of the Noted Educator Before the Commercial Club.

Taking of the Islands Would Violate the Declaration of Independence.

MANY VALID OBJECTIONS.

Possession of the Far-Away Territory Would Be a Source of Weakness, Not of Strength.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

The Commercial Club of Chicago, an organization composed of representative business men, adopted resolutions last night calling upon the members of Congress from Illinois to vote and work against the Hawaiian annexation treaty.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—At the annual banquet of the Commercial Club, which was held to-night at the Auditorium, Professor von Holst of Chicago University delivered the principal address of the evening, his subject being the "Annexation of Hawaii." His remarks, which were greeted with every manifestation of approval, were as follows: "What is the criterion for deciding the question, 'Ought Hawaii be annexed by the United States?' Not the wishes or interest of the islands. It is not only the right but also the imperative duty of the American people to be guided solely by their own interest. "The great fertility of the islands nobody gainsays. But this is the less reason to annex them, because all the economical advantages to be derived from them are secured already. "As to the military side of the question, Captain Mahan, our leading naval authority, has exploded the naive notion that the islands confer by themselves control over a body of water. To be of military value we must have an adequate navy, and to be adequate our navy would have to be much larger when Hawaii is ours; for it would have to protect not only our coasts and our shipping but also Hawaii, which would surely be a principal object of attack in a war with a first class naval power. Now we are practically invulnerable. Is it rational to acquire without any need a spot at which an enemy can hit us infinitely harder than anywhere else? We would annex not a source of strength, but of weakness. And it would be a step that could not be retraced. To make the best of a bad job would be all that is left to us. "That we act under compulsion, because some other power—probably either England or Japan—would take the islands if we refused the gift, is an assertion which is not and cannot be substantiated, as it has never before been raised every time we were after some territory. We can at least afford to think enough of our power, as well as of our dignity, not to let the cry, 'England, have the effect upon us that the red cloth has upon the bull. Ever since 1825 the declaration of the United States that they will not 'allow' or 'permit' certain territories to be taken by any other power has proved a sufficient curb upon the covetousness of the leading states of Europe. Does it then permit of any doubt that their peremptory 'Hands off!' would now be respected? "An even graver consideration than those mentioned thus far is that the annexation of Hawaii would not mean the annexing merely of Hawaii. We would annex temptation, and it is because of this that annexation is so enthusiastically urged upon us—the temptation to annex other outlying territories and the temptation to pass behind us the warning counsels of Washington in his farewell address, and enter upon a new era as to our international policy. "Weighty as all these objections are they dwindle into insignificance compared with the one that has thus far not even been alluded to. In the Declaration of Independence the nation has officially based its existence upon the principle that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. If annexation is effected in the manner proposed this fundamental principle will be trampled under foot, the unanimous ratification of the treaty by the Hawaiian Senate notwithstanding. For the overwhelming majority of the population has virtually had no voice in instituting this government; though now the lawful government, it actually represents only less than 4000 out of about 110,000. Even if the remaining 106,000 were to pray as ought to be our door against them, because according to the unanimous emphatic testimony of the small minority, posing as the Hawaiians, the 106,000 are utterly and permanently unfit for self-government, which is more than the life breath, which is the very structural principle of this republic. "The resolutions by which the club de-

LOS ANGELES REBUKES THE PLUNDERERS

THE CITIZENS ASSEMBLE IN CONVENTION

Denounce the Servants Who Have Betrayed Them.

Score the Syndicate Press Which Has Sold Out Their Interests.

Return Thanks for Help Extended to a City in Dire Need.

BUY THE WATER PLANT.

Permanent Organization Effected to Work for the Deliverance of the Southern Metropolis.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—The people of Los Angeles, without regard to politics, assembled to-night in mass-convention to express their views upon the water question, and they did so in unmistakable terms. Not only did they, by a unanimous vote, record their sentiments upon the matter in which the City Council had proceeded in regard to the matter, but they also gave expression to their feelings as regards the syndicated local press—the Times, Express and Herald—which three daily newspapers have steadfastly taken up the defense of the water company in the contest which is now on with utter disregard of the rights of the people. And as soon as the muzzled and managed local press was mentioned by a speaker this evening the audience broke forth in one loud acclaim and the cheers and the applause were long continued. The citizens who had assembled realized the truth of the assertion that they could neither expect nor hope for aid in the water fight from the local press. Therefore, when they heard the truth from a public platform, they were not slow in approving of its relation. The mass-meeting which was held to-night was one of the most successful non-partisan gatherings that have ever been convened in this city to discuss a great public question. It is one phase of the battle The Call is making to assist in obtaining for the people of Los Angeles their full rights in the matter of a water-distributing plant, without permitting their citizens to be robbed of two million dollars in the interest of the fifty-two stockholders of the water company. To this end the mass meeting was deemed advisable. It was felt that there was nothing to be done by taking fruitless straw votes. The Call, acting for the people of Los Angeles, and in order that the citizens might be enabled to express themselves upon the great question, in order that a permanent organization might be formed to conduct an organized battle for the people's rights, lent its voice to them in calling a mass convention when the local press was paid for silence. All that was hoped to accomplish and more has been brought about as a result of the people congregating to-night at Music Hall. The permanent organization to conduct the water fight in their interest has been secured, consisting of one member from each of the nine wards of the city. The people have also taken a very decided stand which, if anything on earth will move it, will have a tendency to cause the Council to take action along the line of preparing to buy the water company's plant at the expiration of the contract. As yet the Council has done nothing in this matter. The meeting also decided that it was against public policy to permit the water company to make unnecessary improvements to its plant now which are non-essential and which are made solely for the purpose of endeavoring to compel the Council to make a revaluation of the company's improvements to the city's plant at the expiration of the contract. Mayor Snyder, Councilmen Grider and Hutchison and The Call and the Record, although not specifically mentioned, were all thanked for the service they have rendered the people in this matter. The vast throng that gathered at Music Hall this evening was a most intelligent audience. It was made up of all classes and included some of the first citizens of Los Angeles. As proof of the assertion that all deemed the subject that was to be discussed one of vital importance it is only necessary to relate that many citizens brought their wives with them. The enthusiasm, while it was kept within orderly bounds, was certainly deep, and the men realized that they were brought together for a business purpose. This purpose they accomplished. As presiding officer ex-Mayor Henry T. Hazard was warmly received, Mr. Hazard's two terms as Mayor have convinced

clared itself against annexation call upon the Senate to vote against the annexation treaty. They were introduced before the club by F. B. Peabody, in substitution for a briefer and more general resolution to the same effect that had been offered by Melville E. Stone. The resolutions as adopted read: "Resolved, That it is the deliberate sense of the Commercial Club of Chicago that the annexation of Hawaii would be a source of weakness and danger to the United States. It would present almost impossible problems of government. The population of which not exceeding 5 per cent are white and the remainder chiefly semi-savages and Orientals can never become assimilated with Americans nor be submissive to the rule of constitutional law. A defense of islands 2000 miles distant from our remotest border would involve, in case of war, a larger navy than is required for the defense of our whole seaboard. No advantage to the United States can be obtained by annexation that cannot as well be gained by treaty. Hawaii is a friendly power, and no reasonable request for coaling or telegraph stations would be refused us. The United States are dealing with and must always meet political questions of sufficient gravity to tax the powers of the highest intellect and most devoted patriotism. It would be a mistake, if not a crime, to add to our perplexities the government and defense of an alien people living in the mid-Pacific, with whom we have no common interests. "Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives are respectfully requested to cast their votes against the ratification of the pending treaty of annexation. "Resolved, That the secretary forward to our Senators and Representatives a copy of these resolutions. "Resolutions were offered immediately following the address upon the question delivered by Professor von Holst.

GENERAL BOYCE IS SOUGHT BY CREDITORS. Left Many Debts Behind Him in New York When He Went to Ohio Where He Is Accused of Bribery.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—General H. H. Boyce, formerly of Los Angeles, Cal., who was accused before the investigating committee in Columbus, Ohio, with having been concerned in alleged bribery in connection with Senator Hanna's election, has disappeared, and a crowd of angry creditors are making efforts to find him. Boyce was the lessee of the Von Hoffman apartment house in this city, which is owned by Mrs. Margaret Todd, and for several days persons trying to collect bills have been calling there inquiring for Boyce. Boyce's creditors include all the employees of the apartment house as well as Mrs. Todd, who has taken charge of the property and placed a manager in control. Boyce lived in Los Angeles about ten years ago and was manager of the Morning Tribune, now defunct.

WRECK OF THE STEAMSHIP KALA LADEN WITH SUGAR. Strikes on a Reef in Hawaiian Waters, and Is Lost, Together With Her Cargo.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 29.—The steamer Warrimoo arrived to-night from Australia and Hawaii. She brought eighteen miners from Australia, on their way to the Klondike. The Warrimoo brought from Hawaii news of the wreck of the steamer Kala, with a cargo of sugar. She ran on a reef. The steamer and her cargo are a total loss. The cargo was valued at \$1,500. It was covered by insurance. The loss on the steamer was \$25,000. The Kala belonged to the Interisland Company, and the sugar was consigned to M. S. Grinbaum & Co. Mark Kennedy, a freight clerk of the steamer Kinau, was drowned through the overturning of a boat on the rocks at Papakou.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN MEXICO. Copyrighted 1898 by James Gordon Bennett.

OAXACA, Mexico, Jan. 29.—Advises received here to-day show that severe earthquake shocks in the southern part of this State on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec caused considerable damage. It is reported that several lives were lost in mountain towns. Reports say that the ocean is still greatly disturbed all the way from Acapulco to Salina Cruz, and there are indications that a new island is being formed near Salina Cruz, by volcanic eruptions.

NEWS OF THE DAY. ELEVENTH PAGE. Robbed of All His Coin. CHURCH SERVICES. FOURTEENTH PAGE. RACING AT INGLEDE. BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS. FIFTEENTH PAGE. News From Across the Bay. SIXTEENTH PAGE. Democrats Concoct a Scheme. Attempt to Murder and Rob. Captain Edie's Latest Deal. Escaped From a Padded Cell. An Actress and the Klondike. SEVENTEENTH PAGE. The Race to Capture the Soudan. EIGHTEENTH PAGE. What Shall We Do With Our Boys? NINETEENTH PAGE. Man Who Earns Fifty Cents a Second. TWENTIETH PAGE. Annual Sale of Convict Labor in Florida. Snap-Shots of Vessels Sinking at Sea. TWENTY-FIRST PAGE. Country Where Everybody Travels on Stilts. TWENTY-SECOND PAGE. The World of Books. TWENTY-THIRD PAGE. A New Game Bird for California. TWENTY-FOURTH PAGE. Events of the Week in Society. TWENTY-FIFTH PAGE. Latest Novelties in Fashions. TWENTY-SIXTH PAGE. Boys' and Girls' Page. TWENTY-SEVENTH PAGE. The Drama—Notes and Comments. TWENTY-EIGHTH PAGE. Coast Personal News. TWENTY-NINTH PAGE. Santa Monica, an Ideal Summer Resort. THIRTIETH PAGE. Teachers and Schools of California. FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT. THIRTY-FIRST PAGE. The Communist Worth. THIRTY-SECOND PAGE. As to "Vocational Education." GLENBEIGH ATE POISONED MEAT. NEWS OF THE MINES.

San Conversation with Mr. Delany heard of what do you feel like want to keep Osborn out of his salary when you had \$25000.00 in the treasury. By the way can you put me on how to get \$500. He said that to be on two occasions. E. L. Wadham

Fac-Simile of the statement of Assistant Secretary Wadham of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Accusing Supervisor Delany of Attempting to Extort Five Hundred Dollars From the Society.