

COLONS ATTACK

ACCUSED SENATORS ASK FOR TIME AND CASE IS POSTPONED

NOT PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH THE HEARING Defense Introduces Witness Who Swears That He Would Not Believe the Testimony of Detective Hartling Under Oath.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 2.—Attorney Thomas V. Cator, chief counsel for Senators Emmons, Bunkers, French and Wright, on trial before a special committee of the upper House on charges of bribery, opened the case at 8:30 to-night on behalf of the accused. He confirmed his introductory remarks to an appeal for time and an explanation of the suddenness and the swiftness of the surprise that seized his clients when the charge was hurled against them on the floor of the Senate by William Corbin that they were felons. And the surprise was as great to him, he said, as to his clients, for he had come to Sacramento to attend a meeting of the election board and without time to think had found himself in the thick of a fray unparalleled in its significance. He had one witness on the ground, however, whom he would present. He then called Benjamin F. Littlejohn, who resides at 931 N. street in this city.

WITNESS BECOMES CONFUSED.

"I can't swear to anything," said the witness, becoming confused. "Will you swear," I again ask, said Gould, "that Oroni was convicted on the first trial and acquitted on the second?" "Yes, I will," answered Littlejohn. "I was a witness in that case myself. I know that he was acquitted on the second trial."

The witness was then dismissed. He would produce the records to show that on the first trial of Oroni the jury disagreed; at the second trial he was convicted of murder in the first degree, but was granted a new trial and released on motion of the District Attorney, who held that it would be impossible to secure more evidence than had already been introduced, and that, furthermore, the witnesses had scattered in all directions. At the time that elapsed between his conviction and the granting of the new trial, he would also prove, he said, that his testimony is still in the record and was never thrown out.

As soon as Littlejohn was dismissed Attorney Cator made another statement regarding the necessity of delay. He said that it would take some time to get all of the witnesses the defense intended to bring to impeach Detective Tichenor and Hartling. Some would have to come from the southern portion of the State, he said, and others from the north. It would take time to gather them in, and although he did not want to delay the hearing, it was imperative that he be given time.

JORDAN IS WANTED.

Senator Simpson, a member of the committee, said that while he believed the defense should be given all the time it required, he was not so sure that it could not proceed. He said the committee wanted to hear from every one whose names had been mentioned in any way in connection with the charges of bribery, and especially wanted to hear from Joseph S. Jordan. It was a summary proceeding and one in which being held in the interest of the people only and to subvert no special purpose.

Gould then explained the position his client occupies. "We have no desire," said Gould, "to carry this question to a further prosecution, recognizing the fact that this is a matter that rests with the committee. We have presented our case, but felt that it is our duty to remain here and protect those who have testified and whose characters are now being assailed. There is no question but that there is always some one that is willing to assail the character of any man that lives if he so desires, and knowing that the defense purposes following this line of policy, I have a suggestion to make that will save time. If the defense will tell us what general lines it intends to pursue in an effort to impeach these witnesses, and also tell us what specific acts involving turpitude it may claim these men have committed, we will send subpoenas along with theirs to bring men to offset their testimony. If they do not care to do this, then the case will be delayed, because we will have to ask for time in which to get our people perhaps from distant points."

CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY.

Attorney Copeland, misunderstanding Gould's suggestion, began to talk of constitutional rights for his clients and nefarious conspiracies that had been concocted by "the best organized" in California. As a result, subpoenas will be scattered all over the State to-day. Copeland said he specially wanted to get some of the most prominent men of Bakerfield to testify; men whose word could not be overcome by any force the prosecution could bring against them.

"Oh, you mean those men that killed some people down in the oil fields," said Gould. "You mean those men that Tichenor testified to?" "Yes, you mean those men that Tichenor testified to," said Copeland as a parting shot.

CONTINUANCE IS GRANTED.

"We could find plenty of witnesses if we only had those greenbacks you've got," retorted Gould, as the committee Prior to adjournment the committee consulted as to the best manner to proceed in the hearing of the character witnesses. It was announced that if the rules of evidence in this instance were violated the case would be continued until the committee ordered that both sides should proceed in strictly legal form. It further announced that in the view of the committee this line of testimony did not directly bear upon the case, which view was responsible for the order that rules of law be closely followed.

The trial of the accused was then continued to Monday next at 8 p. m.

Why would he not believe Hartling under oath?" queried Attorney Gould. "Well, I heard Judge Seward impeach him. He swore falsely in a murder trial. C. W. Cross and Bert Schlesinger were the attorneys that impeached him. He swore at the preliminary examination that a pistol lay alongside the body of Frank Harland, who was murdered, and had another cartridge discharged at the trial of Bartholomew Oroni, who was accused of the crime. He swore that the cartridge was not discharged. His evidence was thrown out of court, and shortly after he left the country, going to San Francisco. At the first trial Oroni was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, but at the second trial he was acquitted."

Though Littlejohn testified that Hartling's testimony was thrown out at the first trial he admitted that Hartling testified at the second trial, at which the defendant, he said, was acquitted. After a moment's consultation with Hartling, Attorney Gould turned savagely on Littlejohn and said "Will you swear positively that Hartling testified at the preliminary examination?"

The witness, after some study replied in the affirmative.

HOCH MAY HAVE LEFT A WIFE IN GERMANY

Man Who Knew Him There Said He Was Married When He Came to America.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Johann Hoch was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Court to-day and remanded until Saturday, when requisition papers are expected to arrive from Chicago. "This talk about my having twenty or thirty wives and murdering a few of them is all nonsense," he said while being taken back to police headquarters. "Just let them go on and pile it on me as much as they please. I'll make some of them very sorry when I get back to Chicago. It is a case of mistaken identity. There are more Hochs in the West than one."

According to the police Hoch said he would plead guilty to bigamy upon his return to Chicago. He said he had married twice, the police allege, but that when he took a second wife he believed his former wife had obtained a divorce from him. Concerning the charge of murder Hoch said: "They are accusing me of crimes that are said to have occurred in this country long before I came here ten years ago. I will prove by documentary evidence that I was in Germany prior to the time these crimes were committed."

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—An indictment for murder against Johann Hoch, the alleged poisoner of many wives, will be asked for by Coroner Hoffman.

"I am now in a position to say positively that the embalming fluid injected into the body of Mrs. Marie Walker Hoch did not contain arsenic," said the Coroner to-day. "Arsenic was not a constituent of any of the drugs administered by the physician who attended the woman before her death. The fact that more than two and a half ounces of poison was found in the organs means that Hoch murdered his wife. The Coroner's jury will doubtless hold Hoch to be guilty, but if it fails to do so I will still hold him under my official prerogative."

Two of the wives of Hoch have quarreled over money alleged to have been found on Hoch when arrested. The money is claimed by Mrs. Fischer Hoch because she was the last one he deserted. Mrs. Hendrickson Schmitt Hoch also lays claim to \$500 of the \$600 now said to be in the possession of the New York police, as she gave up this amount when Hoch bade her adieu.

CORONER JACKSON GUILTY OF ATTEMPTED BRIBERY

Jury Recommends That Clemency Be Extended to the New York Official.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The jury which has been considering a charge of attempted bribery against Coroner Moses J. Jackson of this city tonight in a verdict of guilty late to-night, after six hours' deliberation. The foreman said the jury made a strong recommendation for clemency. Jackson was greatly affected at the outcome of the trial.

DEMANDS INVESTIGATING.

Attorney for Realty Syndicate Anxious for a Hearing.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 2.—Last Monday Harmon Bell, one of the attorneys for the Realty Syndicate of Oakland, arrived in Sacramento in response to a summons his company had received to come up and be put through the mill at 517 Tenth street. Bell did not allow the collapse of the Committee on Commissions and Retrenchments, through the alleged bribing of its members, to stop an investigation of the syndicate. He is in town to-night to demand the resignation of the committee, of which he is chairman, and a thorough examination of the affairs of his corporation be held as soon as possible. He says that certain attacks that have been made against the Realty Syndicate are untrue and actual, and that he wants an opportunity to prove at the earliest possible time their falsity and the maliciousness that actuated them.

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THE CHARACTER AND REPUTATION OF THE WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED RELATIVE TO THE ALLEGED BRIBERY

FIRES BULLET INTO HIS BODY

H. E. Miller of San Francisco Attempts to Kill Himself on an Overland Train

THOUGHT TO BE INSANE

Tells Story of Fearing Arrest in Connection with the Legislative Scandal

Special Dispatch to The Call.

VENTURA, Feb. 2.—With a bullet wound just over his heart H. E. Miller of 4024 Eighteenth street, San Francisco, is writhing in agony to-night in an Oxnard hospital. Whether Miller was insane when he shot himself or had some guilty knowledge of the scandal at Sacramento is a mooted question.

Miller tried to kill himself on the overland train last night this side of Chatsworth tunnel and while on his way from Los Angeles to San Francisco. He had been working in this section as an agent of the Continental Building and Loan Association of San Francisco and was in Oxnard last Saturday. At that time he hunted up the Marshal, to whom he told a story to the effect that his company was now being investigated at Sacramento and that he expected at any time to be arrested and haled before the legislative committee. He assured the Marshal that he would be on hand when wanted. He then purchased a ticket for this place, but nothing was heard from him until his tragic attempt on his life.

Miller was in a tourist sleeper and showed a new pistol to some of the passengers, saying that he bought it to kill a man. It was but a short time after this until a shot rang out in the car and Miller fell over with a bullet in his side. He was taken off the train at Oxnard and at that time it was thought he could live but a few hours. At the hospital it was found that the wound, while a bad one, was not necessarily fatal. Miller is now raving and it takes several attendants to hold him in bed.

Miller has been employed by the Continental Building and Loan Association as a traveling agent for several years past and was considered a trustworthy employe. He left this city several days ago on a business trip in the southern part of the State. His employers say he was always perfectly rational and is not known to have expressed a desire to end his life.

Miller resided with his wife and three children at 4024 Eighteenth street. Mrs. Miller was greatly shocked when she learned of her husband's attempt on his life. She left last night for Ventura.

GUESTS OF THE NATION.

Indian Chiefs to Attend Inauguration of President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The inaugural committee to-day appropriated \$2000 to pay the expenses of six noted Indians coming here to participate in President Roosevelt's inaugural parade.

The Indians, who, according to the present plan, are to rendezvous at the Indian School at Carlisle, Pa., and who are to be accompanied by 350 cadets and a band and six attendants or interpreters, are Geronimo, the old Apache chief, now at Fort Sill, O. T.; Quannah Parker, a Comanche, at Anadarko, O. T.; Buckskin Charlie, a Ute, at Durango, Colo.; Little Plume, a Blackfoot, at Browning, Mont.; American Horse, a Cheyenne, at Rushville, Neb., and Holly Horn Bear, a Sioux, at Valentine, Neb. The warriors will ride Indian ponies in the parade.

MOTHER STEALS, SO DOES SON

Woman Takes Goods From Hotel While Youth Robs Linen Closets of Hospital

IMPRISONED IN DENVER

San Francisco Couple Fall Into the Clutches of the Police of Colorado Town

Special Dispatch to The Call.

DENVER, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Emily Nelson and her son, Albert A. Nelson, are under arrest here charged with larceny. They came here from San Francisco recently to open a rooming house. They ran out of funds, however, and Mrs. Nelson went to work at the Albany Hotel, while the young man secured work at St. Luke's Hospital.

By his own confession young Nelson has been robbing the linen closets at the hospital for three months. He would carry away several pieces of linen each night, wrapped about his waist beneath his coat. By this method he accumulated several hundred sheets, bed spreads, towels and other articles. One of the rooms of the couple was well filled with the stolen goods.

In the meantime, according to the detectives, Mrs. Nelson had been appropriating articles from the Albany Hotel. Numerous articles of table ware were reported missing to Manager Dutton and he called on the detectives for assistance in bringing the culprit to justice. Mrs. Nelson was watched and proof to warrant a search was obtained. Mrs. Nelson also had been in the habit of taking home linen from the hotel, it is charged.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE FALLS WITH RUSSIAN DRAGOONS

Detachment of Troopers Precipitated Through the Ice on a River.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—The suspension bridge spanning the Fontan Ka River collapsed to-day while a detachment of dragoons were crossing. Thirty men and horses were precipitated into the frozen river, together with a number of cabs, wagons, etc., the ice at that point being weak. The greatest excitement prevailed, but speedily help was forthcoming and the victims of the accident were rescued, with the exception of one dragoon.

The chains on both banks broke and the bridge fell bodily with the whole traffic thereon at the time. The terrified cavalry horses jumped over the railings on the bridge on the ice, which gave way. The river is narrow at this point and the men managed to scramble ashore with the assistance of witnesses of the accident.

JOHNNY SMART.

Who does stunts, makes a Welsh rabbit for Miss Jolly. In next Sunday's comic supplement.

BOYS CHARGED WITH BURGLARY.—James Kelly and William Long, each 17 years of age, were arrested yesterday morning by Policemen Gray, Boland and McEntee, and booked at the City Prison on a charge of burglary. They are accused of breaking into the shoe store of Philip Friedman, 781 Market street, early yesterday morning and carrying away part of the stock. Entrance was effected by forcing the rear door off its hinges. Kelly, it is alleged, was wearing a pair of the stolen shoes when arrested.

KILLED BY A CAR.—Wong Chun Yu, a Chinese laundryman, residing at 2215 Webster street, died yesterday from injuries received by being struck by a streetcar last Friday. The Coroner up to a late hour yesterday had been unable to discover any definite particulars.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Special Sale of Men's Rain Coats

We are closing out our season's stock of rain coats—selling every garment considerably under its regular price.

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Special 3—Rain Coats, recently sold at \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$30.00; sizes 34 to 44 chest measure; colors black, tan, olive and gray; hard woven worsteds in solid colors and checks; satin and venetian lined; double thickness over shoulders; bellows pockets, satin piped; sale **\$16.85**

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