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Frank French Says Lee and Jordan Also Lied.

Ex-Senator Accused of Bribery on the Stand.

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SACRAMENTO, Feb. 19.—Frank French, the former Senator from San Francisco, charged with bribery, took the witness stand this morning in his own defense, and made a sweeping denial of the truth of the testimony given by Harry Bunkers, Joseph S. Jordan and Arthur Lee, the principal witnesses for the prosecution. He was under direct examination by his counsel nearly an hour this morning. He was perfectly calm and answered promptly all questions put to him.

The defense made a move against the prosecution by offering the testimony of several witnesses from San Francisco to show that Joseph S. Jordan's reputation for truth, honesty and integrity is bad. Among the witnesses testifying to this effect were: George Strachan, a route agent; Alexander Jacob, merchant tailor; Herman Elsbach, dry goods dealer; H. F. Grinnell, retired business man, and ex-Assemblyman William Dolan. French testified that he had known French twenty-five and twenty years, respectively, and that his reputation for truth, honesty and integrity is good. Charles R. Allen gave similar testimony.

Lieutenant Governor Alden Anderson, president of the Senate, announced that he appointed the committees at the last session of the Legislature, and that French had not been placed on the Committee on Retrenchment.

VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR. When French took the stand he testified that he was 58 years of age and came to California in 1867, locating in San Francisco. In 1864 he enlisted in the Federal army in the Civil War.

Answering questions by his counsel, French reviewed his commercial and political history from the time of his arrival in San Francisco up to the time he was expelled from the Senate.

Coming to the time of the appointment of the committee on Retrenchment, French said he went before the committee and requested permission to make a statement without counsel, but was not permitted to do so.

French said he framed and offered a resolution giving the Committee on Commissions and Retrenchment power to issue subpoenas for the managers of the Building and Loan Association, the Pacific Building and Loan Association, and the Pacific Building and Loan Association. He said he had personal interest in the investigation and political history from the time of his arrival in San Francisco up to the time he was expelled from the Senate.

French testified that on Sunday, January 22, when he visited Bunkers at the latter's place of business, he did so for the purpose of ascertaining whether Bunkers had signed two subpoenas previously sent him, directed to Emil Gunzenovitch of the Hardware Four syndicate. He was accompanied by ex-Assemblyman William Dolan and remained only a few minutes. French denied that Bunkers said anything to him, then or at any other time, about subpoenas for any other building and loan association. Again he denied that Bunkers ever told him that Jordan had the bribe money, but that instead of being \$500 for each of the four Senators it would be only \$350 each.

MURDER AND ROBBERY MAY HAVE BEEN DONE

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Feb. 19.—Deputy Sheriff Yancy McFadden is scouring the countryside in search of a team that was hired yesterday by Pablo Lieva in the hope that he will discover whether Lieva was foully murdered or met his death by accident this morning the dismembered remains of Lieva were found on the Southern Pacific railroad track. A foot was fastened in a frog and the remains were scattered over a distance of 100 feet. The coroner is of the opinion that the unfortunate man was robbed and then placed on the track, as he left the city to collect a large sum of money.

SMALLPOX ON TRAIN CAUSE OF QUARANTINE

RENO, Feb. 19.—Two carloads of passengers from Reno to-night under strict quarantine because of a case of smallpox discovered when the train was near Winnemucca shortly before noon to-day. The passengers are quarantined at the Reno Hotel for California. The train was met at Sparks by Drs. Gibson and Lewis of the State Board of Health, and all the passengers placed under quarantine. At this place two cars were set out and will be held until the authorities are satisfied there is no chance of the disease spreading further.

Killed While Stealing Ride. WOODLAND, Feb. 19.—A man beating his way on the northbound Oregon express was killed yesterday at the junction of the Oroville and West Side lines north of town. As the train started he attempted to swing on to the brakebeam, but missed his footing and fell under the wheels. The wheels admitted to the rooms of the Committee on Commissions and Retrenchment. They walked toward the Irish Tavern and had a drink. Nothing was said about subpoenas, the Continental, Pacific

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DIANA SECRETARY OF STATE OUSTED

Forced to Resign Owing to Irregularities in Office.

Action Follows Stormy Conference With Governor.

CONSULTING BOARD FAVORS SEA LEVEL

Views of the Commission and the Secretary of War in Line With Those Presented by Mr. Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—President Roosevelt to-day transmitted to Congress the report of the Board of Consulting Engineers upon the Panama Canal, together with a letter of Secretary Taft, the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission and a letter by Chief Engineer Stevens. The letter of the President is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: I submit herewith the letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting the report of the board of consulting engineers upon the Panama canal, and the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission thereon, together with a letter written to the chairman of the board of consulting engineers and five members of the Isthmian Canal Commission, and five members of the Isthmian Canal Commission favoring the lock canal, and five members of the Isthmian Canal Commission favoring the sea level canal, and five members of the Isthmian Canal Commission favoring the sea level canal.

AMERICANS FAVOR LOCKS. It will be noticed that the American engineers upon the consulting board and upon the Isthmian Canal Commission are in favor of the lock canal, whereas the foreign engineers are a unit against it. I think this is a fact of great importance.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—During a stormy conference at the State House this afternoon Daniel Storms, Secretary of State, tendered to the Governor his resignation, which was accepted. Fred Simms of Frankfort was immediately appointed to succeed Storms. It is reported that the Governor refused to promise Storms that he would not press further the proceedings in connection with a shortage in the latter's office.

MRS. WILSON MIZNER DOES MORE DENYING

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Wilson Mizner, who was Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes, denied absolutely to-day that she contemplated separating from her husband, or that any differences had arisen between them.

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KING'S SPEECH IS COLORLESS

No Surprises Contained in Edward's Address at the Opening of Parliament

GIVES HOPE TO ERIN

Ruler Favors Granting of Greater Measure of Autonomy to People of Ireland

LONDON, Feb. 19.—King Edward opened the second Parliament of his reign this morning with the customary ceremonial. The weather was cloudy, but rain held off, and all the points of view along the troop-lined route followed by the royal progress were well occupied by cheering crowds.

For the first time since early in the reign of the late Queen Victoria, only a single chair occupied the dais on account of the absence from England of Queen Alexandra.

The King, arrayed in robes of crimson silk and velvet, edged with gold lace and surrounded by a heavy canopy, having seated himself on the throne, commanded the presence of the Commons to hear his speech.

The speech contained no surprises. The usual reference to the continuance of friendly relations with foreign powers was followed by a paragraph rejoicing over the fact that the Russo-Japanese war had "been brought to an end by the satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations commenced in August and due to the initiative of the United States which has resulted in an honorable peace."

Referring to the Moroccan conference the King remarked: "It is earnestly to be hoped that the result of these negotiations may be conducive to the maintenance of peace among all nations."

Colorless mention was made of the Anglo-Japanese treaty, the dissolution of the union of Norway and Sweden, and the restoration of Macedonia, which had "continued to give cause for anxiety."

The speech closed with a mention of prospective legislation. An important paragraph devoted to Ireland was as follows: "My Ministers have under consideration plans for immediately improving and effecting economies in the system of government for Ireland and for introducing therein the means for assuaging the Irish people. It is my desire that the Government of the country, in reliance upon the ordinary law, should be carried on in a spirit respectful of the wishes and sentiments of the Irish people, and I trust that this may conduce to the maintenance of tranquillity and good feeling between the different classes of the community."

It was noticeable that the King was still suffering from the injury to his knee. He walked haltingly, aided by a stick.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—When the members of the House of Commons arrived at the House this afternoon to commence the business of the session they found a motley crowd of women waiting outside, who were eager to enlist the legislators in support of the woman's suffrage bill.

In the House of Lords Marquis of Northampton (Liberal) moved the address in reply to the King's speech and Lord Herschell (Liberal) seconded the motion.

Lord Lansdowne (Unionist), the former Foreign Secretary, replied. He said with regard to the Algeiras conference that he looked with suspicion on any attempt to correct a bad administration by international control. A single power was much more likely to succeed.

The House of Commons was crowded when the business of the session was begun. The King's speech having been formally read by Speaker Lowther, W. H. Dickinson (Liberal) moved the address in a brief speech and E. D. Ackland (Liberal) seconded it.

Joseph Chamberlain, rising from the front opposition benches, said he was speaking at the request of former Premier Balfour, who was temporarily absent. Chamberlain said that he felt sure that the Premier, Henry Campbell-Bannerman, would welcome back the man who for a longer period than any other during the last century had led the deliberations of the House.

Chamberlain then paid a tribute to Ackland's speech, and, turning immediately to the fiscal question, he said the Government should remember its majority in the House of Commons was much greater in proportion than its majority in the country. In fact, the opposition had nearly half the country behind it.

Chamberlain lengthily discussed the proposed changes in the government of the Transvaal colony. He delivered a fighting speech. He demanded that the

POLICE CLEAR THE CHAMBER

Force Used in Carrying Out Emperor's Decree Dissolving Hungarian Parliament

CAVALRY CALLED OUT

Members of Coalition Party Defy the Throne and Decide to Resume Sessions

BUDAPEST, Feb. 19.—The Hungarian Parliament was dissolved this morning with the use of force. The floor and corridors of the building were cleared by the police. There was no resistance and the members of the coalition party declared that the dissolution was unconstitutional and illegal, and that they would hold a meeting on Wednesday in Parliament building unless prevented by troops, in which case the meeting will be held elsewhere.

The session opened at 10 o'clock. The Vice President read letters from General Nyiri, the royal commissioner, and Herr Justh, president of the lower house. He declared that the royal rescript dissolving Parliament forwarded by General Nyiri, was unconstitutional and illegal, and energetically protested against it. The Vice President proposed that the House ignore the rescript and return to the Emperor-King. The House unanimously accepted the proposal with prolonged cheers.

Thereafter the minutes of the meeting were adopted. The Deputies were notified to reassemble on Wednesday and the House adjourned.

The royal rescript dissolving Parliament was left lying unopened on the President's desk and the members left the House singing the Kossuth hymn. The floor was almost cleared when a captain of Hungarian militia, at the head of five soldiers, with fixed bayonets, and a large number of policemen who had previously entered by a side door, entered the House. The captain and soldiers mounted the President's tribune and the policemen occupied the floor. The captain then opened and read the rescript amid constant interruption from the galleries and the Deputies who had returned to the floor. All present united in singing the Kossuth hymn, with the result that not a word of the rescript could be heard.

The police escorted several of the noisiest members from the floor and then slowly cleared the galleries and corridors.

A large crowd of cheering Deputies escorted Francis Kossuth, Count Albert Apponyi and other leaders from the floor. The police surrounded the group and squadrons of cavalry and one regiment of infantry, a battalion of militia and a thousand policemen.

Count Albert Apponyi, who, with Francis Kossuth, leads the coalition party, expressed himself as highly gratified with the events of this morning. He said he considered that the coalition had gained a signal victory over the crown as the result of the crown's method of attempting to dissolve the Parliament.

Speaking of Hungary's insistence on the use of the Magyar language as the word of command in the army, Count Apponyi explained that this was not simply a matter of national principle and pride. Said he:

Hungary is a crippled nation without her own army; she is like a man deprived of his limbs. Obligatory military service of all Hungarian youths for three years in an Austrian army under the Austrian flag tends to demoralize them and counteract, at their impressionable age, all instruction and training along lines of national institutions and patriotism received up to the time they entered the army. Military service in an Austrian army tends to destroy the feelings of nationalism in our young men. This is why we demand the Magyar command words and the use of the Hungarian flags and emblems in our army.

It is our army; we pay for it. Our army is an institution of the state, not the bodyguard of the King. A nation with military institutions for training her young men which are distinctly foreign in character feels subjugated. Military life is most efficient and efficient form of national education, the most efficient school of true citizenship and patriotism on earth, but in Hungary this education is all Austrian, not Hungarian.

Comparatively few magnates were present in the Upper House this morning when the President read to the magnates the royal rescript dissolving the House. The House protested, but accepted the rescript and adjourned.

Government give plain answers regarding the proposed legislation for South Africa and Ireland, and said that any measure looking to home rule would meet with strenuous opposition. He also warned the Government that it had not heard the last of tariff reform.

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