

Municipal Employees Forced to Pay Initiative

Schmitz Central Club a Device for Holdup
Old Graft to be Probed

Schmitz and Ruef Face Forty-Five Indictments
Supervisors Will Wait

The next big task which the Grand Jury will undertake is the investigation of the graft and extortion that for years is alleged to have been practiced by Ruef and Schmitz in connection with the Schmitz Central Club. This "club," it is alleged, was nothing more than a holdup scheme engineered by Ruef and Schmitz, and the Grand Jury is said to be in possession of evidence to show that the boss and the Mayor managed to bleed all the city employees and make them contribute to the campaign fund.

Since the recent investigation by Burns and Heney, several disappointed followers of Ruef and Schmitz have come to the front and told the whole story. They recited how they were held up for months around election time and forced to part with a portion of their wages in order that the so-called campaign fund might be swelled. According to the stories told to the Grand Jury every man on the municipal payroll was forced to contribute his mite. A regular schedule was in force, and when payday came around the municipal employees were forced to turn over their percentage, which, it is understood, went either to Ruef or Mayor Schmitz direct.

Even the street sweepers and laborers employed by the Board of Public Works were assessed their pro rata at the end of every month. It is known that several of these employees rebelled on the grounds that they were not supposed to support the Schmitz party. However, when they were informed that refusal would mean the forfeiting of their jobs, they quickly lapsed into silence and fell in line with the others. As thousands of men were on the payrolls of the municipal government it is estimated that the Mayor and the big boss collected fabulous sums, which their unfortunate underlings were forced to work long and weary hours to earn. All this money was supposed to have gone toward conducting the affairs of the Schmitz party, but whether or not Ruef and Schmitz turned in all this money into a real campaign fund or not, remains to be seen.

The old Schmitz Central Club was supposed to be a patriotic organization when it was formed. The orators would spellbind the workmen when they gathered at its meetings and tell them what Ruef and Schmitz would do for them when they took the reins of office.

But all the time the boss and the Mayor were busy passing the hat, according to stories told by some of their former henchmen. The patriotic cloak which covered the real methods of the "club" did its duty well for a while. The municipal employees handed over their contributions and Ruef and Schmitz are said to have raked in the coin as fast as it came, with never a soul to question their methods. When the Grand Jury takes up this work of inquiring into the campaign fund contributions, it will surely secure some startling evidence. There are so many employees of the municipal departments that were forced to give up, according to the stories, that the inquisitorial body is certain to secure the whole workings of the "club" from some of them who have naturally become sore when compelled time after time to dig down in their pockets and share their earnings with the boss and the Mayor.

Halsey Denies He Left to Avoid Subpena
Ready for Grand Jury

Theodore V. Halsey of the Pacific States Telephone Company, who, it was reported, could furnish important evidence to the Grand Jury in connection with the sale of a franchise to the Home Telephone Company and who was absent from San Francisco for a time, has returned to the city. When he left here the report was spread that he had sought to dodge a subpoena, but he states that he went to Seattle solely on business for the telephone company. Halsey will hold himself in readiness to go before the Grand Jury at any time he may be summoned. It was charged that to Halsey had been assigned the task of entertaining the supervisors during the time that the franchise question was pending.

Acting Mayor Gallagher Avoids Questioners

Acting Mayor Gallagher declines to talk for publication. The gentleman fears, possibly, that he might say too much. To avoid reporters he sometimes indulges in tricks that make evident his fear of being asked embarrassing questions.

For more than a week the acting Mayor has positively refused to discuss public business. Indeed, he has been in his office but few times during that period, and as far as the public is concerned it seems quite evident that the city would be as well off without an acting Mayor who doesn't know how to act.

Even at the acting Mayor's home it is not possible to get into communication with him. When it has been known that he is in the house, the statement is given out that he is away, no one knows where, and that he will not return until "very, very late in the night."

Only on certain occasions is the acting Mayor in evidence. He appears on the street quite often, riding with a considerable show of dignity in the automobile bought for him by the Supervisors. But the acting Mayor's act is only a short scene. It hasn't even the trimmings of a painted mansion nor the glory of a calcium. He will soon have played his little part in the farce of Ruefism.

PASSENGERS FALL FROM CARS
James Bradley, 1784 Folsom street, fell from a Kentucky-street car last night and was slightly injured. Hugo Thumber, 829 DeSales street, fell from a McAllister-street car and is suffering from concussion of the brain at Central Emergency Hospital.

ing Company was arrested on a similar charge in evidence. In the case called to Madrid and Paris avenues yesterday to remove a horse that had fallen over a 12-foot embankment. It was hoisted out of the hole uninjured and turned over to its owner. J. E. Beebe was convicted by Police Judge Shortall of beating a mule with an iron pipe and fined \$30.

Nicholas Retires Into Hiding For Time
Receives No Callers

Supervisor F. P. Nicholas, against whom it is said the Grand Jury has voted to return an indictment for graft in connection with the purchase of furniture for the several city department offices, has gone into hiding. Inquiries at Nicholas' house last night, 813 Baker street, elicited nothing more satisfactory at first than the information that Nicholas was "out." Later it was stated at his home that he was out of town, and it could not be learned where he would be. It is believed he received a hint that an indictment was in preparation for him and has gone into hiding until the storm of inquiry has subsided.

Heney on Trail of Gallagher

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ence amassed by Secret Agent Burns which will be used in an attempt to establish the fact that Gallagher was cognizant of all the graft carried on in the Board of Supervisors and that as chairman of the finance committee no bills could be passed without his assent and supervision.

The finance committee, so Heney will attempt to prove by the evidence secured by Burns, played a prominent part in the building, supplies, telephone and other big grafts which have been a part of the graft since April and upon which the most sensational revelations yet to be made in the inquiry will hinge. Heney was sure of all his facts, it is declared, at the time he called Schmitz, Ruef and the members of the Board of Supervisors "unconvicted felons" and said that the assault made by them on the prosecutor's office was a confession of their guilt.

The programme Heney will follow in prosecuting against Gallagher and the Supervisors, it is declared, will be as follows:

Indictments will be sought against each of them on separate and specific charges similar to the indictment asked for the desk graft, in which Supervisor Nicholas is involved. No attempt will be made to group Gallagher and the Supervisors collectively in any of these indictments, but separate bills will be asked for in each individual case of graft. As soon as the indictment has been secured, Heney will proceed to present further evidence against the same individual or individuals on other charges. The cases to be worked up against the grafting officials, in other words, will be independent of one another and complete in themselves, and separate bills will be asked for each. The securing of bills in the present case to play an unusual factor in the investigation now on, if indictments are returned at the same rate and frequency as they already have been in the case of Ruef and Schmitz, the surety companies will have to give bonds for a number of more than one city official.

One thing that became known yesterday, however, will give municipal grafters some cause. That is the fact that Heney is personally opposed to the fixing of a ball at prohibitive figures when more than one indictment is returned against men now being investigated, who have less money than Ruef or Schmitz. Heney is not seeking to make indictments spend their time in jail before being brought to trial. The trial of the men is the sole thing he is aiming at, and his object in separating the cases of individual officials indicted for similar charges is done to insure this end. In the present case having to be given on five different charges, in brief, he would much prefer that it would be small in each instance and come from five different sources, rather than that it should be so large in bulk that bondsmen could not be secured and the indicted official must be sent to jail to await trial.

HUSH-A-BYE, DOLLY, MONKEY'S NEAR
BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Nov. 13.—That the monkeys in the London Zoo have been recently supplied with dolls and apparatus of a highly delighted with these unaccustomed playthings are facts which Americans may already have become acquainted. The spectacle now afforded at the Regent's Park monkey-house of humans gravely mothering doll-babies is, however, a highly novel one, and as there has been a lot of curiosity as to how the thing came to pass and how it is regarded by the powers that be in the Zoological Gardens, I yesterday interviewed the secretary of the "Zoo" on both these engrossing points.

Oddly enough, it seems that the introduction of London's monkeys to the delights of playing with dolls is entirely due to W. P. Dando, who, it was explained, is the official photographer to the Zoological Gardens. Recently Mr. Dando went to the monkey-house to take some photographs of the chimpanzees there, and with him went his little girl, who happened to be carrying a fluffy-haired wax doll. "Mickie," one of the chimpanzees, was so attracted by the doll that the photographer could not get him quiet enough to take a picture, and at last, in desperation, he handed the plaything over to the monkey. The result was eminently satisfactory. After playing a few minutes with the toy "Mickie" started to behave as if possessed by the doll, holding it in his arms as carefully as if it had been alive.

The next few days all the other apes were jealous of "Mickie." Some of them wept and refused to be comforted. Jerry Dunn, the keeper in charge of them, told the inquiring public of the state of affairs. Dolls of all kinds, from half broken china ones to rag babies, began arriving at the Zoo. Some were brought by little girls; others came by post addressed to different apes by name. And then there was rejoicing in the monkey house. Each ape was supplied with a woolly doll or rag baby.

The china offerings were thrown away by the careful Jerry, who feared breakages and perhaps wounding of his pets. The dolls still come every few days. A constant supply is needed, for, excepting "Mickie," the dwarf chimpanzee, and "Della," the red-haired orang-outang, who are careful, the bigger apes play with their dolls for a little while and then tear them to pieces. The monkeys are now shut up in glass cages for the winter. If Jerry

Jury Will Probe Pett Police Graft
Evidence Is on Hand

Graft in the Police Department will be one of the new matters introduced to the attention of the Grand Jury by Prosecutor Heney when that body reconvenes on Tuesday.

Conclusive evidence is in the hands of the graft investigators, it became known yesterday, of trafficking in stars to official policemen, the assignment of policemen to theaters and other places of public amusement, and the "stinking down" of Chinese desirous of returning to San Francisco from Oakland and other suburban towns since the earthquake and fire.

The selling of stars to special policemen, according to evidence amassed by Secret Agent Burns, has been one of the pet peeves of the grafting officials in the Police Department. Money which has likewise been supposed to go into the city treasury from the service of bluecoats detailed to public places of amusement has reverted to the pockets of official policemen, the assignment regarded as a perquisite of their office, which no one had a right to question.

The police, according to the evidence, had all the time refused to this form of graft that they appeared to consider any one who refused to be unfit for service in the department. The axiom that maintains in other big cities among the superior officers of the Police Department that the wisest bluecoat is invariably the wealthiest one, seems to have been fully appreciated in San Francisco. Graft in all its ramifications was more familiar to some of them than the business of catching crooks or detecting crime, and Burns has come into possession of information that makes some of the experienced shake-down men of the police in Chicago and New York look like amateurs when compared with those in San Francisco.

The holding up of Chinese since the earthquake is by far the most reprehensible of all the grafting that has come to the knowledge of Burns since he has been investigating the police. The evidence in this matter is the most conclusive in his possession. It was secured from the lords of Chinatown in Oakland, who were at first disinclined to make any revelations. Pressure was brought to bear on them through the Chinese Ambassador at Washington, Sir Chenung Liang Cheng, however, and they finally relented at Burns' disposal an exhaustive mass of evidence. This includes names of policemen, dates on which they shook down Chinamen, and the amounts paid by the latter, as testimony goes, it is among the most detailed in possession of the graft investigators.

TWO CORPORATIONS PETITION THE COURT FOR DISSOLUTION
McNeill Elevator Company and the Electrical Engineering Concerns.
The Electrical Engineering Company yesterday filed a petition in the Superior Court for a decree of dissolution. All its debts have been paid and the assets set forth as \$5669.06 in collectible bills and \$320.32 cash. S. V. Mooney, John H. Miller, J. A. Stephens and A. A. Roe are the directors. A petition for dissolution was also filed by the A. J. McNeill Elevator Company, which claims to have assets of \$11,600, of which \$11,000 is in outstanding bills and \$600 in cash. All the company's debts have been paid. The directors are S. V. Mooney, A. J. McNeill, J. A. Stephens, M. H. Robbins Jr. and G. W. McNeill. The dissolution of both corporations was determined upon at stockholders' meetings on November 13.

CHAPTER ENTERTAINS CHILDREN
California Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, gave an enjoyable entertainment in Albert Pike Memorial Temple on Geary street last night. It was in the nature of a juvenile party and was attended by many children of members. The programme included instrumental music, songs and recitations by the little ones. After the recitals a luncheon was given for the children, and then refreshments were served to the adults. Souvenir bonbonnières filled with candies were distributed to the children. Those who entertained were the Misses Whitely, Miss Lucille McLean, Miss Gladys Blakeway, Melvin Glendemann, Donald McLean, Miss Clara Harder, Miss Clara Hatteroff and Miss Laura Ferguson.

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