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## GREAT VESSELS IN TRIED IN MORNING; COLLISION HANGED AT NOON

**CHERBOURG, Nov. 21.**—A dispatch received here reports that the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which left Southampton and Cherbourg today for New York, has been in collision with the Royal Mail steamer Orinoco. Both vessels were severely damaged. It is declared that four members of the crew of the Kaiser Wilhelm were killed, while twelve were injured. Five members of the crew of the Orinoco are missing and are supposed to have been drowned. The Orinoco left Southampton today for West Indian ports and New York.

**CENTER, Texas, Nov. 21.**—Dick Garrett, the negro who killed Dr. M. M. Paul here last Saturday, was hanged this afternoon. The Grand Jury returned an indictment yesterday morning, the scaffold was constructed last night on the public square, the trial was held this morning and the execution took place at 12 o'clock.

**GRANGE MEETS AT HARTFORD**  
**DENVER, Nov. 21.**—The National Grange voted today to hold its forty-first annual convention in 1907 at Hartford, Conn. Committee reports favoring the establishment of a parcels post and endorsing the railroad rate legislation were adopted.

**DIES IN BATHROOM**—Thomas Reed, an ironworker, was found dead in a bathroom at 1805 Post street yesterday. Rooms in the house forced open the door and found Reed sitting on the floor with life extinct. His death is supposed to have been due to heart failure.

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## Ruef Demanded Blackmail, Not a Fee

### Debret Tells of Britt and Levy Bodyguard of the Indicted Boss Are Not Yet Subpenaed

With a story that materially adds to the mass of evidence accumulated against the avaricious Ruef and Mayor Schmitz, Michael Debret, formerly of Marchand's restaurant, came to this city yesterday from Mayfield and told how he had become the reluctant victim of the boss' graft. Already indictments have been brought against the Mayor and the boss for levying blackmail on Marchand's, and in that matter the testimony heard yesterday strengthens the case and makes Heney doubly sure of conviction.

Debret was able to add interesting details to the story of the robbery by the Ruef-Schmitz outfit, declaring that the boss insisted that blood money should be paid in greenbacks. He insisted that there should be no checks which might later be traced; there should be no telltale memoranda which could be used in a court to insure stripes for Ruef.

Debret told the Grand Jury of payments of sums of money by the Marchand proprietors—\$2175 in 1905 and \$1000 in 1906. The witness assured the Grand Jury that there was no understanding that Ruef was to act as attorney for the restaurant men. The money paid was blackmail, collected on the promise that during the Schmitz administration the French restaurant should not be interfered with.

Pierre Prieur handled the fund collected in 1905. This year Malfant took \$3000 for Marchand, Loupy and himself to Ruef. During the collection of the first tribute Loupy had collected for his contribution to the Ruef-Schmitz syndicate was but \$300. Ruef, the head of the agency, wouldn't stand to have the sum curtailed and made the other restaurant men pay \$1000 in addition to the \$3000 promised, before he would promise immunity. Ruef was the dealer of the game and he played his cards to win.

No question was asked Ruef by Debret and his associates concerning how he intended to help them or what power he had in the matter. All they heard was the current report "see Ruef," and when they saw Ruef and had consented to be bled by him they got what they expected.

The taking of Debret's testimony, which the Grand Jury was to complete this particular line of evidence.

James Coffroth says that there is not enough money in the fighting game to leave a surplus for a corruption fund. Eddie Graney declares that he assured the Grand Jury that he paid not a farthing for fight permits, and Willis Britt and Morris Levy declare that they have not yet been called to tell the inquisition in Native Sons' Hall that they have seen no piece of money pass from the coffers of the Associated Athletic Clubs to the bank account of members of the Board of Supervisors or the strongbox of Abe Ruef.

Thus it would seem that the fight trust investigation had not yet come into the ring. Still, the Grand Jury does not miss a chance to probe into the quest of the golden coins which, to the extent of \$20,000, it is rumored, went to the Supervisors and Ruef for the privilege of having a monopoly on the game.

Coffroth spoke at some length last night on the possibilities of the Grand Jury discovering any graft. "I know I paid nothing," he said, "and I don't think that the other members of the trust did either, for reasons which I might explain.

"The report says that \$20,000 was paid, \$5000 by each of us four members. Now, a fight promoter does not make more than \$3000 or \$4000 in a year so far as my experience goes. As I told the Grand Jury yesterday, there was less than \$1000 profit to be divided among the four members after the Nell-Tenny fight. If I remember correctly I sent each of the four—Graney, Levy, Britt and myself—a check for \$241. We cleared scarcely \$1000 from the Berger-Kaufman fight, which was a bigger match than the February contest. Now I don't see where you are going to get \$20,000 or even \$5000 out of that profit to spend for graft."

Graney said last evening that while he was in the jury-room Heney asked him if he had paid to Ruef, or any of the Supervisors, \$5000 or any amount of money in the interest of the fight trust. The blacksmith stated that he had made no such payment.

Morris Levy was about Fillmore street last night preparing for a jaunt to Los Angeles, and he was sure he had not been subpoenaed to testify before the Grand Jury. Willis Britt said that he had been neglected in that matter, too. Neither Levy nor Britt is camping on Burns' doorstep in the hope of finding a tailor-made subpoena, but both said last night that they had not paid for any permit beyond the regular license.

Frank J. Burke, attorney for the fight trust, as well as for the Belvedere Company, admitted yesterday that he thought the Grand Jury was as desirous of examining him on the legal phases of pugilism as on the legal aspect of music halls. Burke expects to be summoned before Judge Murasky today to defend himself for not answering the questions put to him by the Grand Jury.

Abe Ruef, the bewildered boss, who during the last ten days has been kept busy trying to dodge felony indictments, has apparently lost all of his influence with the Police Department, for he no longer has two detectives, paid by the city, to serve as his personal bodyguard night and day. Chief of Police Dinan yesterday morning issued an order relieving Detectives Steve Bunner and Tim Riordan of the unceremonial duty of protecting his Machivellian Majesty from harm. Dinan did not act on his own initiative in the matter, for it was at the suggestion of the Police Commissioners that Ruef was deprived of the unusual privilege which had been accorded him since the day he made his impudent attempt to South-Americanize this city by trying to seize the District Attorney's office.

The spectacle of a man with five felony indictments against him being politely escorted by police from place to place on his private business was enough to make the gods gleeful.

It was the action of Commissioners Creswell and Umben which brought to an end the face of paid city detectives guarding a man whose criminal acts have brought discredit to the city. Creswell and Umben notified Dinan to detail Detectives Bunner and Riordan to their regular work. Bunner has been reassigned to police duty and Riordan has received orders to report hereafter to Captain Duke.

This is the first rebellion against the power of Ruef and Schmitz on the part of any of the boards appointed by the Mayor, and it is taken as an indication that Ruef's star is well-nigh set in the political horizon.

## OFFICER TESTIFIES AGAINST CARUSO

**NEW YORK, Nov. 21.**—Enrico Caruso, the famous Italian tenor, faced an audience of 600 persons in the Yorkville Police Court today and denied positively that he had made indecent advances to Mrs. Hannah K. Graham in the monkey house in Central Park last Friday. He declared that his arrest was due to pique on the part of the woman because he failed to respond to which she made to him. Mrs. Graham was not present to press the charge which she lodged against the singer, and several police officers testified that they had vainly exercised every effort to find her.

Officer Cain, the Park policeman who arrested Caruso, was the first witness called. He said he had seen Caruso in the building at times before and had watched him particularly in the monkey house on the day in question he saw Caruso following two girls, one of them being about 12 years old.

Cain said that later he saw Caruso move up close to Mrs. Graham and then saw one of Caruso's hands glide stealthily through a slit in his overcoat. Caruso then pinched the woman. Mrs. Graham turned swiftly and struck Caruso in the chest, crying out, "you brute, you beast."

Cain testified that he then stepped between Caruso and Mrs. Graham and, placing his hand on Caruso's shoulder, he asked the woman what had happened. She replied that the man had insulted her and that she wanted him arrested. She followed along to the police station and swore to the complaint.

A young man who gave his name as Jeremiah McCarthy, corroborated Cain's testimony as to Caruso's actions in the monkey house.

Caruso's testimony was a denial of the charge made against him, with the exception that he did exchange glances with the woman who afterward, he said, gave her name as Mrs. Graham and made the charge against him. He said Mrs. Graham looked at him and smiled first.

The examination of Caruso had not been completed when the Magistrate ordered that the case be adjourned until tomorrow.

## CHICAGO SWEEP BY HEAVY STORM

**CHICAGO, Nov. 21.**—Much damage was done in Chicago and suburbs today by a severe rain, snow and wind storm. In the business district a number of signs were blown down and several pedestrians sustained slight injuries. The chimney of a building at 128 Clark street was sent crashing through a skylight, covering the kitchen of a restaurant next door. The room was filled with waiters, who fled in wild panic into the dining-room as the mass of brick came down upon them. The patrons of the restaurant, seeing the waiters in full flight, became panic-stricken in turn, and all rushed into the street, several persons being severely bruised in the crush.

The official figure given for the maximum velocity of the gale was fifty-eight miles an hour, but in the outlying district the wind attained a speed much greater. In parts of South Chicago the gale blew fences across the street faster than the police force and firemen could clear them away. The plant of the Chicago Brewery Company at One Hundredth street and Calumet River was severely damaged, a large portion of the siding on the west of the building being stripped off.

At Eighty-fourth place and Bond avenue a newly completed frame building in which a number of men were working was blown down and all the workmen were imprisoned in the debris. They were released by firemen and escaped with slight injuries. The damage to trees and shrubbery in the park and suburbs was heavy, and many shade trees in all sections of the city were leveled. The gale was preceded by a heavy fall of rain.

**TEN INJURED IN WRECK**  
**BUFFALO, Nov. 21.**—A Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh passenger train, eastbound, was wrecked at Golden, 20 miles west of here tonight. Ten passengers were injured, none of them fatally.

## SIEMSEN TO FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE

Although Siemsen, the Kanaka murderer who killed the Japanese banker, has professed on numerous occasions to admit his crime, it was thought the Grand Jury was as desirous of examining him on the legal phases of pugilism as on the legal aspect of music halls. Burke expects to be summoned before Judge Murasky today to defend himself for not answering the questions put to him by the Grand Jury.

Yesterday afternoon Louis Dabner and Siemsen were before Police Judge Shortall to have their preliminary hearing. Each step of the proceedings was narrowly watched by the attorneys for the defendant and every legal quibble and technical objection known in jurisprudence was made in an effort to impede the course of the law.

The principal fight was on the admission of the complete confession of Dabner, in which he admits that Siemsen was his partner in the killing of Pitzner, Friede and Munakata, the Japanese banker. Attorney Greely declared that the confession had been obtained through improper pressure and was not free and voluntary and therefore was inadmissible. He further stated that Siemsen had been forced into admitting that the confession was truthful by improper methods on the part of Captain of Detectives Duke.

The objections were swept away by the court, however, and the written confession of Dabner, which is also signed by Siemsen, was admitted, thus making the complete case against the defendants. The testimony which is to follow is merely a matter of detail. The hearing will probably be concluded on Monday next.

The usual crowd was present in the courtroom. There were many Japanese present, who took deep interest in the proceedings. Siemsen appeared at the Central

## STEAMFITTERS WIN CHARTER FIGHT

**MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 21.**—After a warm debate the committee of the American Federation of Labor this afternoon referred to the executive committee the question of levying an assessment against the federation in favor of the striking structural ironworkers of the country.

It developed that some international unions would be unable to bear increased burdens. James M. Lynch, speaking for the International Typographical Union, said his organization was paying out \$31,000 a week in strike benefits and did not see how his members could bear any further burden. It is more than likely that no financial help can be extended.

The fight of the plumbers and steamfitters was settled by the convention favoring a shorter day for the steamfitters. The charter of the San Francisco steamfitters was upheld by a vote of 450 to 40, McCullen of the St. Louis Trades Council championing the cause of the political campaigners. The convention sent a cable dispatch to President Roosevelt at Porto Rico asking him to look into the conditions of the workmen of that island.

The Amalgamated Woodworkers' and Brotherhood of Carpenters' controversy was settled. The woodworkers are to amalgamate with the carpenters within two years. In the meantime discrimination must stop. A violation means the revocation of the charter by the federation.

Action was taken by the convention as follows: Directing tabulation and work of various labor organizations during the political campaign; and President Gompers to suggest the best course to pursue in future campaigns; sustaining condemnation by the Iowa federation of the decision of Judge Smith McPherson of the United States Court against the striking machinists of the Santa Fe Railroad; demanding that Congress recognize the people of Porto Rico as American citizens, with full rights; demanding more stringent immigration laws; protesting against employment of Chinese on the Panama canal.

**BABE DIES IN MOTHER'S ARMS**  
**REDDING, Nov. 21.**—Mrs. Walter Moody, who came up from Anderson with her husband last evening, went to bed in a room in the Edmond House in this city last night at 10 o'clock with her five-months-old daughter Vera in her arms. When Mrs. Moody woke up at 3 o'clock this morning the baby was dead. It had not moved from the position in its mother's arms, but life had left the little body.

Emergency Hospital yesterday afternoon guarded by five patrolmen. He had his finger dressed for the last time by Dr. Frank Tillman. He bade all the attaches a cheerful good-bye on leaving.

**TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE**—Ora C. Kinnel, an attorney, filed a suit yesterday in the United States Circuit Court against Arthur E. Magill of Oakland, and others to foreclose a mortgage for \$3,110 on property in Oakland, San Jose and San Francisco.



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**BANKERS IN CONVENTION**  
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**COGSWELL NOT A SUICIDE**  
**REDDING, Nov. 21.**—The man who shot himself and then jumped from the drawbridge at Sacramento into the Sacramento River last week was not Nat M. Cogswell, formerly of Shasta County, as reported from Sacramento. Nat M. Cogswell is alive and well at 1314 Castro street, Oakland.

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