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RUEF STILL MISSING

Attorneys and Retainers Profess Ignorance of His Whereabouts

ONE BOND FORFEITED

Heny Scores O'Neil for Failing to Produce Arch Graft

FAILING to find his friend and political boss, Abe Ruef, indicted grafter and fugitive from justice, Sheriff Thomas F. O'Neil was disqualified from further "pursuit" by Judge Dunne yesterday. Coroner W. J. Walsh was delegated to take up the hunt. Ruef was still missing, and his attorneys and retainers professed ignorance of the witness stand of the present location of the curly boss.

Disgraced in open court by Superior Judge Dunne, Sheriff Thomas F. O'Neil was removed yesterday from the pursuit of his intimate, political and personal friend, Abe Ruef, the derelict boss and fugitive from justice, whom, the Sheriff admitted, he was unable to find after two days' search. Judge Dunne acted late yesterday afternoon, though he had determined his course at noontime, when he said: "I am satisfied that the Sheriff's office is either incompetent or unable to perform its duties." When O'Neil arose to make a defense the court sternly ordered him to his place.

Later, just before the afternoon adjournment, Assistant District Attorney Heny filed a long affidavit declaring that O'Neil owed his position to the act of Ruef, political boss as well as fugitive, and had expressed himself as desiring to aid Ruef in every way to escape conviction on the charges of which he was under indictment.

Judge Dunne promptly ruled that O'Neil was disqualified from discharging the orders of the court in the Ruef case and the responsibility passed from the professed tool of the administration into the hands of the Sheriff's legal successor in such circumstances—the Coroner, Dr. W. J. Walsh.

RUEF'S BONDS FORFEITED

When court opened yesterday morning Judge Dunne ordered forfeited the bonds in the Aetna Indemnity Company, which Ruef had qualified on before Judge Hebbard on Monday after the extraordinary scene before the court. On Tuesday Ruef's original bond was ordered forfeited and the later ruling was made to protect the city from any technicality.

Ruef was not in court yesterday, and part of the time none of his attorneys were present. Court convened four times, adjourning from time to time to secure the presence of persons who might testify regarding Ruef's whereabouts or to allow for the preparation of the affidavits filed by the prosecution. Among the persons called to the stand to throw light on the mysterious travels of an indicted boss were Charles Haggerty, Ruef's wily office boy; Joe Brockman, Sheriff O'Neil, Bailiff Joseph Moore, Deputy Sheriff Jack Holland, Samuel Shortridge, Frank J. Murphy and Major John J. West, assistant in Ruef's office and, by the same token, attorney to the Sheriff.

Their testimony was evasive where it was not inconsequential. It was plain

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BANKER PUTS AN END TO HIS LIFE WITH A BULLET

Charles Kinkelin Shoots Himself in Home at Ross

CAUSED BY ILLNESS

Dread of a Sanatorium Leads to Tragedy Across Bay

WIFE NOT INFORMED

Had Crossed to the City, Leaving Husband Alone

While suffering from acute melancholia Charles A. Kinkelin, formerly foreign correspondent of the London, Paris and American Bank, sent a bullet into his brain last evening at his handsome residence in Ross Valley. From an upper window in his home he had observed the approach of Dr. H. C. McLenahan of Dr. Gardiner's sanatorium of Belmont, where Kinkelin had been confined for several weeks. Fear that he would be taken back to the sanatorium gripped the weakened mind of the banker and as the physician and his companions rang the door bell a shot told them of the tragedy within. Hastening into the house by the rear door, they found Kinkelin in a dying condition, a bullet-hole in his head. He lingered but half an hour. Kinkelin was home alone at the time. His wife, who is a daughter of W. P. Fuller, the late capitalist, was not informed of the tragedy last night.

Until the disaster of last April Kinkelin was alert and active in business affairs. He owned a beautiful home at 1427 Webster street, besides his residence in Marin County, and maintained offices in the Kohl building. The shock of the April disaster had a noticeable effect upon his mind. Although he came from Ross daily to San Francisco with food for his friends and rendered them all possible assistance, it was apparent that he was undergoing a great change. His condition grew worse, until he developed a case of pronounced melancholia. He gave up his business affairs, sold his San Francisco home and became morose.

Mrs. Kinkelin, after consultation with friends and relatives, placed her husband in the sanitarium of Dr. Gardiner at Belmont for treatment. He entered the institution in December, and apparently improved under the treatment. Two weeks ago it was thought that the banker had regained his strength, and he rejoined his wife in Ross Valley. He was in excellent spirits, and Mrs. Kinkelin was so happy at his recovery that she arranged an evening party, at which her friends assembled to congratulate her and her husband on the latter's return to health. Kinkelin was the jolliest member of the party, and it was thought that all trace of melancholia had left him.

A few days ago, however, the banker showed signs of returning weakness. His wife grew alarmed and anxious and consulted with Franklin P. Bull, a relative. Bull suggested that Dr. McLenahan of Dr. Gardiner's sanatorium visit the patient. Accordingly he had arranged to have the physician call at the Kinkelin home in Ross with Frank and George Fuller, brothers of Mrs. Kinkelin. During the morning Mrs. Kinkelin had come to San Francisco with her two daughters. Her husband had accompanied her to Sausalito and had then returned to Ross.

Last evening Mrs. Kinkelin's two brothers, in company with Dr. McLenahan and Franklin Bull, crossed the bay to Ross. As they approached the Kinkelin residence in company they were perceived from an upper story window by Kinkelin. At the sight of the physician was seized with the fear that

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NICARAGUAN FORCES ARE ROUTED AT NAMASIGUE

Report Received at Panama Tells of Defeat of the Defenders of the Republic PANAMA, Colombia, March 6.—It is reported here that the Nicaraguan forces have been defeated at Namasigue.

Mrs. Thaw Baffles Jerome by Pathetic Story of Prisoner's Melancholia



MOTHER OF HARRY THAW, THE SLAYER OF STANFORD WHITE.

Reading Road Said to Be in Harriman's Clutches

Believed to Have Added Last Link of System Reaching Across Continent

NEW YORK, March 6.—Wall street heard today that Edward H. Harriman, who has been liquidating the Union Pacific commitments in Great Northern and Northern Pacific and Santa Fe, probably had carried out a great railroad coup and that control of the Reading system, together with the Jersey Central, had passed into his hands. For several days there have been evidences of heavy buying of Reading by H. C. Frick and others, who are known to be friendly to the Harriman inter-

Slayer of Stanford White Sees Jury Swayed by Sorrow of Aged Parent

NEW YORK, March 6.—Another dramatic chapter was added to the trial of Harry K. Thaw when the defendant's mother took the witness stand today and testified in the hope of saving her son from the electric chair. Mrs. Thaw's stay before the jury was brief. After Delmas had definitely limited her examination to the change as to her son's condition following his return from Paris in 1903, after Evelyn Nesbit had told him her life story, and after Jerome had with great consideration conducted a short and ineffectual cross-examination, the mother-love welled strongly in Mrs. Thaw and she felt she had not done her all. She was loth to leave the witness chair.

"There is the question of heredity," she protested, when both Delmas and Jerome told her she might step down.

"I have asked you, madam, all that is considered necessary," said Delmas with the utmost deference. Mrs. Thaw half-rose, hesitated, and was about to sit down again when

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