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All His Recommendations Carried Out by the Legislature

By George A. Van Smith
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SACRAMENTO, March 12.—One of the last acts of the Senate of the thirty-seventh Legislature was to re-elect and confirm the nomination of W. V. Stafford to be a member and chairman of the San Francisco Harbor Board.

Governor Gillett is very well pleased with the aggregate performance of the members of the thirty-seventh session. All the recommendations incorporated in his message have been complied with by the enactment of laws satisfactory to the Governor.

BILLS TO BE VETOED

The Governor was saved the necessity of vetoing Senator Wright's change of venue bill and Grove Johnson's affidavit of prejudice bill, either of which would have served to take the trial of Schmitz and Ruef away from Judge Dunne.

The press muzzler passed by Wright may be safely included in the list that will fall beneath the executive hatchet, as will Savage's pet spite measure, which makes libel a felony.

The measures advocated by organized labor will receive the Governor's sanction. He has vetoed one labor measure—the bill fixing \$3 a day as the minimum wage that may be paid on public work—and one more is slated for the ax.

The latter is the measure fixing eight hours as a minimum day for female workers. The Governor has made no official statement touching this measure, but there is no doubt about its veto on several grounds.

FRUIT GROWERS PROTEST
The fruit growing districts promptly sent up a vehement protest, but the second real reason for the Governor's disapproval of the measure lies in the fact that he believes it is so drawn that it would shut women out of domestic service and give Asiatics monopoly of California kitchens.

Gillett is especially pleased with the standard form of insurance bill, which he considers the peer if not the superior of any similar enactment by

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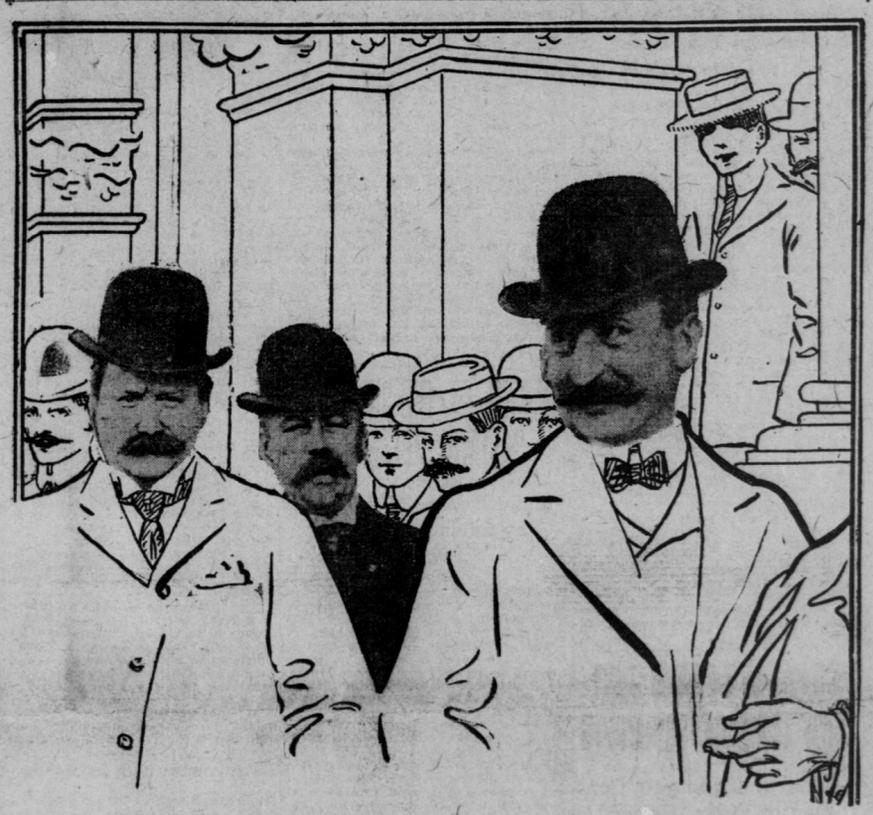
Action of California Legislature Pleases the President

By Ira E. Bennett
WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Japanese question was discussed at the Cabinet meeting today.

The President and Secretary Root are well pleased with the prompt action of Governor Gillett and the Assembly of California in dropping legislation offensive to Japan.

The exclusion amendment until the situation in California is more in line with his own attitude. He has not asked Mayor Schmitz and the San Francisco School Board to make good their promise, but it is well understood here that unless they do make good there will be no exclusion of Japanese laborers coming from Hawaii.

Heney Declares No Boodler Will Be Given Quarter



THE ACCUSED BOODLER AND HIS KEEPERS LEAVING THE COURTROOM. RUEF IS AT THE RIGHT, DETECTIVE BURNS AT THE LEFT AND ELISOR BIGGY IN THE MIDDLE.

BATTLESHIP BLOWS UP; 75 KILLED, 150 INJURED

French Vessel Becomes an Inferno When Powder Magazines Explode

TOULON, March 12.—The powder magazine on board the French battleship Jena blew up this afternoon and as a result Captain Adigard, commander of the battleship, Captain Vertier, chief of staff of the Mediterranean squadron, and from seventy to eighty bluejackets are dead.

The entire afterpart of the Jena was blown to pieces. The bodies of the victims were hurled through the air by a succession of explosions, and panic-stricken workmen at the arsenal fed for their lives from the vicinity of the drydock.

The primary cause of the accident was the explosion of a torpedo. The powder magazines were set on fire and the resulting explosions practically destroyed one of the best vessels in the French navy.

The first explosion was extremely violent and shook the vessel fore and aft. It was followed instantly by other shocks. The crew rushed wildly about the decks and the hundreds of men below deck were enshrouded in smoke.

There are tonight a total of 150 wounded men being cared for in the hospitals or in their own homes. Inspector General Admiral Beniamine believes that the explosion was caused by spontaneous combustion of powder, which disintegrates after a certain time and requires constant inspection for safety.

Trial of Boss May Go On Before Dunne Today

"The prosecution of the bribe givers will not be abandoned as long as I am conducting these cases. If there is to be any move to let up on any one, either bribe giver or bribe taker, they will have to get some one else to take my job."

"It would be foolish to start another agitation which would lead the public to expect the conviction of every millionaire in the city. I am giving my whole attention to the trial of Ruef at this time, and the Grand Jury is waiting for me. But you may rest assured that this is only the beginning."

That Ruef's juggling with the technicalities in a frantic attempt to evade his trial has come to an end is now the belief of the prosecution and the confession of the defense.

"The preliminary skirmish is finished; the trial will now commence," was the way Shortridge expressed that fact yesterday, and Heney saw the matter in the same light, although he expressed his conviction in more direct language.

To settle finally the effect of the writ of error granted by Judge Hebbard, the prosecution has decided to ask the United States Supreme Court to set the matter for hearing on March 25. In the ordinary course of the calendar it would not come up until May 2, but the prosecution is eager to expedite matters.

REMAINS A PRISONER
By order of court Ruef remains a prisoner at the Hotel St. Francis, and none but his attorneys or members of his family may visit him. He is constantly under the eye of Elisor Biggy and Detective Burns' men.

The prisoner appealed to three courts yesterday for relief, and got nothing. Today he will go before Judge Dunne again possibly for trial. In Washington before the United States Supreme Court, Ruef's attorneys say, there will be filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, based on the writ of error issued by Judge Hebbard.

Ruef was haled before Judge Dunne for trial and on a motion to secure release on bail yesterday morning. His trial was postponed until today, that the prosecution might prepare affidavits refuting the sworn alleg-

ARMED CONFLICT IN GOLDFIELD'S STREETS FEARED

Shedding of Blood Seems Imminent Over Labor Controversy

TOWN IN A TURMOIL

George Wingfield and Other Owners Receive Warnings to Leave

CITIZENS PREPARED

Rifles Handy to Meet Any Outbreak Following Vote of Miners

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., March 12.—All the mines of Goldfield were closed down last evening in order to give the miners an opportunity to vote upon the proposition of breaking away from the Industrial Workers of the World.

It had been announced that there would be a parade today of miners who were opposed to the present trouble and not in sympathy with the policy of intimidation and thuggery which has been adopted.

Two shots fired in the rear of the Nixon block at a late hour tonight have thrown the town into turmoil. Members of the citizens' committee will have little sleep tonight.

No one knows the source of the shots, and some express the belief that it was a ruse on the part of sympathizers of the men who are in jail to attract the officers to another part of the town, so that an attempt might be made to release the prisoners.

It is asserted that several men, among them George Wingfield and Diamondfield Jack Davis, have been served with notices to leave town under threats of violence. One man identified with a union not affiliated with the Industrial Workers of the World admits that he has received such a notice.

Two additional arrests were made during the day by Constable Inman of men accused of being in a conspiracy to murder Tony Sylva, the restaurant keeper who was shot down in his doorway on Sunday evening.

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