

# Glass and Detwiler Cases Are Put Over a Week

## FORMER PHONE MANAGER WANTS JURY TRANSCRIPT

Stenographers Overwhelmed by Grind of Wheels of Justice

## FRIEND OF O'NEIL Indicted Pacific States Man Cultivating Good Will of Sheriff

Louis Glass, former manager of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company, was given another week by Judge Lawlor yesterday to make answer to the nine indictments for bribery returned against him by the Grand Jury. The continuance was granted for the reason that the transcript of the testimony taken before the Grand Jury had not been delivered to T. C. Coogan, the defendant's attorney. When the cases against Glass were called Attorney C. W. Cobb, representing the prosecution, answered "Ready." He stated, however, that the transcript of testimony had not been completed, and that if the defendant would not waive his right to examine it before entering his plea, it would be impossible to go on with the case. Coogan declared that the defense would not go on without the transcript, and that he wished to have three days to digest it after it had been delivered to him. Cobb explained that the testimony of thirty witnesses had to be written up, that twenty of this number had already been disposed of, and that the transcript would be ready for Coogan by Monday.

Judge Lawlor ordered the delivery at that time, gave Coogan the three days asked for and set the cases for next Thursday morning. Glass conversed with Sheriff O'Neil almost continuously during the proceedings. Coogan stated on leaving the courtroom that he expected to represent Glass at the trial, but would not say whether it was the intention of the defense to examine the grand jurors as to what was done in the Ruef cases, or what his client's plea would be.

The cases of A. K. Detwiler, the fugitive Toledoan indicted in connection with the Home Telephone hoodlums, were on the calendar in Judge Lawlor's court for arraignment yesterday. When Detwiler's name was called Sheriff O'Neil filed a return stating that he had been unable to locate the millionaire. A letter from Chief of Police Dixon was also filed, stating that he had sent out descriptions of the fugitive and copies of the bench warrants held by him to all the principal cities of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba and the Philippines. The cases were also put over to next Thursday.

## Los Angeles Men Fear Loss of the Home Company Franchise

### Issue Statement Attempting to Show What Advantageous Terms the City Secured From Them

LOS ANGELES, April 4.—Local capitalists interested in the Home Telephone Company of San Francisco have sent to the Times the following statement:

Statement concerning Home Telephone franchise in San Francisco:

Check paid for franchise to the city of San Francisco, \$100,000. The requirement was that the price be in gold, and this being impossible right after the fire, \$25,000 was paid in the city and \$75,000 was given by certified check to the relief fund. Under the provision of the franchise the city acquires the use, free of charge, of 600 telephones, the estimated value to the city being \$8 per month each, or \$4800 per month, or \$57,600 per year, or 5 per cent interest on nearly \$2,500,000. The telephone company under the Broughton act is required to pay 2 per cent of the gross receipts after five years to the city granting the franchise. The gross receipts after five years are estimated to be the proceeds of 50,000 telephones paying an average of \$6 per telephone per month. This would amount to \$3,000,000 per month, or \$36,000,000 per year, of which would total not less than \$72,000,000. This, capitalized at 5 per cent, means annual interest on approximately \$1,440,000,000. In addition to the foregoing the city acquires the free use of two ducts in the underground system throughout the city for its alarm, telegraph and general municipal wires. It has been stated that similar franchise grants by municipalities to the telephone companies paid for the telephone franchise in San Francisco was the highest ever paid by any corporation for any purpose in any city in the world.

## FIELD ARTILLERY COMING BURLINGTON, Vt., April 4.—The Twenty-seventh Battery, United States Field Artillery, left Fort Ethan Allen today for the Pacific Coast to embark for the Philippines.

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## DETWILER AS FUGITIVE

Indicted Millionaire Must Surrender at Once or Be Placarded

## HIS BROTHER WARNED

Prosecutors Send Dispatch to Relative Telling of Plan Adopted

Abram Detwiler, the Toledo millionaire indicted for giving bribes to Ruef and the Supervisors, is to be placarded and advertised throughout the United States as a fugitive from justice wanted for a felony, unless he surrenders himself within the next few days to the authorities in San Francisco.

## CAMPAIGN DONATIONS CONCERN GRAND JURY

Inquisitors Hear About Contributions Made by Corporations

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against the Home Telephone Company, it threw a flood of light on the methods of the corporation. At the opening of the campaign Abram K. Detwiler became intensely interested in the municipal political situation. He was in conference almost daily with leaders on both sides of the fight. He threw his "influence" to the fusion cause. When the Ruef landslide swept the present Board of Supervisors into office, Detwiler got busy on the other side, and his activity among the Ruef Supervisors led to his indictment.

One of the offenses of the Schmitz administration is beyond the reach of the Grand Jury. This is the campaign contribution graft. Corporations, big and little, were wheedled or sand-bagged, generally the latter, into contributing to the Schmitz campaign fund in the last two municipal battles. Saloon-keepers were forced to get in line, and after the money had all been collected the Mayor and Abe Ruef divided it up. All campaign expenses were paid out of the fund raised by the Schmitz Central Club, from employees of the city.

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC YIELDS

Through its political bureau, it said to have yielded large sums on Abe's representation that the big corporation was in danger of losing a tractable Mayor. This game was worked in 1903 and again in 1905, and Abe and Eugene profited largely. Several other corporations, looking for favors helped the jingle in the sack.

The campaign of 1905 was particularly fruitful. Besides the contributions of the capitalists of industry more than \$30,000 was raised by forcing saloon-keepers to give up. No retailer of liquor was assessed less than \$10. What the owners of saloon "cafes" paid is not known, as they still have to deal with a Schmitz police board and are not telling secrets.

Meanwhile the Schmitz Central Club was collecting coin by the barrel. Every employee of the city administration had to give something. Not even the streetsweepers were exempt. The man who couldn't afford \$10 submitted to a more modest demand. "Contributions" ranged from \$2 to amounts in the grand larceny class. This was enough to pay campaign expenses and it was used for that purpose, but days before the election half of the rich peace offerings of the corporations and the saloon-keepers knew the feel of the push that lined the Mayor's treasure casket and the other half was part of the bank account of Abraham Ruef.

## IMPROVING MARKET AND CHURCH STREETS

Club Appoints Committee to Demand That United Railroads Remove Its Dirt Piles

The Market and Church Street Improvement Club, which is rapidly becoming a strong factor in the bettering of the vicinity whose name it bears, held an enthusiastic meeting at Puckett's Hall last night.

W. J. Healy, president of the club, announced that the committee on streets had obtained the promise of President Duffey of the Board of Public Works to sprinkle the streets in the vicinity without further delay.

## ASKS JURY TO INDICT SPRING VALLEY OFFICERS

Troy Says They Have Menaced His Life in Effort to Collect Water Bill

E. P. E. Troy of 632 Point Lobos avenue sent a communication to the Grand Jury yesterday requesting that the officers of the Spring Valley Company be indicted for extortion.

## BANTEL FORSWEARS HIS ALLEGIANCE TO RUEF

City Treasurer Refuses to Obey Mayor in Scheme to Help Keane

## KICKS OVER TRACES

Blocks the Plan to Make Boyle Chief Deputy in the Office

City Treasurer Charles A. Bantel is the latest administration official to kick over the traces. He, too, has forsworn his allegiance to Abe Ruef and the Mayor, and in so doing has upset a little political scheme which Schmitz had set on foot to embarrass the Supervisors and others who had turned against him. The Mayor intends to take George Keane, who was ousted last week from the position of clerk of the Board of Supervisors, back into his official family.

Keane, according to the programme, is again to become the private secretary of the Mayor. In order to bring this to pass the Mayor asked Bantel to take care of John J. Boyle, who now holds the position which is to go to Keane. Schmitz asked Bantel to make Boyle his chief deputy. The position had been made vacant by the resignation of Edward O'Connor, but Bantel absolutely refused to appoint Boyle.

The Mayor's scheme has been blocked for a time, but Schmitz is already casting about for some other berth for Boyle, who, he has positively decided, must be removed as his private secretary to make room for Keane.

That Bantel's decision not to appoint Boyle is final was made plain yesterday when he promoted David Davis, the receiving teller in his office, to the position of chief deputy. Fred J. Winter was appointed receiving teller and William Stanbury, a clerk in Bantel's office, was promoted to the place formerly held by Winter. The remaining vacancy has not yet been filled, but it is hardly a place that Boyle would care to accept.

Boyle is a brother of the School Director, and it is said that the Boyle family is not altogether pleased at this latest political maneuver of the Mayor. The Mayor's secretary is aware of the fact that he is to be ousted to make room for George Keane and is wondering where he will land, if at all. Keane had been on the city payroll from the day Schmitz became Mayor two years ago, and is eager to get back on again.

## GRAND JURY BELIEVES HOME LAWYERS INNOCENT

Frick Joins in Testimony That Detwiler Operated in Gum Shoes

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to Detwiler in purchasing the votes of the Supervisors for the Home Company's franchise in San Francisco. All the witnesses examined before the Grand Jury yesterday, in fact, tended to convince the prosecution that Detwiler was a gunshoe operator in the matter of passing bribes, and did his work with the utmost secrecy.

Frank W. Wachter, superintendent of the Empire Construction Company, was among the other witnesses examined. Wachter comes from Los Angeles and formerly lived in Toledo. He is very intimate with Detwiler and had charge of most of the construction work of the Home Company in Oakland and other places in California. Wachter was frequently consulted on affairs of the company by Detwiler, he admitted, but he swore that his employer in his most intimate confidences never hinted that bribes were being paid to secure the franchises in San Francisco and Oakland.

Nicholas Prendegast, Detwiler's outside man in Oakland; John Van Liew, treasurer of the Empire Construction Company; and Louis Glass were the other witnesses called by the prosecution.

New evidence was not the feature of the examination of the witnesses yesterday, although the prosecution secured considerable material that will prove useful when the trials of the men indicted in connection with the Home Company's operations in San Francisco are held.

## Should Be Sent to Eastern Friends

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## EX-BOSS TO PRESENT CONTRACT IN EVIDENCE

Will Plead That Restaurateurs Retained Him as Counsel

## DEFENSE IS OUTLINED

Prosecutors Say That They Will Easily Disprove Contentions

Ruef's principal defense on the indictments charging him with extortion in the French restaurant cases, it became known last night, will be based on an alleged contract which will be put in evidence showing that he was retained as counsel for the men whom he is accused of muling.

This contract, Ruef's attorneys will declare, was drawn up carefully. It shows, they will argue, that he was to act as counsel for the restaurateurs for two years, at an annual salary of \$5000.

The most significant detail of the contract, they will contend, is that it was made to extend beyond the life of the administration of Schmitz and proves that the relations between the restaurant men and Ruef were the ordinary relations between an attorney and his clients.

Langdon and Heney refuse to say how they will rebut this contention, but declare they will have little difficulty in proving to the jury that the political affinity between Ruef and Schmitz was used as a club over the heads of the restaurant keepers to force from them the \$5000 yearly "retainer."

Former Board of Supervisors to Be Put Under Searchlight

Heney and Langdon Declare That They Will Go Back as Far as the Statute Will Permit

District Attorney Langdon and Francis J. Heney announced yesterday that they would turn the searchlight upon the Board of Supervisors which went out of office in January 1905. "We are playing no favorites," said Heney, "and we will go back if necessary as far as the statute of limitations will permit. If there was grafting in the old board we will dig it out."

It is stated on reliable authority that there is evidence to show that certain members of the old board were bribed. The grafting in the old board, it is said, was confined to a few members. Sanderson, Borton, Eas and Gallaicher were members of the old board. When Sanderson made his confession to Heney he told of some of the transactions of the former board and the knowledge thus gained will be used as a basis for further inquiry by the District Attorney's office.

Borton, it is claimed, did not need Ruef to instruct him in the art and science of hoodling. Borton took it as the proverbial duck to the proverbial pond.

In digging over the records of the past Heney will interrogate those who have knowledge of the earlier activities of the Pacific States and the Home Telephone companies.

Heney refused to say whether he had positive evidence against any members of the old board.

"I cannot say anything on that point at this time," said Heney, "but it is a matter of no consequence to us what political parties are involved."

## Payment of Boodle to Ruef Is Admitted by Detwiler Family

Plea for Fugitive Relative Is That the Corruption Fund Was "Attorney's Fee"

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 4.—A member of the family of A. K. Detwiler of this city said today that the fugitive wanted in San Francisco for bribery was not in Battle Creek, Mich., on Wednesday, as was reported in press dispatches that told of an alleged escape from arrest.

"When the grand jury at San Francisco adjourns and all of its indictments are reported, A. K. Detwiler will give himself up," declared a relative. "He will wait until he knows absolutely of every indictment that will be brought against him. He does not intend to evade arrest and has no fear that bonds will not be furnished."

"Abe is at least 1000 miles away from Toledo," he continued. "His dealings were entirely with Attorney Ruef. Any money that was paid was paid as attorney's fees. What Ruef did with the money later was no concern of Detwiler's."

G. A. R. MEMORIAL PROCLAMATION.—Zanesville, O., April 4.—Commander in Chief Robert B. Brown of the Grand Army of the Republic today issued his Memorial day proclamation.

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