

# Call on Mullally Score the Great Prosecutors

RESIDENT PATRICK CALHOUN of the United Railroads and his assistant, Thornwell Mullally, vigorously denounced the graft prosecutors yesterday, and declared that the money deposited in the mint had been used for legitimate purposes and not as a corruption fund. Mullally admitted the payment of money to Ruef, but said it was merely a loan.

# Deny Money in Mint Was Boodle Fund and Allege Dark Conspiracy

Vigorously protesting that they are innocent of all wrong doing, that the charges of corruption against the United Railroads are merely the weapons of private interests to drive them from the local field, and that the financial transactions made through the mint by the corporation were legitimate in every way, President Calhoun and his assistant, Thornwell Mullally of the traction company, issued long statements yesterday setting forth what they assert to be the facts in the case. In these statements, far more remarkable for what they omit than what they say, Calhoun and Mullally, without referring to them by name, denounced in scathing terms Francis J. Henry, William J. Burns and Rudolph Spreckels.

"Like Ruef, Calhoun sees a conspiracy. He is certain that when the people come to view the situation dispassionately they will see that the company have been accused of bribery has been working with a mind single to the welfare of the city.

Mullally begins by admitting that he withdrew a sum of money at the mint and that he paid a portion of it to Abe Ruef. He says the sum withdrawn was \$5,000 and that this \$2,000 went to Ruef as a loan to be used in paying laborers for clearing debris from the streets. The money, says Mullally, was subsequently repaid by Ruef.

"NOTHING ABOUT 'FEES'" The statements make no reference to the confessions of the supervisors which were made before the grand jury and in which fifteen of them swore that they received \$4,000 apiece for their votes on the trolley franchise. Neither do the statements contain any reference to counsel "fees" said to have been paid to Abe Ruef at the time the franchise was secured.

When Calhoun came to San Francisco a few weeks ago he announced that he would fight the prosecution "with his own weapons." This is the first statement on the graft situation that Calhoun has issued. In the first he said that the company had neither paid nor authorized the payment of a bribe. In the second statement Calhoun explained why he had refused to testify before the grand jury, although he had previously stated that there was nothing to hide.

"STATEMENT OF CALHOUN" The statement issued yesterday by Calhoun is as follows: "I have seen the extraordinary statements in the morning papers in which the unions threaten to strike the United States subrogees through the United States subrogees. This is sheer nonsense. It took no time to establish the fact that the strike was a fraud. Every dollar of it was brought here for legitimate uses. Before the bricks were thrown at the fire, the company's workmen started to work to clear the debris which had fallen upon its tracks and to re-establish absolutely necessary transportation for the city.

In order to help its employees and place money in circulation to establish its credit, the company in order to provide food for its employees it purchased its own stores, established its own banks, and in order to provide for the fire it furnished food daily for more than 2,000 people—all at its own expense and not one cent of the money of the city was available. "Under these circumstances the only legitimate means of raising money for the city was through the United States subrogees."

"MONEY SENT TO COAST" The receipt of money in this way was in the usual course of business followed, as stated by Treasurer Jacobs in his testimony as published, by the other companies. The stress of times immediately following the fire, hundreds of thousands of dollars were sent to the coast to help the city. The \$75,000 contributed to the relief fund of San Francisco by the United Railroads company was transmitted to Mr. Thornwell Mullally in the way of a loan. This money constituted a bribery fund is infamous, and I do not believe, despite statements originating from parties interested in the prosecution, that any intelligent body of American citizens can be induced to distort their legitimate business transactions into crimes.

"PROSECUTORS DENOUNCED" To the evil minded "rides light" as air are present among us, but I cannot believe that the skill of ingenious detectives, the malice of the private prosecutor or the ingenuity of a distinguished counsel can distort simple, legitimate business transactions into crimes.

"THE HISTORY OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE UNITED RAILROADS" The investigation of the United Railroads, which was conducted by the call of the carmen's union for a meeting of its members to declare a strike, and the announcement that new franchises would be granted by San Francisco and New York capitalists on the lines laid out before the fire by the man furnishing the money to conduct the investigation of the affairs of the United Railroads is full of significance. There were some parties in San Francisco, whose names are unknown, who just prior to the fire were actively engaged in the prosecution of an expedition to the United Railroads. My recollection is that these parties applied to the state for a charter just prior to the fire.

"WILL BIDE HIS TIME" The officials of the United Railroads are harassed and intimidated by the whole city are paralyzed by an indefensible strike of the street car men. It is intended to be a strike to show the enterprise in the days of disaster and never send a dollar in the rehabilitation of the city, with a promise to be made to the city work and a lavish expenditure of money in giving employment to labor and in feeding the poor and unemployed by the persons who stand up to advance interests we shall expect hereafter to come to us for private gain and public advantage.

"STATEMENT OF MULLALLY" The following statement was issued by Mullally: "The outrageous effort to distort a courteous and unbiased assistance given for the public benefit at the time of the great calamity deserves the most severe denunciation. A morning paper states that I handed Mr. Ruef \$5,000 at the mint and told Mr. Ruef that I wanted the money for the purpose of clearing debris from the streets. It is absurd to suppose that if I had intended to use the money for any improper purpose that I should have taken Mr. Ruef in my automobile, gone to the mint and handed him the money, told him I wanted it and handed it to Mr. Ruef in my presence. This charge would be farcical except that it is insidiously associated with the allegations of crime. It was evidently given out

# PRESIDENT'S STAYS TO MOYER AND HAYWOOD

Willing to Act if Miscarriage of Justice Can Be Shown

# REPEATS ASSURANCES

Promises to Do All in Power of Federal Authorities to Prevent Wrong

NEW YORK, May 5.—In a letter read today before the central federated union President Roosevelt says that if evidence is submitted to him showing that there has been a miscarriage of justice for or against Moyer and Haywood, awaiting trial at Boise, Idaho, charged with the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, he will bring such evidence to the attention of the attorney general for such action, if any, as it may be in the power of the federal authorities to take.

The communication was the formal reply of the president to the union committee which recently called on the president and requested him to even forth in general his attitude toward the accused men and specifically why he had referred to Moyer and Haywood as "undesirable citizens."

In making his report today the chairman, John Henry, said the committee had spent more than an hour with the president, at which time the matter in hand was thoroughly discussed. The president signified his intention of formally replying in the letter, which the chairman then read, which the president, at which time the matter in hand was thoroughly discussed. The president signified his intention of formally replying in the letter, which the chairman then read, which the president, at which time the matter in hand was thoroughly discussed.

"REPLY OF THE PRESIDENT" In his reply the president quoted from a letter written by him more than a year ago to the attorney general, in which he says "that our duty is (if it should ever happen that we should have any such matter) to see that justice is done."

"The White House," Washington, D. C., May 2, 1907. My Dear Mr. Henry: When you, in company with Messrs. Coakley and Brown, called upon me this morning I read you the letter I had written to the attorney general in response to your request. I gladly send you the following extract from that letter:

"Our duty is (if it should ever happen that we should have any such matter) to see that justice is done. There must be no condonation or lawlessness on our part, even if the lawless act is the form of an effort to avenge the wrongs committed by the lawless act. The lawless act is the form of an effort to avenge the wrongs committed by the lawless act. The lawless act is the form of an effort to avenge the wrongs committed by the lawless act."

"MISS CHIDESTER HAPPY" Friends of Winner of Second Prize Shower Her With Congratulations STOCKTON, May 5.—Miss Lenore Chidester of this city was showered with congratulations by her many admiring friends when it was made public today that she had been awarded

"WOULD REMEDY INJUSTICE" In response to your question, if I, trust, need fear me to say that if at any time you or any one else can submit to me any evidence showing that there has been a miscarriage of justice for or against Moyer or Haywood, which you believe it is in my power to remedy, I will at once bring such evidence to the attention of the attorney general to have him give it the fullest consideration and to take thereon such action, if any, as it may be in the power of the federal authorities to take. Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"CROWD TO ATTEND TRIAL" BOISE, Idaho, May 5.—Practically every available room in Boise, the capital of Idaho, has been reserved for the trial of Moyer and Haywood.

"BREWERYMEN ARE RECEIVING THEM" KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 5.—What is believed to be one of the last stages of Kansas 20 year fight against the liquor traffic, namely, the seizure of brewery property by the state receivers recently appointed by the state supreme court, is developing legal complications. The receivers have taken possession of several hundred saloons and other property known to be owned by some of the nine indicted brewing companies. There has been much excitement on the part of brewery agents, according to the receivers, the title to some of their property being hurriedly transferred, and this the receivers have not molested, desiring first to gain a ruling on their status from the state's legal department.

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# Winners in Beauty Contest Receive Congratulations

More Awards Will Be Made Next Sunday

THE twenty-five prize winners in The Sunday Call's great beauty contest will be announced next Sunday. The three capital prize winners announced yesterday were chosen with no more care than these by the eminent California artists, Douglas Tilden, Giuseppe Cadonasso and Arthur F. Mathews, who form the board of award. These twenty-five winners are from all parts of California and fairly represent the beautiful women of the state.

Even the car strike could not take from the interest in the close of the beauty contest yesterday. The photographs of Miss Hazel Tharsing, Miss Lenore Chidester and Miss Mabel Cramer, the three most beautiful women in California, published in The Sunday Call, were looked for and scanned with eagerness. The reception of each of Messrs. Douglas Tilden, Giuseppe Cadonasso and Arthur F. Mathews, the artist jury of award, could hardly have been otherwise. These three fair daughters of California, each a matchless type, could not but command attention.

Miss Tharsing, the winner of the first prize, declared the most beautiful woman in California, was of especial interest here. The fact that she is in London at the present time, if anything, heightened this interest. Nothing but admiration for her beauty was to be heard.

"KEPT BUSY AT PHONE" Miss Cramer Is Told Many Flattering Things by Her Friends SAN RAFAEL, May 5.—"Miss Mabel Cramer? Oh, just follow the crowd; you can't miss the house."

"PROPER PROTECTION TO PROPERTY OWNERS" Few people have heard of an act known as Chapter 517, Laws of 1907, where any owner of real estate may file a "notice of ownership and claim to real property under an act of the legislature of the State of California, approved March 3, 1907."

"MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF WILLIAM C. FISHER" Body of the "Mayor of Ocean View" Is Interred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery The funeral of William C. Fisher, a pioneer who had lived in California for 57 years and had been a resident of Ocean View for nearly 20 years, took place yesterday and was largely attended. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

"FIRE TWO BULLETS TO STOP FLEEING YOUTHS" Charge of Assault on Murderer Is Made Against a Book Keeper George A. Rowland, a book keeper, living at 415 Spruce street, was arrested about 1 o'clock yesterday morning on a charge of assault to murder.

"FRENCH SAVINGS BANK" Now Occupies its permanent building 108 - 110 Sutter Street Above Montgomery St

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# HOTEL AT RIALTO IS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. SAN BERNARDINO, May 5.—A second disastrous fire visited the little orange colony of Rialto at 8 o'clock this morning, and the loser by the conflagration, William Buxton, suffered from the blaze in the packing house, Friday night. The Hotel Rialto, the pride of the colony, was destroyed. A portion of the contents was saved, and the loss will be \$25,000. Considerable furniture was carried from the burning building by the volunteers and citizens. There was but \$3,500 insurance.

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