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ABBOTT REFUSES TO TESTIFY IN THE FORD TRIAL

Declines to Answer Upon the Advice of His Attorneys

Called for Purpose Assistant Counsel of United Railroads Must Give Real Reason

Explodes One Story Hency Shows Money From Mint Was Not to Pay Interest

The smoldering fires of the Ford trial broke into flame yesterday afternoon, when the prosecution called William M. Abbott to the stand. Abbott, who is assistant general counsel of the United Railroads, took the witness chair amid the protests of the attorneys for the defense, and an argument followed which consumed the remainder of the session. The argument which the action of the prosecution precipitated led to heated clashes between Hency and Attorney Lewis F. Byington of the defense. Hency stung in Byington's face his failure to prosecute Abe Ruef while district attorney, and Byington retorted with spirit that he defied any man to find a blemish on his record. Judge Lawlor calmed the rising storm and announced that he would decide today whether Abbott could refuse to testify on the grounds that he had been indicted with Ford.

The other sensation of the day occurred when the prosecution exploded the remarkable theory which the defense attempted to set up, to the effect that the \$200,000 withdrawn from the mint by Ford had been shipped back to New York to pay interest on the bonds of the United Railroads. With a few well directed questions Hency showed that the interest on the bonds had never been paid in currency and that the \$200,000 which passed into Ford's possession was never used for that purpose.

ABBOTT REFUSES TO TESTIFY

It was clear at the outset that the prosecution had called Abbott with no expectation that he would testify. The prosecution contended that the fact that Abbott had been indicted did not in itself disqualify him as a witness. Hency argued that as Abbott was not a defendant in the case at issue he could with all propriety be called as a witness. The object, of course, was to force Abbott to admit that his refusal to testify was based on the grounds that he might incriminate himself. Had he urged this plea that would have been the end of the matter. The defense recognized the danger of such an admission and urged desperately the plea that Abbott could refuse to answer simply on the grounds that he had been indicted on a charge identical with that against Ford.

Abbott answered the first questions addressed to him, which had merely to do with his name and occupation. Hency then asked: "Did you, on the 25th day of May, 1906, go with Thirey L. Ford to the United States mint?" Earl Rogers was on his feet in an instant.

"I advise Mr. Abbott, not to answer," he said. "I refuse to answer," repeated Abbott. "On what grounds?" inquired Hency. "On advice of counsel," answered Abbott. "That is not sufficient, your honor," said Hency, addressing Judge Lawlor. The court then called on both sides and a torrid debate ensued.

"We have been denounced by the defense for not calling Abe Ruef to the stand," said Hency, "and he was indicted together with Abbott and Ford, the calling of Abbott is identical."

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Wall Street Catches Its Breath and Public Drain Stops

Big Sale of Bonds Morgan Heads Syndicate to Sell \$50,000,000 City Securities

France Also to Aid Republic's Offer of Gold Will Aid Transfer to United States

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—For the first time in ten days of extreme tension in Wall street there were material evidences of relief today. While bankers had repeatedly said the outlook was brighter during this trying period, there were no developments which eased the minds of those who needed money, the life of Wall street business, in addition, there were distrust and a great demand for funds by institutions and persons who wished to be prepared for any emergency. This tension eased today and the immediate result was a sharp rebound in the security market. The main relief came from within the market, where first was noticed an absence of the heavy liquidation forced upon certain brokers and others, who had been borrowing money. There was also a slightly better condition among the banks. The drain by the public had practically stopped. The working of the check system among trust companies and banks, the adoption of the clearing house loan certificate plan among the banks and the heroic struggle of all financial institutions to conserve their cash made a combination which began to show results. As one banker said: "Wall street has now caught its breath."

One of the most interesting features of the day was the news that the city administration had closed a deal for the sale to a powerful banking syndicate of \$50,000,000 revenue bonds and the giving of an option on \$20,000,000 more. The syndicate is composed of J. P. Morgan, James Stillman and George F. Baker. Although the negotiations were not closed until late in the afternoon, Wall street had early inklings of the deal and jumped at the conclusion that the triumvirate of leading bankers had planned anew to attract gold from Europe by means of the sale of city warrants abroad.

This news, taken in conjunction with the earlier reports from Paris that the Bank of France would open its portfolio and extend a loan of \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000 to London and a similar loan to New York proved a source of great satisfaction. In high banking quarters, however, it was not regarded as likely that France would make a loan to this city, but it was pointed out that indirectly the Bank of France might assist the United States in its present difficulties by assisting the London market, which it has frequently done. This indirect assistance to New York would come by relieving the London market, which in turn would be able to send credits and gold to this city.

Following the shipment on Tuesday of \$5,000,000 in gold from Southampton it was announced that \$7,000,000 more in American eagles and bullion left the Bank of England and was insured by Lloyds in its transportation to this city. Measures of relief were also set in motion in Washington by the comptroller of the currency. He announced to all national banks which are depositaries of public funds that bonds acceptable to the government could be substituted for government funds which were now pledged to secure the deposits, provided that government bonds so released would be deposited in Washington to take out additional currency. He also announced that the treasury would make special efforts to increase the amount of currency at points where it is most needed at this season of the year. These measures were supplemented by transfers of currency through the subtreasury to New Orleans and San Francisco. About \$200,000 in currency was shipped through the subtreasury to San Francisco.

A committee of New Orleans bankers is in Washington and hopes to secure a promise from Secretary Cortelyou to deposit substantial sums of public money in New Orleans and other southern cities. Secretary Cortelyou appears to recognize that benefits conferred by this policy will not be limited to New Orleans and the south, but will aid in the creation of a credit balance in Europe, which will cover the imports of gold. Cotton bills are being closely scrutinized in New York, but where their character is

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A Fine District Attorney McGowan Would Make!



Section of Mountain Buries Whole City

Disaster Follows Earthquake in Russia and Hundreds of Inhabitants Perish

TASHKEND, Russian Turkestan, Oct. 30.—The little town of Karatagh, in the Hussar district of Bokhara, was overwhelmed and completely destroyed by a landslide that followed the earthquake of October 21. According to the latest reports of the disaster a majority of the inhabitants of Karatagh lost their lives. The first reports of the catastrophe were exaggerated, the death list being placed as high as 15,000. Karatagh has about 2,500 dwellers and there is reason to believe that about 1,500 were buried alive. Among those who survived the disaster were the governor and his mother. Karatagh is remotely situated and it takes a full week for news to travel to this city, but according to one courier who has come through an enormous section of the Karatagh mountain, which practically hung over the town, broke loose and thundered down on the village, which was almost completely buried.

Latest Vanderbilt to Inherit \$60,000,000

Stork Pays Visit to Famous Mansion in "Millionaires' Row" in New York

Special by Leased Wire to The Call

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt Jr. have an heir. The baby arrived at the Vanderbilt mansion, 666 Fifth avenue, last Tuesday night, but it was not until today that the event became known in society. Then congratulations in letters, telegrams and telephone messages came in shoals. The latest Vanderbilt is one of the richest babies in the land. He will inherit fully \$20,000,000 from his father's side of the house and perhaps twice as much from his mother, who was Miss Virginia Fair. Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt Sr., grandfather and step-grandmother of the baby, were there to welcome him. The little fellow is the third child born to the William K. Vanderbilt, Jr. He has two sisters, Muriel and Conuelo, 7 and 4 years old, respectively.

Governor Gillett With Bribe Givers "In Spirit Only"

State Machine Is Arrayed in Fight for McGowan and "Higher Ups"

By George A. Van Smith

Governor James N. Gillett is opposed in spirit only to the prosecution of graft in San Francisco. He has said so himself. If that spirit proves stronger than the flesh, so strong that it moves all the state machine, which, through Gillett, owes allegiance to Herrin and the Southern Pacific, to work day and night for the election of Frank McGowan, what can a poor governor do?

The state machine from governor down to roustabout under the harbor commission is arrayed in the fight for Frank McGowan and against the continuation of the graft prosecution. All the strings that bind votes to McGowan and against the graft prosecution are taut to the breaking strain. Gillett says he is not taking an active interest in the fight for his old friend McGowan. The members of the harbor commission, who are the governor's personal representatives in San Francisco, have entered no denial of their personal participation. Herrin, to whom they owe their appointments primarily, and Gillett, to whom they owe them immediately, are in sympathy with McGowan.

Far be it from a well regulated machine harbor commissioner to array himself against the sympathetic interest of the governor and the hand that pulls the whistle cord. They are sympathetic men themselves—also practical. And as practical railroad men they know that it is safer to cross the track in the rear of a moving train.

NOT "ACTIVELY INTERESTED"

Gillett declined on Monday to deny the Call's statement that he and his appointees were working to end the graft prosecution through the election of Frank McGowan. He said that he was not actively interested himself in the campaign, but that his sympathies were with McGowan. All of which amounted to no more or less than a confirmation of the charge made by the Call. "Actively interesting himself" when said quickly by a politician usually means that he is not taking off his coat and wading into a house to house canvass for votes or separating himself from oratory on the stump. Not even the interests could expect that from Gillett. Plenty of sympathy from the governor means plenty of work from the understrappers, and San Fran-

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HOLIDAYS TO AID STATE BANKS

Gillett Acts Upon Appeal From the Financiers

Local Institution Suspends for a Time

Optimistic Views of Situation Prevail

Conservative Men See No Cause for Alarm

Governor Proclaims a Legal Holiday

WHEREAS, unsettled financial conditions prevail in many of the states of this union and have extended to the state of California; and

Whereas, it appears that balances due from banks of eastern states are not being paid to the banks of this state; and

Whereas, it further appears that this condition has resulted in a temporary lessening of the source of supply of money to meet the ordinary current payments due from California banks, and that coupled thereto there has arisen an extraordinary condition due to the withdrawal of deposits from such banks; and

Whereas, it appears that such withdrawal of deposits is not financial weakness of our local banks, but as induced through unbusiness caused by unsettled financial conditions elsewhere; and

Whereas, it appears that such conditions have already resulted in the temporary embarrassment of one of our largest financial institutions, and unless restrained will be followed by the retirement from business of other banks and will most seriously affect the financial integrity of our state and entail enormous losses upon the depositors in such banks;

Now, therefore, in order that our financial integrity may be preserved, confidence regained, financial panic averted and the depositors protected from the loss of their deposits in whole or in part, I, J. N. Gillett, governor of the state of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby appoint, designate and proclaim Thursday, the 31st day of October, 1907, as a public holiday.

Because of the extraordinary financial stringency throughout the United States, which makes it impossible for banks to secure

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