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CALHOUN IS EAGER FOR TRIAL

Trolley Chief Clamoring to Get Into Court Ahead of Broker Ruef

Alarmed Over the Prospect of Conviction for the Curly Boss

Coincident Statements From Higher Up and From Rabbi Nieto

Desperate and Concerted Effort Made to Swing Public Opinion

Alarmed at the turn of the tide against him, fearful of the result if Ruef is brought to trial before he himself faces a jury—and almost certain conviction stares Ruef in the face—Patrick Calhoun began yesterday a battle more desperate than any he has yet undertaken to discredit the men who have thrown open the secrets of the reign of graft and to win public sentiment to his cause.

Defeated yesterday in his endeavor to induce Judge Lawlor to come to his rescue and put him on trial before Ruef goes in the dock, Calhoun broke silence last night with a statement that charges the graft prosecution with personal animosity and with lying, cheating and double dealing.

His statement is a violent arraignment of the entire prosecution from its inception to the present time, but through it all he does not touch on the root of the whole matter—the sworn testimony that proves the bribery of the board of supervisors with a sum of \$200,000 to secure an overhead trolley permit for the United Railroads.

TELLS OF LONG CLAMOR

Calhoun's insistent demand for immediate trial, on which so much stress was laid in Judge Lawlor's court yesterday morning, was based on the premise that he has been clamoring for trial ever since the indictments returned against him last spring, but the discussion before the court did not extend to the details of the dilatory methods that were employed for months before the prosecution was able to clear away the barriers of technical obstacles which were thrown in their way by Calhoun's attorneys.

Considerable significance is attached by the prosecution to the question asked yesterday by Attorney A. A. Moore, who voiced Calhoun's plea, when he demanded of District Attorney Langdon if it was not true that the prosecution had elected to try Ruef first in order to make the trial of the ex-boss a club by which to hit Calhoun. This question, in the view of the prosecution, expresses exactly the fear in Calhoun's heart—that when Ruef is once brought to trial and convicted he will beg for a chance to testify before a trial jury as he testified before a grand jury.

Simultaneously with the battle in court yesterday morning began the campaign to capture public sentiment for Calhoun, to with-

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SAN JOSE, Jan. 28.—As the result of rumors that more than \$250,000, instead of \$40,000, is the real value of the treasure unearthed by Ramon Chaboya about five miles from this city, heirs of Don Antonio Chaboya, who once owned the land where the gold was uncovered, are preparing to wage a legal battle for their share of the money.

Chaboya endeavored to keep the matter a secret, but after his boys told the story he said that \$40,000 was the value of the treasure he had found in two cans, one of which was filled with \$50 gold slugs, but the other was empty.
If one of the cans was filled with \$10 gold pieces, relatives claim there would have been more than \$247,000.

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Tokyo Government Urged to Impose Further Restrictions Upon Laborers

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

By Ira E. Bennett

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Secretary Root has sent an instruction to Ambassador O'Brien at Tokyo which is a response to the representations regarding the immigration question made by Foreign Minister Hayashi on December 31. The note is most conciliatory and evidences the purpose of the president and the secretary of state to do everything in their power to arrange an amicable settlement with Japan. There was a great deal of comment in the Japanese press because of the delay of the United States in replying to the Japanese representations. It was suggested that this country was pursuing the tactics followed by Russia prior to the war of 1904. The president and Secretary Root, however, did not consider urgent action necessary because the negotiations did not contemplate a treaty or formal agreement, but were intended merely to clarify the situation.

Accompanying the Japanese representations was a draft of the proposed new regulations for the restriction of emigration which the Japanese ministry desired to put into force. This draft has been carefully scrutinized by Third Assistant Secretary of State Wilson and Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent, and the changes that they have suggested, which are in the direction of greater restrictions, have been cabled to Tokyo, and the government there will be urged to adopt them.

Japan's attention has been called to the continued entrance of Japanese laborers supplied with passports, and Tokyo has been urged to take measures immediately to stop this abuse of the informal agreement reached by the two countries last spring.

Policies of Roosevelt Praised by Bryan

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The democratic platform will declare for the Roosevelt policies if Bryan has his way. At Senator Newland's dinner last night and again at Newland's dinner tonight Bryan explained his desire that the national campaign be fought out entirely on that line.

Bryan's idea is that the party should make no charge that Roosevelt stole his policies. That has long been maintained by the Bryanites, but Bryan does not purpose to insist upon it, regarding such an attitude as peasant politics.

Since Bryan has been here his admiration for President Roosevelt has been unceasing. He has delivered in private some of the strongest eulogies of the president ever heard from any one. Whatever jealousy may have been apparent when he was here three years ago has disappeared and his enthusiasm for Roosevelt is unstinted and open.

Gamage and 'Countess' Njedda Disappear

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The beautiful "Countess" Njedda Ourossoff, who flashed into prominence three months ago in connection with the exploits of a group of get rich quick promoters, headed by Harry Silberberg, alias J. J. Williams, an ex-convict, has vanished suddenly from her haunts in this city and the sheriff is in charge of some expensive furniture that she left in storage.

The young woman was a warm friend of Jules Congdon Gamage, a youthful promoter of finance, whose acquaintance with her began in San Francisco. When she left the city two weeks ago for London Gamage, it is said, went with her.

DEATH OF PRINCE OF LIPPE
HEIDELBERG, Jan. 28.—Count Leopold, the reigning prince of Lippe, died today.

FIRE PREMIUMS OF CITY TOTAL FIVE MILLIONS

Figures Compiled by Insurance Commissioner Show Huge Profits

Companies Pay Small Losses, Yet Uphold 25 Per Cent Extra Tariff

Point Has Been Given to General Protest Against Great Overcharge

The people of San Francisco paid the great sum of \$5,600,000 in fire insurance premiums in 1907. This is the largest amount ever taken out of this city by the companies, and it appears that the lowest loss ratio in local history must be recorded for the year. Much local complaint over insurance charges has been heard. The chamber of commerce of San Francisco has argued the question of rates with the executive committee of the board of fire underwriters in behalf of the city's mercantile interests.

The San Francisco real estate board, representing the interests of realty owners, has been concerned, while the owners themselves have protested. The chief contention of the chamber of commerce was that it was unfair to



maintain 25 per cent higher rates in California than were paid by other states west of the Rocky mountains. This issue has been met and has been argued ably, if not convincingly, by Alfred Stillman, secretary of the executive committee of the fire underwriters.

Now, for the first time the figures showing the measure of the total insurance premiums paid in 1907 by the citizens of San Francisco for fire insurance are made public and make interesting reading. They are included in the annual reports which the insurance companies doing a fire underwriting business in California have prepared for the state insurance commissioner of California, to be submitted to him March 1, 1908.

BIG BUSINESS SHOWN

The extent of the business done in this city is indicated by the premium returns. One insurance company received in premiums for its San Francisco business alone \$535,309 last year. Several received more than \$100,000 each and a list of these is as follows:

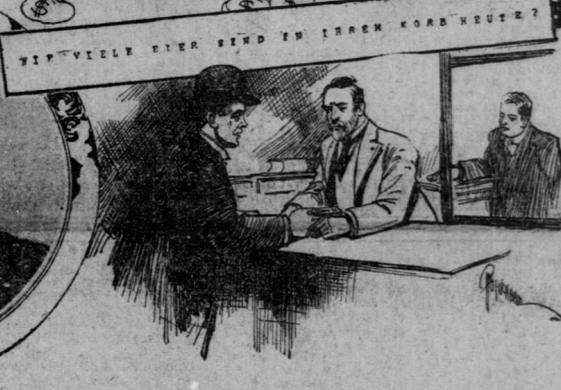
Company	Premiums in 1907
Home	\$335,309
California	152,459
Fireman's Fund	117,528
Liverpool and London and Globe	104,432
London	104,432
New Zealand	104,432
Northern	290,939
Royal	294,589
Acta	229,988
Globe Rutgers	160,029
Hartford	125,819
Insurance Company of North America	111,206
Jefferson	105,508
National	112,473
New Brunswick	105,382
Phoenix of Hartford	118,390
Springfield	178,782

The total insurance premiums paid in San Francisco in 1907 was \$2,287,260. In 1906 the payments were advanced to \$4,318,275. The premiums of 1907 were more than \$1,000,000 greater for this city than were those of 1906, and \$2,700,000 in round figures more than those of 1905, which was a boom year in real estate values. The list of premiums received in San Francisco alone last year by the fire insurance companies not included in the preceding enumeration must be credited as follows:

Aachen and Munich, \$17,878; Atlas, \$99,359; Caledonian, \$40,292; Commercial Union, \$40,021; Law Union and Crown, \$43,974; London and Lancashire, \$41,144; Newch Union, \$7,660 (retired from California); Palatine, \$18,483; Phoenix (foreign), \$22,238; Scottish Union and National, \$32,864; State, \$1,779; Sun, \$93,858; Swiss, \$19,444; Union, \$98,537; Western, \$56,080; Alliance, Pennsylvania, \$50,120; Agricultural, \$45,291; American, New Jersey, \$94,787; American Central, \$61,869; Caledonian American, \$137; Citizens, \$525; Connecticut, \$82,810; Continental, \$81,871; Commercial Union, \$8,431; Colonial Underwriters, \$46,933; Fidelity, \$43,886; Fire

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Carl Ritter, the saloon keeper indicted by the grand jury for trying to bribe the president of the police commission, appears in the upper photograph with Mrs. Ritter, who accompanied him to the inquisition. A. D. Cutler, who trapped him, appears in the lower picture.



DIVE KEEPER INDICTED AS BRIBE GIVER

Owner of Grog Shop Near Presidio Trapped by Head of Police Board

Carl Ritter Tries Schmitz Boodle Methods and Now Is Under \$10,000 Bonds

Langdon Believes Grafters Are Trying to Trade on Influence Once Theirs

Carl E. Ritter, a saloon keeper at the Presidio gates, the first man to apply the financial methods of the Schmitz regime to the Taylor administration, was indicted yesterday by the grand jury for offering a bribe of \$300 to A. D. Cutler, president of the board of police commissioners, who adroitly trapped the boodler. Ritter wanted the license for his saloon in Baker street renewed, and because of the antagonism of the police commission toward grog shops at the Presidio gates decided that the graft system in vogue when Ruef ran the city was the only one he could use to gain his point.

Ritter told the grand jury yesterday that Eugene Meyer, who lives in Alameda, but whose father has a saloon in the Presidio neighborhood, had told him that the police commission could be "fixed" for \$2,000. Meyer had stated, Ritter said, that an influential man was responsible for the report. Before the grand jury yesterday and before District Attorney Langdon Sunday Meyer admitted telling Ritter of the possibilities of bribing the commission, but insisted that his authority was a saloon loafer.

Langdon fears that grafters are trying to sell pretended influence with the police commission, but does not question the integrity of the board itself.

TRAPS BRIBE GIVER

Ritter passed the money to Cutler Tuesday, January 20, in the rooms of the Metropolitan trust and savings bank in Van Ness avenue. On the previous day, in an unsigned written declaration, he had offered the police commissioner a half interest in the profits of the place, so when he appeared Cutler was alive to the man's purpose, and as the money was passed George M. Rudebeck, a clerk in the bank, who was hidden behind a screen, saw the transaction and appeared with Cutler before the grand jury yesterday and told the story of the bribery.

After short deliberation the grand jury voted a true bill against Ritter, and the count was returned before Judge Sturtevant. The court fixed Ritter's bond at \$10,000. The man has been at the city prison since Saturday night on the detinue book. His wife was with him outside the door of the grand jury room while the jury was deliberating on the indictment.

After the indictment had been returned District Attorney Langdon said: "The importance of this case is not the mere fact of the offering of money by this saloon keeper to a police commissioner, but the importance grows out of the fact that we fear that persons have been trying to sell out the members of the police commission unknown, of course, to the officials themselves; that is, have tried to sell pretended influence with the board. We have not been able to demonstrate that

Boddler Gallagher to Family Feud Is Ended Be Landed Gentleman by Elopement

Chief of Grafting Supervisors Buys More Lots in Fashionable Suburb

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

OAKLAND, Jan. 28.—That James L. Gallagher, who was chief of the boodling Schmitz-Ruef board of supervisors in San Francisco, intends to become a country gentleman of Alameda was shown by deeds filed today covering three lots in the fashionable Lake Shore Park heights district. Gallagher purchased the property from Wickham Havens company. Deeds for two other lots in the same neighborhood purchased by Gallagher were filed last week with the county recorder.

The fact that no mortgages or deeds of trust have been recorded on any of his acquisitions was taken by deputies in the recorder's office as indicating that Gallagher had paid cash. No price was made public today, but the documents contained restrictions forbidding the erection of dwellings costing less than \$3,500 on the lots.

Southern society will be stirred by this marriage, which ends a family feud. Senator Kenna's death was attributed to his defeat by Elkins.

President Asks Law to Protect Union Men

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The president is preparing a special message to congress, which will be introduced in both houses in a few days, urging the immediate passage of an employers' liability law that will void the constitutional defects of the law invalidated recently.

Another message to follow on the heels of the first will urge that an act be placed upon the statute books that will afford protection to members of all labor organizations and prevent their dismissal by employers who merely object to them as members of unions. The president will lay particular stress, it is said, upon the need of a careful study of the constitution so that no law affecting labor shall conflict with the provisions and leave a chance for the defeat of the measure.

Impertinent Question No. 36

What Is a Transatlantic Marriage Like? For the most original or wittiest answer to this question—and the briefer the better—The Call will pay FIVE DOLLARS. For the next five answers The Call will pay ONE DOLLAR each. Prize winning answers will be printed next Wednesday and checks mailed to the winners at once. Make your answer short and address it to IMPERTINENT QUESTIONS, THE CALL

- Winning Answers to "Why Is It Called Leap Year?"
- \$5 prize to Louis A. Barban, North Berkeley. Because Father Time makes up for lost time—likewise old maids.
 - \$1 prize to H. W. Barnard, 1281 Geary street, city. Maids pursuing, with hearts a-leap, Bachelors jumping, their freedom to keep.
 - \$1 prize to Miss Clara Lane, 120 West Third street, Watsonville. Three years to leap; the fourth to leap.
 - \$1 prize to Miss Maud Lew, 571 Capp street, city. It's a hurdle race for Cupid; conventions are the bars.
 - \$1 prize to L. N. Walty, 407 Laurel street, city. Oh, just a fool notion that women jump at any old chance to get a man.
 - \$1 prize to F. A. Herrmann, Stanford University. Because women never look before they leap.