

The geographers of the bible are carrying on interesting and difficult exploration. One of these workers will tell about it next Sunday in
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According to John Kendrick Bangs the doctors have already made over the navy to suit themselves. Read the humorist's amusing article next Sunday in
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RUEF'S PLEA FOR LIBERTY TURNED DOWN

Appellate Court, Fearing Graft-er's Wealth Would Aid Escape, Denies Habeas Corpus

Bail Demanded on Reindict-ments Only Is Reduced, Cutting Total to \$835,000

More Certain the Conviction the Greater the Temptation to Flee, Justices Reason

The greater the probability of conviction, the greater the inducement to a defendant to become a fugitive from justice. The petitioner (Ruef) shows in his affidavit that he is a man of means, and now engaged in improving his holdings in San Francisco.

How much he is worth does not appear, but the greater the amount of his wealth the more readily he could flee to some country where, perhaps, he could live in comfort on his possessions.

The offense of bribery, of which the petitioner is charged, is one that is justly regarded as particularly serious. It is, in its effect upon the public welfare, of the utmost gravity. The bribery of legislative officers corrupts the very foundation of government and affects every citizen of the commonwealth. These are all proper matters to be considered in fixing the bail after the indictments found.

We have therefore made an order in accordance with the views herein expressed, simultaneously with the filing herewith—Extracts from decision of appellate court, denying Abe Ruef's application for release on habeas corpus proceedings.

In a decision handed down late yesterday afternoon the appellate court denied the habeas corpus application of Abe Ruef for release, but in 37 of the 116 indictments pending against him bail was reduced from \$5,000 and \$10,000 on each charge to \$5 each.

The effect of the court's decision is merely to reduce the total of Ruef's bail from \$1,115,000 to \$835,000, or a reduction of not quite a fourth.

That is, in 37 cases where reindictments or supplementary charges only were made against the fallen boss the court held that to ask the full amount of bail would be excessive, and ruled accordingly. In these cases also no objection was made by the district attorney. And so Ruef is brought only \$280,000 nearer freedom.

COURT SCORES GRAFTER
Throughout the decision of the court is couched in conservative language, and it is more favorable to the cause of the prosecution than any that that tribunal has yet rendered.

In stinging words the justices scored the crime of bribery with which Ruef was charged on each of the 116 indictments. Moreover, in refusing to grant his plea for release they declared that his very wealth would make more probable an attempt on his part to become a fugitive from justice were he given liberty and in denying his request for a reduction of bail on all the charges they have fixed by a judge of the superior court for any offense.

"Bribery," said the justices, "in its effect upon the public welfare is of the utmost gravity. The bribery of legislative officers corrupts the very foundation of government and affects every citizen of the commonwealth."

The haste with which the court decided that extortion was no crime in its famous ruling on the status of some of the charges against Ruef and Schmitz was strikingly absent from the decision yesterday.

Ruef's plea for a writ of habeas corpus was filed by his attorneys March 15. It was not until eight days afterward that the decision denying the application was made public.

The duplicate indictments from numbers 1184 to 1192, inclusive, on which Ruef's bail, fixed at \$5,000 on each charge, was reduced to \$5, were those in which he was involved with the fight trust. The other indictments on which bail was lowered from \$10,000 to \$5 were cases in which he was accused of having bribed the supervisors in the various public service corporation deals.

DENY RUEF RELEASE
Following is the full text of the order issued by the court for reduction of bail in the 37 cases:

The application of Abraham Ruef upon habeas corpus, for a reduction in the amount of bail required of him under certain indictments now pending against him in the superior court of the city and county of San Francisco, having been heretofore heard and duly considered, it is now ordered that as to the cases designated as Nos. 299 to 364, inclusive, and Nos. 327 to 340, both inclusive, said application be and the same is denied, and as to said cases the said writ is discharged.

It is further ordered that as to the cases designated in said superior court by the numbers 850 to 823, both inclusive, and 1184 to 1192, both inclusive, said Ruef be admitted to bail in the sum of \$5 for each indictment, with the sufficient securities, to be approved by a judge of the superior court of the city and

Register NOW, Republ.cans

If you don't want Her-rin to rule you, get on the register before April 15.

Registration closes April 15.

Last day on which registered voter can move to another precinct and not lose his primary vote, April 6.

Registrar's office in the old city hall open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Register NOW, Republicans

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Letter Read by Coroner Reveals Cause of Mrs. Edith Roberts' Suicide

SANTA CRUZ, March 24.—Coroner Rodgers held an inquest this afternoon over the body of Mrs. Edith Roberts, the Seattle woman who died last night after taking chloride of mercury and carbolic acid.

E. J. Lang of San Francisco, agent for a tourist company and friend of the husband, who is employed by the same company, objected to having Roberts' letter read to the jury. It was read by the coroner, who told the jury that the letter clearly showed lack of harmony and domestic infidelity, which undoubtedly was the cause of the woman's action. The jury consequently brought in a verdict of "suicide from mercury and carbolic acid taken while worrying over domestic troubles."

The two babies Mrs. Roberts left are being cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Rice until the arrival of the father, who is expected from Seattle Thursday.

MILLIONAIRE OPPOSES LOVE; BANISHES SON

C. F. Buckley Jr. Chooses Between Fiancée, Society Belle, and Parent

Father Would Have Him Remain Bachelor; He Will Wed Miss Middleton

Young Man's Sisters Ally Themselves on Side of Troubled Sweethearts

Rather than give up Miss Eda Middleton, the girl to whom he is engaged, C. F. Buckley Jr. has accepted banishment and complete estrangement from his father, Dr. Charles Fitzgerald Buckley, a millionaire and one of the props of San Francisco's social world.

Dr. Buckley holds nothing against Miss Middleton except that she is the girl whom his son is going to marry, and as far as the young people can learn his sole reason for objecting to the marriage is due to a general principle against hymeneal contracts, as far as the members of his family are concerned.

Young Buckley and Miss Middleton have been favorites in the younger social set. Miss Middleton is the daughter of John Middleton and made her debut three years ago. Since that time she has been recognized as one of the city's belles.

Three months ago Buckley, despite his knowledge of the parental principle regarding marriage, informed his father that he intended to announce his engagement to Miss Middleton. Buckley pere objected and objected in a manner which left no doubt as to his belief in his principle. He stormed and he advised and at the end the son repeated his former assertion.

The engagement was announced, and since that time father and son have not spoken to each other. The young man, however, seemed to be possessed of some of his parent's will and while Buckley Sr. passed him by in stony silence he proceeded with the wedding arrangements. The marriage will be solemnized next Tuesday at the home of Miss Middleton at 1473 Green street, but owing to the recent death of her mother the wedding will be a quiet one. Mrs. Arthur B. Watson will be matron of honor and Miss Anna Foster of San Rafael the maid of honor.

"Notwithstanding my father's position," said Buckley quietly, "the marriage will take place."

"I am sorry Dr. Buckley disapproves," said Miss Middleton, "but we have decided to get married in spite of his objections."

Miss Grace and Miss Violet Buckley, who live with their father at the Fairmont, have allied themselves with Cupid and hymeneal happiness against their father.

ROOSEVELT AS LAST RESORT, SAYS LODGE

Close Friend of the President Thinks He Will Run in Case of Deadlock

PARIS, March 22.—Editor Tardieu, who recently arrived from a visit to America, has published in the Temps an interview with Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, one of President Roosevelt's most trusted friends, in which the senator declared that President Roosevelt was absolutely sincere in saying that he did not desire a third term. Lodge said he believed that Taft almost certainly would be nominated, but if after several ballots there was no choice, then Roosevelt would be put forward, and who could say what would happen?

"Many conservative democrats would vote for Taft," Lodge stated. Lodge still thinks that Roosevelt favors measures giving greater powers to the federal government over the state governments, and Lodge himself favors the construction of the central bank, believes the army is sufficient and favors the president's idea of developing America's naval power.

Tardieu quotes this with the remark that Lodge's opinion represents that most dominant among leading republicans at Washington.

CLOSE LIBRARY TO SAVE TOWN FROM EPIDEMIC

Return of Book From Quarantined Home Signal for Fumigation

REDDING, March 24.—The city health officers ordered the Carnegie library closed today because one book from a home quarantined on account of diphtheria was returned this morning.

Every book in the library is to be fumigated before the doors are reopened. All the books now loaned were called in also for fumigation.

GOVERNOR GUILD BETTER

BOSTON, March 24.—Up to a late hour tonight Governor Curtis H. Guild continued to rest easily, and to hold the ground he gained in the morning.

Suspense



Anna Gould to Marry De Sagan Is Report

Discovery of Prince's Arrival in Halifax Frustrates Plans for Secrecy

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
NEW YORK, March 24.—A morning paper announces that Mrs. Anna Gould soon will marry Prince Helle de Sagan. According to the story, the American heiress was finally and definitely decided, and all that remains to be settled is the time and place of marriage and the details of the marriage settlement.

Mme. Gould hopes to win the consent of her brothers and sister, but that is a matter of secondary consideration. Her love for the dashing Frenchman who followed her to America to continue his ardent wooing now stands before anything else.

George Gould and other members of the family were not to know that he was here until Mme. Gould had more time to sing his praises. The discovery that the Prince de Sagan had slipped into New York by way of Halifax and Montreal necessitated a sudden change in their plans.

TOBACCO TRUST GIVES IN TO FARM NIGHTRIDERS

Agrees to Buy 1906 and 1907 Kentucky Crops at Prices Demanded

CINCINNATI, O., March 24.—An end to the night riding in the Kentucky white burley district was brought about through a formal agreement reached between the American tobacco company and the executive committee of the society of equity in conference at Winchester, Ky., yesterday, according to apparently authoritative statements made here today by members of the American society of equity.

Word is said to have been received by the executive committee of the society of equity Monday afternoon from the headquarters of the American tobacco company in New York that the company would buy the 1906 and 1907 crops at 16 and 15 cents a pound, respectively. The two year crop aggregates about \$9,000,000 pounds of leaf now in store. According to the reported terms of the agreement the company will begin taking over the big purchase immediately.

ORCHARD TO TESTIFY AGAINST STEVE ADAMS

Slayer of Steunenberg Will Be Taken to Court at Ouray, Colorado

OURAY, Colo., March 24.—Harry Orchard, under sentence of death in Idaho as the self confessed murderer of former Governor Steunenberg, will appear as the chief prosecuting witness against Steve Adams at Telluride in May, where Adams is to be tried in connection with the mysterious disappearance of a man named Barney during the riots of 1902.

To bring Orchard here as a witness it will be necessary for the Idaho board of pardons to commute the sentence of death to one of life imprisonment, and word has been received in this city from a reliable source that such action will be taken in due time.

JUSTIFIED IN KILLING

CHICAGO, March 24.—A coroner's jury tonight declared Chief of Police Shippy and J. E. Foley, his driver, to have been justified in killing Averbuch, the young Russian Jew who attacked the chief in his home recently. More than a score of witnesses were examined, chief among whom were Olga Averbuch.

Plan Devised for Tax on Stock Gambling

Herbert Knox Smith Tells President Only Means of Prevention Is Heavy License

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
WASHINGTON, March 24.—Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, has reported to the president that there is no effective method of preventing gambling on margins and options and other stock gambling devices, except by taxation. A plan is now being devised to recommend to congress a system of taxation that will make stock gambling difficult, but it is frankly acknowledged by high administration officials that they are disappointed in not being able to find warrant for a law prohibiting such practices. They admit that taxation is a poor remedy.

ALFRED VANDERBILT'S REPORTED ESTRANGED

Millionaire to Sail for Europe and Newport Mansion Is Closed

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
NEW YORK, March 24.—A well defined rumor spread through high social circles today that Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt and his wife have separated, owing to domestic differences of long standing. A series of circumstances involving the couple strikingly point to the alleged estrangement.

For instance, Oakland Farm, the Newport home of the Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilts, was closed today—a most unusual move, with the Lenten season on and the spring and summer seasons not far away. Since last Saturday workmen had been engaged at the farm packing up Mrs. Vanderbilt's belongings. On Saturday Mrs. Vanderbilt will arrive at Tuxedo.

On Saturday Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt will sail for England, where he has leased a house in London for 10 years. Putting all of these circumstances together, society was inclined today to put more than the usual credence in the rumors.

Since a period antedating last summer Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt have rarely been seen together. Friends have made the point blank statement that they ceased to live together as husband and wife 12 months ago, and that only the efforts of Mrs. French prevented an open rupture.

HARLAN TO RETIRE, SAY TWO REPRESENTATIVES

Vacancy in Bench Would Bring Complications Politicians Believe

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
WASHINGTON, March 24.—Two members of the house of representatives said today that Justice Harlan of the United States supreme court told them yesterday that he intended to retire from the bench during the present administration and devote some time to the writing of his memoirs. Justice Harlan is qualified to retire on full pay at any time he desires.

The retirement of a supreme justice at this time, politicians think, might complicate the presidential situation, as the president is known to be anxious to see Senator Knox of Pennsylvania on the supreme court bench. If Chief Justice Fuller should retire, which is not unlikely, Secretary Taft might forego his chances for the presidency and take the chief justiceship. Senator Knox is popularly regarded as Roosevelt's second choice for president.

Koreans Arraign Japan as Cruel Tyrant

Say Stevens' Rule Set in Motion Wheels of Slaughter That Grind Korean Bodies

In the attempted assassination of D. W. Stevens, adviser to the Korean cabinet, the Koreans of San Francisco came to the conclusion yesterday that the occasion was ripe for forcing the attention of the world to the conditions of their native land, hoping that the weight of public opinion eventually would demand a cessation of Japanese rule.

In excited and enthusiastic groups this handful of would be liberators gathered at the Korean mission yesterday, discussing plans for the future, penning vitriolic sentences and telegraphing to their countrymen up and down the coast. Publicly they deplored the attempted murder, but at heart, it was plain to see, they rejoiced. In the eyes of the greater number the would be assassins were patriots and martyrs to the cause of liberty; but the wiser heads were fully alive to the fact that nothing more harmful to their cause could have been accomplished than the shooting of an American on American soil. Even the latter, however, while loudly disclaiming all connection with the shooting, were quick to observe that it had brought Korean affairs to public notice.

NO WORD OF SLAUGHTER

The uprisings in Korea, the hundred and one tiny insurrections, the shooting of stray Japanese patrols, have been promptly hushed up. The Korean might fight and fall, they claimed, and Japanese agents would still go through the world, telling of the wonderful peace and quietness brought about by Japanese rule in Korea. The outside world was not told of the Korean village lying stark amid the puddles of his rice field, the back of his head blown off by a Japanese bullet. Never before was the opportunity to present these alleged facts to the world, but in the sudden turning of public gaze

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DIPLOMAT IS MAKING HARD FIGHT

D. W. Stevens Holding His Own Despite Bullets Still Remain in Body

Japanese Consul General Happy Over Own Escape From Assassins

Is Confident in Ability of Police and Federal Guards to Give Protection

Koreans Do Not Realize Meaning of Protectorate, States High Official

Reports late last night stated that W. D. Stevens was resting easily and that there had been no change in his condition. The bullets have not yet been extracted from his wounds. Numerous inquiries regarding his health were made during the day, two or three of them in telegraphic form from Washington, D. C. M. W. Chun, the wounded Korean, was reported as greatly improved and the chances for his recovery were said to be favorable.

"I feel quite certain that if the Korean conspirators at the ferry depot had known that I was the Japanese consul-general, I as well as Mr. Stevens, would have been a victim of their bullets. What saved my life, I believe, was the fact that there were many Japanese in our party and they could not single me out."

Thus Choon Koike, Japanese consul general of San Francisco, summed up yesterday his opinion that he as well as Diplomat D. W. Stevens had been marked for death by the Koreans who had volunteered in the cause of the "righteous army" of the Hermit Kingdom.

"I was shocked and horrified," Koike continued, "when I read in The Call this morning the proclamation of the Koreans calling upon their countrymen to kill all Japanese. I read the fac simile of the original, as published and it was even more rabid in tone than the English translation."

KNEW OF NO REBELLION
"I had never before heard of the existence of such an army of rebellion, and I could hardly credit it," said the consul general.

"Was it authentic?" he inquired suddenly, as if the doubt had just occurred to him.

Being assured that the copy obtained by The Call had been signed in ink by General E. Yle Lin Yung, leader of the Korean righteous army and translated literally, the consul seemed non-plussed. Then he continued:

"I do not hold any fear for myself. I repose full confidence in the protection I shall receive from the American police department or from the federal secret service if its aid should be required."

"This band of Koreans must be part of the army of malcontents in Korea who fail to realize the beneficent work Japan is doing for their country in bringing peace and prosperity out of chaos. Japan is to Korea like a big brother and is guiding her and directing her affairs solely for her good."

"Under the direction of Japan Korea

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What Is a Gas Meter?
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
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Winning Answers to "What Is an Affidavit?"
\$5 prize to W. S. Kerr, 3022 Capp street, Oakland.
Postscripts to the handwriting on the wall.
\$1 prize to John B. Marshall, 1061 Buchanan street, city.
A bar against bars
\$1 prize to Mrs. George L. Hughes, 2017 Lorena street, Berkeley.
A grafter's certificate of his own good character.
\$1 prize to D. O. Howard, Pixley.
You lie and I'll swear to it.
\$1 prize to Miss Laura J. Brennan, 1621 Vallejo street, city.
An attempt to have the last word.
\$1 prize to W. Gehan, 1212 Market street.
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