

terious little ledger which served as the medium for twisting the records and accounts of the bank to an extent that required an expert's time for one month to clear up the muddle.

CONFESSES TRANSACTIONS

In his statement to his friends in the east which he intended should be conveyed to the authorities here, Robertson admitted that the bonds placed with the bank for safe keeping had been hypothecated. He was able to enumerate the several transactions which mystified the public at the time of the crash and offered to disclose the inside facts if given an opportunity.

The fugitive stated that these operations had been going on for a much greater time than was generally supposed. He said that the story he could tell would be a thriller and in fact seemed eager to return and take the witness stand.

It is not thought that Robertson will bargain long before offering to return to San Francisco. The evidence in the bank cases is considered complete without Robertson's testimony. Of course, he would make a valuable witness, but it is not known that his testimony is deemed of sufficient importance to warrant an immunity agreement.

SOON TO BE TRIED

Robertson has chosen his time well for the trial of the three men accused to begin. The fugitive banker has been able to keep himself informed in regard to the bank prosecutions through his relatives in this city. Mrs. Robertson is in San Francisco and has already been before the grand jury, but her testimony was not of a startling nature.

In his entire story, as told in the west, Robertson showed a certain bitterness toward Conning, who was his superior in bank affairs. Conning was given a clean bill by the grand jury, and the belief has been expressed that Robertson may attempt to lessen his own part in the guilty transactions.

Friends of Robertson who have been entrusted with his message to the authorities here state that he has the look of a hunted animal. His clothes are badly worn, his face is thin, and his gestures quick and nervous. It is stated that Robertson has been keeping up his nerve with strong drink and that the reaction has set in.

The police decline to state the source of their information, but it is said that Mrs. Robertson, who recently returned

STANFORD CRISIS IS NOW AT HAND

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The meeting was called by Student Body President A. A. Murphy for 1:25 o'clock, and long before this hour the baseball bleachers and the diamond were thronged with students.

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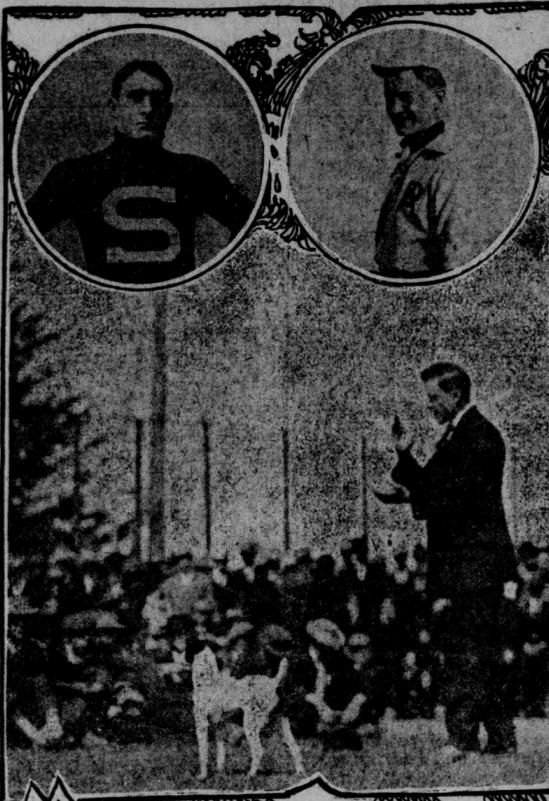
The first speaker to address the big gathering was F. W. Turner, '03, varsity coxswain and former president of the senior class. At the outset Turner expressed the opinion that the newspapers in the east and in the north should be fully notified of the situation. To effect this, Turner moved that a bureau of publicity be established, to consist of Harold Pritch, '03, of San Francisco, present editor of the Daily Palo Alto, together with other college editors to be chosen. This motion, which was the main object of Turner's speech, was passed with a rousing vote.

Murphy having outlined the policy of the meeting and the ideas to be brought out, called on Kenneth Fenton, '03, president of the senior class and baseball captain. Fenton received an ovation, and then, in his characteristic manner, outlined his stand. Fenton, who is reputed to be a clear-headed student, spoke frankly at the outset and told his fellow classmates that he was not a radical, but that the time for conservative action had passed. He scored the faculty roundly for its action and expressed himself as being disgusted absolutely by the stand taken by President David Starr Jordan and the committee headed by Chairman Clark.

Fenton was one of the strongest speakers of the day. He said: "We have tried everything that we can possibly do to put ourselves in the right. What have we accomplished? We have accomplished nothing. Some of you may say that I am a timid radical, I am not; but I firmly believe that we have come to a place where we must take some action. You have stood by and watched the 247 men sign the petition. We have seen them deliberately place their heads in the noose and are we going to see some of them get kicked out and others merely penalized after we have given them our moral support? We are all here with the interests of the university at heart. If we are not here for this purpose we have no right to be here. I have a petition which was not drawn by me. Several of you have asked me to draw one, but I have refused. I have here, however, such a petition which has been given me and I am going to start it myself."

Cheers and thunderous applause greeted Fenton as, after reading the agreement of withdrawal, he placed it on the speakers' stand and affixed his signature. A rush was made toward

Scenes at Stanford when walkout agreement was being signed. Above are William Koerner (to left), last year's football captain, one of the students suspended, and Kenneth Fenton, senior class president, who introduced the walkout resolution. Below is E. A. Cunha, addressing the students. The lower picture shows the undergraduates signing the agreement.



Manager Guy Knupp of the student body to defray and insure the salaries of Trainer "Dad" Moulton and Coach Murphy. The action was practically unanimous and passed with a rush of applause.

COMMITTEES RESIGN

Following this sweeping move, which eliminates all senior festivities by removing them from the members of the various committees, who were appointed some time ago by President Fenton, rose in order and presented their resignations. The action was one of impressive character and a cheer was taken by the members of the various committees, who were appointed some time ago by President Fenton, rose in order and presented their resignations.

"We want to graduate with the memory that Kenny Fenton was our senior president," said Hughes and it carried with a cheer.

The men who have been dismissed for the participation in the parade took the last formal step today to place their cases before the faculty and university authorities. In a formal petition drawn up to conform with the law of the faculty and signed by the men an attempt will be made to secure some action from President David Starr Jordan. The appeal and signatures of the men follow:

David Starr Jordan, President of the Leland Stanford Junior University; On March 17, 1908, we, the undersigned, were suspended from the university for having participated in a parade on the night of March 12, 1908. We hereby appeal to you from the decision of the executive committee of the faculty and ask for a rehearing on the ground that the punishment imposed was too severe for the offense. We respectfully refer you to the articles of organization of the faculty of the university as adopted March 31, 1904.

Chapter 2—The president, Section 3—He shall be primarily responsible for the enforcement of discipline in the university. Chapter 4, the academic council, section 5, page 20—It shall have the power to instruct the standing committees as to general policy or general regulations. Appeals from the action of the administrative committees in special or individual cases shall be to the president.

Chapter 6, committees, section 1, page 23—There shall be standing committees, grouped as follows: (A) Administrative—1—Student affairs.

In order that we may lose as little time as possible, either in continuing our work or in planning for the future, we respectfully ask you to give your decision immediately. F. R. Lanagan, A. G. Luckinsinger, A. W. E. Deane, L. W. Korman, L. S. Ross, F. D. Malone, T. R. Cadwalader, J. H. Reed, G. B. Hussey, W. Slack, D. J. Moore, J. Macomber, G. McGee, H. C. Brown, C. E. Sampson, O. W. Morgan, P. W. Watson, J. W. Mott, James O. McDonald, P. B. Delano.

The sentiment of the student body was expressed in no unmistakable terms in Assembly hall tonight during the presentation of the annual junior play. W. P. Fuller, Jr., of San Francisco, one of the 12 students originally suspended and the chief comedian of the opera, introduced some topical songs relating to the controversy between students and faculty which were greeted with applause and stopped the performance for several minutes. One of the verses, denouncing the student affairs committee, closed with an appeal for more faculty members of the stamp of Professors Max Farrand and W. P. Durrant, and the reference brought down the house.

ALUMNI TAKES ACTION

Two hundred alumni of Stanford university, thoroughly representative of the graduate body living in San Francisco and vicinity, met last night in Jefferson Square hall and took definite action looking to an endeavor to bring about a settlement of the trouble at their alma mater. A committee was appointed to investigate every phase of the controversy and to consult with President Jordan and offer its services in any way that might result in the university's welfare. A supplementary resolution was adopted advising the student body of the university that the alumni wished it to refrain from a general walkout until the alumni committee had been given an opportunity to exert its influence.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 o'clock by Paul M. Downing '95 and F. V. T. Lee '97 was made permanent chairman and E. R. Zion '94, secretary. After a lengthy discussion and expression of opinion by a score of graduates, the following resolution, in-

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from New York, has made her husband's wishes known to friends, who have approached the chief of police.

FIRE DAMAGES NOTED HOTEL

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 26.—The Leland hotel, one of the most widely known hotels in the country, which has been the center of political gatherings for the last 30 years, was damaged by fire today, entailing a loss of \$75,000. The fire broke out while the republican state convention was in session, three squares away, and when the delegates received word that the hotel was burning they leaped from their chairs, tore wildly for the doors and hastened to save their effects.

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the improvised rostrum, but a general signing of the document was prevented at this stage by President A. A. Murphy, who made an appeal for no demonstration that would carry it to the nature of mob action.

Harold Pritch, editor of the Daily Palo Alto, who, as the controller of the official student body organ, has had a large share in shaping undergraduate opinion, was the next speaker called upon. He declared that a moral obligation to take immediate action rested upon every student who had signed the big petition supporting the 247 paraders, and that unless such students could suggest a better method of procedure it devolved upon them to act at once. He condemned the recent proclamation of the faculty committee and declared that it had robbed the students of any choice in the matter except a general walkout. In part he said:

"We must go out unless we can make the faculty meet us half way. We are standing for a principle and I for one don't want to get up at 6 o'clock in the morning and sit to the quadrangle, thinking of the 41 men who have been kicked out of this university, some of the best men this university has ever known—and feeling that I have stood by and done nothing to help them go."

GRADUATE SPEAKS Fitch was given hearty applause and was succeeded by E. A. Cunha, a graduate of the class of '07, who was student body president and yell leader during his undergraduate career. Cunha deplored the fact that a grave misapprehension concerning the actual issues of the controversy has been allowed to grow in the outside public mind. He said:

"Many outsiders believe that you are a pack of drunkards and Mrs. Stanford, who is at Stanford is degenerate and unclean. If you can find a cleaner, more decent group of men in any university in this country, I will be surprised. The present issue is far from the question of liquor. It is a question of right and wrong. If you decide to leave college in order to protest most strongly against this action of the faculty, you are showing a attitude to be well understood, as you are on this issue for the good of the university."

Cunha then referred to the attitude Dr. Jordan had taken and criticized his action most strongly. He said that Professor Clark was probably as unpopular with the students as it was possible for a man to be and showed the mistake of Dr. Jordan in putting him in charge of the student affairs committee.

Cunha then dealt with the situation as it presented itself in another view. "This university was founded by Senator and Mrs. Stanford," said Cunha, "for the 'children of California,' and we, as the children of California, have a right to protest at being turned out of this university by any body of narrow minded professors."

G. J. Presley, varsity baseball and field coach, and C. F. Laumeister, another former student body president, urged the students to leave if they could not suggest some other more feasible method of expressing their sentiment. At this stage in the proceedings Prof. Charles H. Lewers, for many years connected with the law department of the university, but now engaged in private practice, took the stand and voiced a more conservative view than any which had been pre-

ented. Lewers is well known here to the older men and well liked. His ideas were received by a large faction with sympathy. He said: "Fellow Stanford men, I believe the situation is far more serious than it appears upon the surface. I think the action suggested is outrageous. As the motto of our university stands, 'The Air of Freedom Blows,' but I think that there has been too much hot air here. By walking out I fail to see where you will help your cases. You should stay and protest, and protest vigorously."

FORM LINE TO SIGN

Climbing down to the bleachers in numbers, a line was quickly formed and the undergraduates marched to the stand to sign the paper. The agreement was kept upon the platform for half an hour, and when it appeared that no further names would be inscribed at the time it was given into the keeping of Fenton. Upon the field the men who signed numbered about 150. This number has since been swelled within 25 of the requisite number.

A general walkout is not obligatory, however, in case of failure to secure 250 names and it is understood that a large number of men who signed, together with an equal number who fa-

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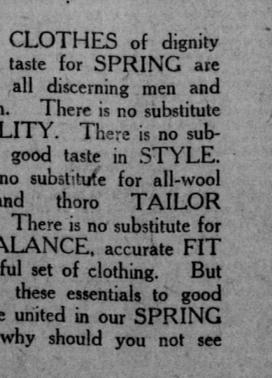
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introduced by Louis S. Beedy '93, was adopted. Whereas, there is a breach between the faculty and students of Stanford university; and Whereas, we as alumni are interested in the welfare of the university and in the promotion of harmonious relations between faculty and students; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that a committee of four be appointed by the chairman to consult with the president of the university, the president of the student body and a newly constituted committee representing the associated students. Several proposed amendments to this resolution were voted down and the sentiment was expressed that the committee should be given power to take whatever action it deemed advisable, to participate as it might see fit in case of an appeal to the president of the university by the men suspended and to take such other action as might appear proper to effect a settlement of the existing controversy.

Several speakers of the evening expressed radical views, but the general sense of the meeting was for conservative action. E. A. Cunha, former student body president at the university, described in a general way the incidents leading up to the present complications and told of the action taken by the students yesterday afternoon. Motion of John Sheehan the following supplementary resolution was adopted:

"That we advise that it is the sense of this meeting that no action be taken by students toward leaving the university at the present time." The committee appointed by Chairman Lee consists of Louis S. Beedy '93, Charles W. Pickett '93, Dr. A. B. Spaulding '93 and Paul M. Downing '95. The committee is to report at another meeting to be held next Wednesday evening.

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