

ACKERS' ESCAPE MADE EASY BY YUMA MARSHAL

Deserter Confined in Residence Walks Out of Bedroom Window at Night

Southern Pacific Detective in Meantime Takes Charge of His Passes

Wires From Tucson Make It Plain That Wealthy Deserter Is Well Cared For

THAT powerful influences were behind Private Ernest Ackers of the United States signal corps, both in his desertion from the Presidio and in his escape after having been arrested in Yuma, Ariz., and turned over to the custody of Marshal J. H. Godfrey, were plainly shown in dispatches received from Tucson.

Ackers openly admitted that a private car had been put at his disposal on the Southern Pacific tracks at San Francisco, but declared he did not use it, preferring to travel by the regular passenger train.

Ackers was arrested last Monday by Constable Martinez of Yuma. He was dressed in a fashionable gray suit and was walking about the streets when the officer apprehended him. He had arrived there that day on the Pullman.

When Martinez went to make the arrest Detective Andrews of the Southern Pacific mysteriously appeared on the scene, and, though he acted as if he did not know him, took an immediate interest in the case and finally requested that the four transcontinental railroad passes found on Ackers be turned over to him.

Instead of locking him up in jail, as is the usual custom, Godfrey placed the prisoner in his own residence. It was arranged that he should be turned over to the military authorities on the following Thursday, but on the night before Ackers spoiled the plans by opening the window of the bedroom and walking away.

Why there was no guard put over him was a question which could not be answered by Godfrey. "He was a nice fellow," said he, "and I did not care to lock him up."

Money a Mystery

From all indications the Southern Pacific detective had been with him from the time Ackers left San Francisco. When he deserted his post Ackers had \$5,000 with him, yet when arrested in Yuma he had but \$7.

Where the remainder of the money had gone was another mystery. Having but \$7 with him he could not have traveled very far after making his escape, but, though several days have elapsed since then, nothing has been heard of him. The general impression is that the greater part of his money was being kept by some other person, the common belief being that he had handed it over to some railroad agent in case of just such emergencies.

With the railroad detective's appearance in the case, together with the easy chances allowed him of escaping, the army officials are more than ever convinced that he was being helped by the strongest of civil influences and vigorous measures will be taken to bring about his recapture.

Ackers, after admitting that a private car had been waiting for him in San Francisco, said he had joined the army in disgust. He said that the act followed a bad period on the race-track. He declared his cause for desertion was that he was going east to get married.

The war department has taken unusual action in his case, and yesterday telegraphed a full description of his appearance to every possible place.

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MAIN OFFICE WILL NOT BE SO BURDENED

New Policy Adopted by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Corporation Sells Plants in the Small Towns, But Retains Long Distance Service

The Pacific telephone and telegraph company has disposed of some of its exchanges in cities along the coast and reports are current that it intends to sell others and to devote itself mainly to the long distance business.

The American telephone and telegraph company, known as the Bell company, controls 51 per cent of the stock of the Pacific company. The parent organization, until last year, held so tightly its patent rights that it was only with the greatest difficulty that small independent concerns could operate in the western field.

Good Business Proposition

This was arranged so that the Pacific telephone and telegraph company would withdraw from the local exchange work in those small cities where capital was at hand to buy it out.

Several Sales Effected

There have been many such sales in the northern part of the state and a large development of the rural service has followed.

Where the Pacific company has adopted this course, it has followed the policy pursued by the Home company.

DESERT IS SEARCHED FOR DEMENTED MINING MAN

RENO, Nev., May 18.—Three parties in automobiles from Wonder, Nev., are searching the desert in the vicinity of Dixie Hot Springs in an effort to find Calvin Harris, a Chicago mining man, who escaped from the authorities of Wonder Saturday in a demented condition.

Parties in Autos Seek Trace of Calvin Harris

Harris was picked up last Thursday by three prospectors who found him wandering on the desert, his lips swollen from thirst and almost starved.

GLENN, AND COLUSA TO BUILD HIGH SCHOOL

Two Counties Pool Funds to Erect New Structure

WILLOWS, May 18.—Glenn and Colusa counties will probably erect a high school at Princeton, on the county line, the cost to be borne equally by the two counties and the school to be maintained jointly.

Moral Issue Invincible

WORDS OF PRAISE FOR FIGHT ON GRAFT

Former Governor of Missouri Addresses Good Government League

More of the golden rule and less of the rule of gold will bring about the golden age.

"If a government anywhere neglects the people it is because the people first neglect the government."—Extracts from Joseph Folk's speech.

In a speech vivid with graphic portrayals of the truest patriotism and ringing with sincerity, Joseph Folk, former governor of Missouri, laid before the minds of an audience which packed the colonial ballroom at the St. Francis hotel yesterday afternoon the fundamental groundwork of the highest American citizenship in its never ceasing struggle against civic evil.

The meeting, while arranged by the Good Government league, was by no means confined to the members of that organization. Men and women from every walk in life were there to hear from the lips of the eminent reformer his experiences in the battle against graft in his state.

The familiar Columnies

There was a smile of understanding when he spoke of being accused of hurting business. It ran to a titter when he mentioned that he had been charged with destroying the city's fair name and it developed into a hurricane of laughter when he came down to the old, familiar argument that capital had been "held up" by an inexorable governing body.

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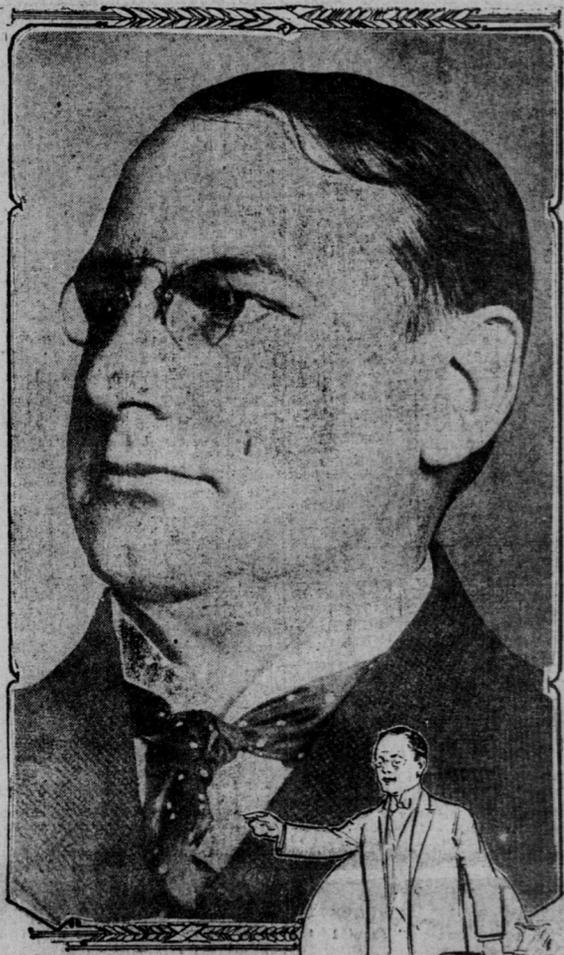
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Spreckels, Still on Stand, Telling Full Story of the Prosecution

Agrees to Produce in Court Books Showing All Expenditures

Says Heney Has Had Nothing but Cost of Running Law Office

How Ruef's Offer to Cause a Great Car Strike Was Received

By W. RUSSELL COLE

THE battle royal of the Calhoun trial took place yesterday in Judge Lawlor's courtroom between Rudolph Spreckels, called as a witness Monday by the prosecution, and Earl Rogers of the defense, who conducted a vitriolic cross examination.

It was a battle royal because from the outset it was evident that no quarter would be asked or given. Rogers fought shrewdly and even viciously to discredit the testimony given by Spreckels on direct examination and to substantiate in whole or part the charges and insinuations that have been so persistently made for three years concerning the motives and purposes of the graft prosecution.

Answers All Questions

Spreckels answered questions with the same directness with which they were asked, growing vehement at times as his questioner allowed bitterness to become apparent in voice or manner, and again smiling and facing the ordeal with calmness.

Naturally the character of the cross examination led to continual clashes in which the witness as well as the lawyers participated.

First Clash of Day

The first conflicts developed during the direct examination of Spreckels, which ran over from Monday into the morning session yesterday.

Secretary Edwin Stearns, confronted with the soft accusation, blushed, but protested that it wasn't he and that he didn't know who it was.

At any rate he called at the Hotel St. Mark this morning and asked Mrs. Potter to ride in his auto, and she graciously consented.

The distinguished authority on feminine clubdom and lore of all sorts says that she had a delightful ride, and she is willing to forgive her escort for concealing his identity.

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