

"PERFORMERS" WANT SCALP OF GAME WARDEN

Penalty for Approving Effort to Force State Fish and Game Commission Accounting

Official of Santa Cruz County Incurs the Wrath of His "Higher Ups"

Must Lose His Place Because He Has Been Guilty of Lese Majeste

EXPOSED in the act of venting their petty spite on a man who dared to suggest that the state fish and game commission should be required to render an accounting of the hundreds of thousands of dollars expended by it, some of the most improved copper riveted "performers" in California have become greatly confused and are making admissions damaging to their cause. Arrayed in all their glory Lieutenant Governor Warren Porter, apostle of "performers," General George Stone—whom George Knight calls "Lydia Pinkham" Stone—and F. W. Van Sicken, members of the fish and game commission, Chief Warden Charles Vogelsang, and Ralph Miller, supervisor of Santa Cruz county, are after the scalp of Walter R. Welch, game warden, and according to present indications will have pieces of it tucked in their respective belts after June 1.

Guilty of Lese Majeste

That the victim is competent and efficient is admitted even by his persecutors, but he is charged by them with lese majeste in connection with the demand for an investigation of the commission, which came up in the recent legislature, and he must pay the penalty. Assertions which indicate political blackmail on the part of the commission are made by one of the "performers," Supervisor Miller, in explaining his activity, while on the other hand Vogelsang says, in effect, that Miller's statements are absurd. It was Vogelsang's voluble denials of any connection with the affair that revealed Porter's part in the petty persecution.

Approved Investigation

During the last session of the legislature Assemblyman Harry Polesley introduced a resolution requiring the fish and game commission to submit a report of receipts and disbursements as required by law. The commission handles hundreds of thousands of dollars of the state's money, but its members have steadfastly neglected to prepare a report. The only excuse offered for this state of affairs was that the accounting had been "overlooked."

The Polesley resolution received commendation throughout the state, but its author was not personally strong enough to secure its passage. Walter R. Welch, game warden of Santa Cruz county, was one who applauded the effort to gain some knowledge of what was being done with the state's funds, and he wrote a letter to Polesley endorsing his move.

In some manner the letter which Welch wrote as a citizen got into the hands of the "performers," and from that time his removal was merely a matter of political convenience. This time has arrived and Welch has been notified by the board of supervisors of Santa Cruz county, the home of Lieutenant Governor Porter, that his services will not be required after June 1.

The news of Welch's impending removal created indignation among true sportsmen and citizens in Santa Cruz county, and an explanation was demanded of Supervisor Ralph Miller. His unprepared statement has caused pain among the higher class performers.

Fearful Wrath of Commission

"None of the supervisors had any fault to find with Welch as an officer," Miller is quoted as saying, "but we could not afford to have him antagonize the state fish commission, which is doing a great deal for this county. It is spending about \$3,000 a year here. It is not only because of what the commission has done for Santa Cruz, but because of what we expect in the future."

Admitting that he knew nothing of the merits of the controversy over the state commission, Miller continued: "I tell you, this county has been getting more than its share from the commission and we can not stand for Mr. Welch's taking a hand in the state fight."

Chief Warden Vogelsang was asked about the various intimations in the Miller interview last night and vehemently denied that the commission had any part in the removal of Welch, but in his conversation showed a strange intimacy existing between the commission and Supervisor Miller, and also exposed the deep interest in the fight manifested by Porter.

Absurd, Says Vogelsang

It is absurd to say that the commission has taken any part in this fight," said Vogelsang. "Why, we knew nothing about the matter until I received a letter from Supervisor Miller

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Creatures Resemble Frogs, but Have No Eyes

DENVER, Colo., May 20.—Creatures resembling frogs, but unlike them in that they are whitish in color and have no eyes, were discovered yesterday in a sandstone bluff three miles west of this city by a truck gardener.

While digging in the bluff he uncovered a number of cells, inside of which were soft, mush appearing balls. When these were rolled out they proved to be living reptiles, presumably of another age.

Local geologists are of the opinion that mudbeds existed ages ago, where now stand the sandstone bluffs and that chemical process changing the mud gradually to stone imprisoned the reptiles just discovered.

SOCIETY FOLK FIGHT FLAMES AT BURLINGAME

Beautiful Residence of Joseph D. Grant, With Its Priceless Li- brary, Entirely Destroyed

Women Leaders of Smart Set Foremost in Battle With Fierce Blaze

"Where's the fire?" queried Douglass Grant of the driver of the San Mateo hose cart.
"The Grant residence near Burlingame is on fire," shouted back the driver.
Douglass Grant, son of Joseph D. Grant, the wealthy merchant of this city, was the first member of the family to learn of the blaze that destroyed the palatial Grant residence, one mile northwest of the Burlingame club, at 6 o'clock last evening.

Douglass Grant at the time was walking from San Mateo to the Peninsula hotel with Prescott Scott and Mr. Spotsford. The trio secured a carriage and hurried to the Grant home to find that the flames were beyond control.

The blaze was discovered by Gordon Hewson, a chauffeur employed by Robert L. Coleman, Hewson was driving past the Grant home, taking Prof. J. J. Moran, tutor of the Coleman children, to Moran's home in San Mateo. He saw tongues of flames leaping from the vicinity of the chimney in the front part of the house.

Gives the Alarm

Running to the front door Hewson rang the bell, but received no response. He then hurried to the rear of the house and there found the servants, who were unaware of the fire. No member of the Grant family was home. The chauffeur next notified the San Mateo fire department and then his employer, Coleman in turn notified Henry T. Scott by telephone.

Soon a large number of the exclusive society set were at the Grant residence aiding and directing the servants in the rescue of such articles as they could before the flames prevented further work.

The San Mateo fire department arrived on the scene too late to save any portion of the magnificent home. Not until the flames had the residence enveloped did the society folk cease removing valuable articles from the doomed mansion.

"It's too bad," lamented Mrs. Laurence I. Scott as she saw the home being reduced to ashes. "Laurence has been trying for the last two years to have them get a hose cart here."

Society Women Fight Flames

Among those who aided in the rescuing of the contents were T. H. Driscoll and wife, Henry T. Scott, W. H. Crocker, Laurence I. Scott and wife, Robert L. Coleman, Oscar Cooper and wife and J. J. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant entertained some friends at dinner Wednesday and motored yesterday to their country home near San Jose. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

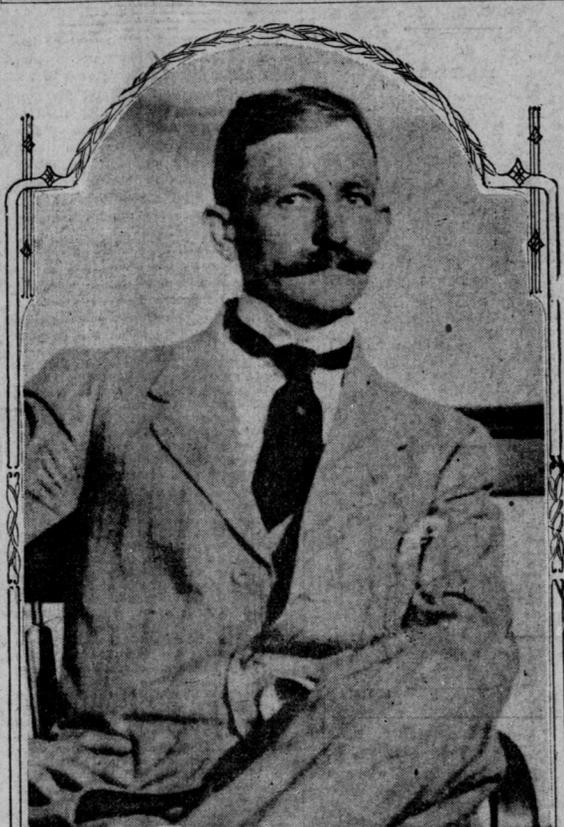
The destruction of the home and practically all of the contents will be keenly felt by Joseph D. Grant, because of the loss of his rare library and art treasures. He is a connoisseur of books and had many volumes which he will be unable to replace. He has made frequent trips to England and Europe, where he has many literary friends. In his motor tours abroad it has been his hobby to gather the rarest books to be had. First editions of the best authors have been much sought after by him. He has shown a predilection for books dealing with the drama. Only last year Grant brought back with him from Europe an unusually large number of valuable books. His library was noted for the fact that it contained no trash. The library was entirely destroyed in last night's blaze.

"SHORTY" HARRIS DYING, WOUNDED IN A DUEL

Discoverer of Ore in Bullfrog Shot by Mexican

McDERMOTT, Nev., May 20.—"Shorty" Harris, known in every mining camp in Nevada and the first discoverer of pay ore in the Bullfrog district, was shot and probably mortally wounded here last night in a pistol duel with a Mexican with whom he had engaged in an altercation over a game of cards. Harris is dying, a bullet having entered his lungs.

Secret Operations Of the Defense Are Revealed by Helms



John Helms, as he appeared yesterday while testifying in the trial of Patrick Calhoun. Taken in court by a Call staff photographer.

GIRLS STAMPEDE AS BOYS WATCH JINKS

Senior Class of Berkeley High School Maidens Disturbed While Dancing

BERKELEY, May 20.—The annual jinks of the girls of the senior class of the Berkeley high school was turned into a stampede last night when a group of boys tried to break in on the festivities. Pretty maidens clad in trapeze artist tights, in gauzy nothings, draped in their brothers' suits, or gowned in fantastic garb, shrieked in horror as the masculine faces appeared at the window pane. Not until a policeman was summoned did the boys depart. The patrolman gallantly offered to remain.

The exclusive indoor carnival took place at the home of Miss Mabel Matern, one of the seniors of the school. She had offered the commodious apartments of her residence for the affair and her classmates had responded in great numbers. In charge of the event were Miss Leonore Salsig, Miss Evelyn Steele, editor of the woman's edition of the Olla Podrida, and Miss Elizabeth Fulgide.

The real climax of the performance had been reached. It was a spirited dance, and the pretty slippers of the high school lasses cut graceful curves as they whirled to the rhythm of the music. Suddenly a suppressed sound was heard from without and then came a peal of masculine delight. The high school boys had climbed to a vantage point by means of a ladder and were preparing to descend into the jinks room. The chorus of alarms brought the patrolman and the boys fled in the darkness.

The young men did not escape, however, until the identity of some of them had been established. In the party were Fred Allen, Herman Matern, George Robinson, Leland Rathbone, R. Martin, John Sloan and Ray Randall.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIANS BENTONVILLE, Ark., May 20.—The seventy-ninth general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church was formally organized today with the selection of Rev. J. T. Barbee of Dawson Springs, Ky., as moderator. All the states of the south, southwest and central west were represented, as was California.

SUNSHINE SOCIETY IN CONVENTION

New York, May 20.—About 500 women attended the annual convention of the International Sunshine society today. Invitations were given the society to meet next year at Los Angeles, Cal., Chicago and Atlantic City.

DESERTION WIFE KILLS HER CHILD

Deserted by Husband, She Shoots Boy and Then Attempts Suicide

Driven to desperation by the desertion of her husband and by lack of funds, Mrs. Laura MacDonald, a waitress, shot and killed her 3 year old son in her room at the Baldwin hotel, 74 Sixth street, last night, following the act by attempting to commit suicide by drinking poison. She was found in time to save her life.

The woman's husband, John M. MacDonald, a barber, deserted her about six months ago, but returned to her last Monday for the purpose of saying farewell to her before he left for Portland. The second desertion brought about a despondency which last night led to her killing her child and making an attempt on her own life.

Prior to shooting the boy she deserted him and prepared him for his cradle. Then, as the child slumbered, she placed a revolver in his breast and pulled the trigger. The shot was heard by Charles M. Green, one of the roomers in the hotel, who, on hastening to the spot, kicked in the door and found the woman in the act of lifting a glass of carbolic acid to her lips. Previous to the shooting she had dissolved antiseptic tablets in water and swallowed the solution. Green knocked the glass of carbolic acid from her hand. She was taken to the central emergency hospital and will recover.

The child had been kept at a sanitarium in Mill Valley until last Saturday, when his mother was forced to take him away, not having the money to keep him there longer.

"OUT," SAYS THE UMPIRE OF THE DIVORCE COURT

Judgment for Mrs. Upson, Whose Husband Is Ball Fan

SACRAMENTO, May 20.—Superior Judge Shields today granted a decree of divorce to Mrs. Miller H. Upson on the ground of failure to provide, the specification to which the wife testified being that most of his time was devoted to baseball when he ought to have been earning a living for his two children and herself. She was awarded the custody of the two minor children and \$20 a month for the support of the children. Mr. and Mrs. Upson were prominent in society circles.

FRESH CHARGES LAID AT ABBOTT'S DOOR BY DETECTIVE ON STAND

Sleuth Exposes Making of Two False Affidavits by E. A. Platt Under Calhoun Lawyer's Order

HELMS WORKED FOR TROLLEY CO. WITH BURNS' FULL KNOWLEDGE

Earl Rogers' Efforts to Break Down Witness in Grilling Cross Examination Meet With Signal Failure

Developments Yesterday in the Calhoun Trial

The presence on the witness stand of John Helms and Rudolph Spreckels, two of the prosecution's star witnesses, draws an immense crowd, and long lines of men wait all day outside the courtroom for chance to enter.

Helms continues his sensational statement concerning the secret operations of the defense and Spreckels explains in full his motives in giving financial backing to the graft prosecution.

Attorneys for the defense wage battle to prevent admission of testimony showing atrocities committed by them and disproving their insinuations that ulterior motives lay behind the prosecution.

Helms gives partial account of the efforts made by the defense to reach him to prevent him from testifying in the present case, mentioning in this connection the names of William H. Metson, Edgar Zook, Hugh and John O'Neill and Frank J. Murphy of this city, H. A. Monroe of Eureka and Winfield S. Lamb and Assemblyman John McClellan of Trinity county.

Helms tells of being employed by William J. Burns to unearth the plot to steal records from the district attorney's office, while pretending at the same time to be in the employ of William M. Abbott.

Helms explains how systematic robbery of files in Burns' office was discovered and finally frustrated, incidentally declaring that some of the payments to E. A. Platt were made by Abbott in Garret W. McEberney's office.

Helms tells of more conversations with Patrick Calhoun and how, at Abbott's behest, he engaged Attorneys Nate Coghlan and Charles S. Perry to defend sleuths arrested for interfering with the work of Special Agent Burns.

Helms exposes the making of two false affidavits by E. A. Platt under the instructions of William M. Abbott.

Rudolph Spreckels makes public a statement showing that the total private expense of the graft prosecution to date has been \$213,391.50, of which he has personally advanced \$138,478.05.

Spreckels declares that his sole idea in financing the graft prosecution was to break up the corrupt city administration and that he did not know at the time he took up the task what corporations or corporation officials would be involved.

The fact is proved that the graft prosecution was actively under way before the payment of the United Railroads trolley bribe was offered or made.

It is shown that before taking up the work of the prosecution William J. Burns was paid \$10,000 as a matter of protection for his family in the event of his assassination.

By W. RUSSELL COLE

Even more vivid colors than on Wednesday were the details of the secret plots and operations of Patrick Calhoun's sleuths and assistants pictured yesterday by John Helm, former chief of the Calhoun detective force, whose appearance on the witness stand in the Calhoun bribery trial caused a tremendous sensation Wednesday afternoon.

In several respects the developments yesterday were similar to those of the preceding day. There was the same breathless interest attaching to the testimony given by Helms, the same strenuous but futile efforts on the part of the defendant's attorneys to keep the mass of damaging evidence out of the record, the same insistence by the prosecuting attorneys that everything be laid bare, and finally the exposure by the witness of still more crimes committed by the defense in the long battle that has been waged to defeat justice.

FRESH CHARGES AT ABBOTT'S DOOR

Helms brought into his story yesterday the names of many men whose connections with the cause of allied graft have never been previously exposed. He told in part of the frantic attempts made to reach him when it became known to the defense that he would probably take the witness stand; explained more inner history of the prosecution; admitted his own activities in full; laid fresh charges at the door of William M. Abbott and others, and then withstood a hammer and tongs cross examination at the hands of Earl Rogers of the defense.

The interest yesterday did not center in Helms alone, however, for he was temporarily excused from the witness stand at noon and the cross examination of Rudolph Spreckels was resumed and occupied the remainder of the day. Spreckels' testimony was every whit as interesting and as pertinent to the issues of the case as that of Helms, though it dealt, for the most part, with entirely different subject matter.

TABULATES EXPENSES OF GRAFT PROSECUTION

The promised tabulation of all receipts and expenditures of the graft prosecution was produced by the witness and made a part of the record, and the final answer was given to the charge that ulterior motives ever urged the carrying on of the prosecution.

By the time court was called to order for the morning session yesterday the courtroom was crowded with spectators and a line was formed in front of the building of those who were unable to secure admission because of the lack of room. All day this line kept its position, lengthening out now and then and shortening again as a few at the head of the column were allowed to enter. District Attorney Langdon appeared at the counsel table of the prosecution for the first time since the trial began, remaining at the side of Heney and O'Gara throughout the day, and Superior Judge