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"Somebody Ought to Shoot Heney," Abbott Tells Helms

MARRIAGE OF FORMER PASTOR WAS ANNULLED

Attorney for Rev. William de Ronden-Pos Failed to Have Judgment Recorded

New Jerusalem Church Still Rent by Factional Strife Over Bigamy Charge

Clergyman Married Choir Singer Same Day Court Freed Him From First Wife

A BITTER verbal battle between opposing factions in the Society of New Jerusalem church in O'Farrell street, charges and counter-charges of illegal conduct and petty spite, and a final parting of the two warring forces marked the committee meeting called last night to inquire into the matrimonial status of Rev. William de Ronden-Pos, former pastor of the church, who was accused by some members of his congregation of having committed bigamy in wedding Miss Lillian Boyle, a choir singer, before he had secured a divorce from his first wife.

Attorney Frank J. Burke, representing De Ronden-Pos, appeared last night to refute the charge against the pastor, accompanied by E. D. Shaw, treasurer of the church, who bore a power of attorney to represent the minister. The committee adjourned, however, without giving Burke an opportunity to explain the nature of his errand.

GRANTED AN ANNULMENT

"The Rev. de Ronden-Pos was granted an annulment of the marriage to his first wife December 18, last," Burke said last night after the committee had left without hearing his case. Judge Graham signed the decree of annulment on the showing that the first wife, now in a Canadian insane asylum, was insane at the time of marriage, and so could not contract a valid tie. The minister was married December 18, after having been granted the annulment.

"I neglected to record the decree for several days, through press of business, and the church members inimical to De Ronden-Pos jumped at the conclusion that the separation had only been asked for, not granted, and brought the charge of bigamy against him."

Delay Caused Uproar

De Ronden-Pos filed his complaint for annulment December 7, and, as the judgment never was recorded, his marriage 11 days later caused an uproar in the church when the divorce complaint was discovered.

When the committee which met to hear the pastor's defense was leaving last night they were the center of a bitter controversy instituted by their opponents.

"I ask you to stay and hear our explanation," cried E. D. Shaw, who carried the power of attorney from De Ronden-Pos, directing the heated remark to M. S. Nelson, a member of the committee and a leader in the faction opposing the minister.

"I won't talk with you a minute," returned Nelson.

"You are afraid to!" challenged Shaw, and Nelson did not reply.

"Grace to Our Church"

"This is a disgrace to our church," several ladies on the committee cried as they left the building.

With the news that De Ronden-Pos is legally married the discussion in the church bids fair to continue unabated, for the squabble over the matter has separated beyond hope of reconciliation the two warring factions, led by W. J. Pierce against the pastor and by Shaw and Hanna in his defense. The anti-De Ronden-Pos forces have had their day, and now the triumphant defenders of the minister will strive for leadership in the church.

HANFORD FARMER'S ARM BROKEN ON MACHINE

Mower's Team Runs Away When Frightened by Cyclist
HANFORD, May 21.—While he was driving a team attached to a mower on his ranch near here, Frederick Lubbert had a narrow escape from death today. The horses became frightened by a passing cyclist and ran away, throwing Lubbert into the mechanism of the machine.

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ERNEST HOGAN DIES—New York, May 21. Ernest Hogan, one of the best known negro comedians and song writers, is dead at his home of tuberculosis.

VOWS IN SIAM FAIL TO BIND IN HONOLULU

Romance of Orient Shattered for San Francisco Girl and Englishman

Wedding Gifts Sent, but Miss Jones Says They Will Not Be Needed

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SAN RAFAEL, May 21.—That the romantic engagement between Miss Edith Jones, a beautiful Sausalito and San Francisco belle, and Harry Cooper, an official in the English service in the orient, has been broken off is the common rumor in social circles on both sides of the bay, the gossip being based on the unexpected postponement of the wedding and Miss Jones' declarations.



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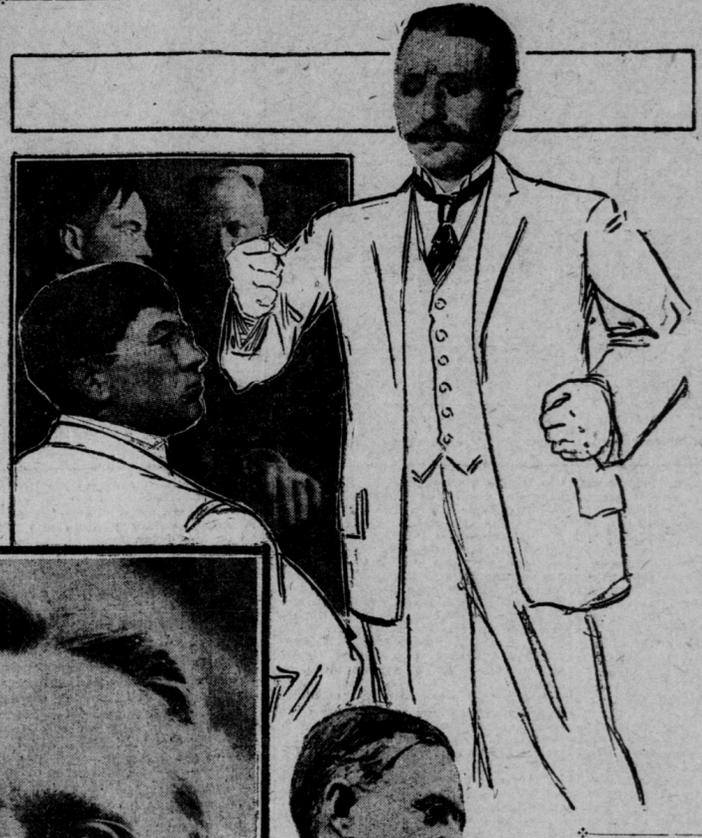
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Sleuth on Stand Declares Calhoun Lawyer Urged Assassination of Graft Prosecutor



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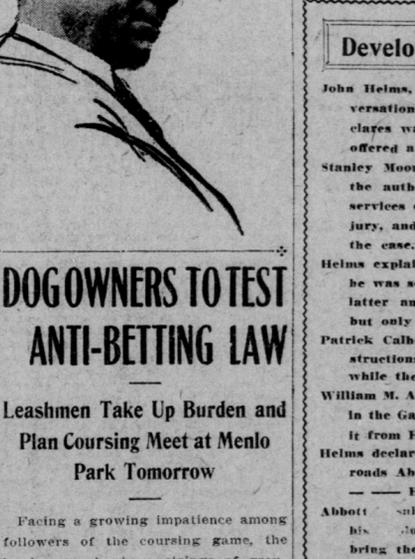
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BRIBE OF \$3,000 OFFERED TO HELMS TO KEEP SILENCE

Refused to Fall Into Trap Planned by Metson in Talk Over Phone

STANLEY MOORE HURLS LIE—BLUFF IS CALLED

Clash Between Lawyer and Witness Comes When Helms Tells of the Slurs on Burns

PROSECUTION SCORES AT CALHOUN'S TRIAL

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Developments Yesterday in the Calhoun Trial

John Helms, former United Railroads detective, tells of telephone conversation with Attorney William H. Metson, which the defense declares was taken down on a phonograph. Helms says that he was offered a bribe of \$3,000 to maintain silence.

Stanley Moore charges Helms with lying, and Francis J. Heney, with the authorization of William H. Langdon, offers the defense the services of the district attorney's office to prosecute Helms for perjury, and tells Moore that Earl Rogers will be allowed to conduct the case.

Helms explains that while working for William M. Abbott at the time he was secretly in the employ of Burns he never turned over to the latter any lawful information gained from the United Railroads, but only reported criminal and unlawful acts.

Patrick Calhoun is shown to have had personal knowledge of the instructions given to Helms and his subordinates to shadow Burns while the latter was investigating the Gallagher dynamiting.

William M. Abbott is charged by Helms with having taken a deep interest in the Gallagher case and with having sought information concerning it from Helms.

Helms declares that shortly after he was employed by the United Railroads Abbott remarked to him, "Somebody ought to shoot that — Heney."

Abbott said by Helms to have told him to get under cover and have his clothes get under cover at the time the subpoenas were issued to bring them into court.

It is shown that Francis J. Heney has carried on the work of the graft prosecution without compensation, that his personal practice has been ruined and that he has refused offers of large retainers from the federal government.

An effort is made to introduce into evidence the reports stolen from Burns' office and recovered from Abbott's safe and a curious legal tangle results.

By W. RUSSELL COLE

"SOMEbody ought to shoot that — Heney!"

This remark, declared by John Helms, former chief of the Calhoun detective bureau, to have been made to him by William M. Abbott shortly after he entered the service of the United Railroads and many months before the actual shooting of Francis J. Heney by Morris Haas, was but one of the many serious accusations made yesterday by Helms, who continued on the witness stand in the Calhoun trial.

As on the two preceding days of his examination, Helms' testimony teemed with sensational disclosures, and again the witness was made the target in a bitter struggle by the defense to prevent the damaging evidence sought from him by the prosecution from being incorporated in the record.

The effort to prevent complete exposure of the secret plots and activities of the defendant and his attorneys was partially successful. Helms added much to what he had already told and made direct charges of bribery and attempts to thwart justice, but he was not permitted to tell the details of the mysterious interviews which emissaries of the defense have had with him since it became known that he was to take the witness stand at the request of the prosecution. He was only excused from the witness stand temporarily, however, and will be recalled after further foundation for his testimony has been laid.

HELMS RELATES CONVERSATIONS
Helms related various conversations with members of Calhoun's forces, told more of the methods resorted to in robbing the office of Special Agent Burns of official records, described the meth-

ods employed in interfering with Burns' work, and piled the mass of damaging testimony which he has given still higher.

Under direct examination by Assistant District Attorney Heney, Helms described the interest taken by Calhoun himself, as well as by Abbott and Stanley Moore of the defendant's counsel, in the efforts of Burns to solve the mystery of the Gallagher dynamiting outrage. He stated that the automobile which was sent out to follow Burns during the time he was making these investigations was first put on his trail April 29, 1908, on which day Burns returned to San Francisco from the east, where he had been at the time of the dynamiting.

"On the day Burns returned, Tom Gibson came to my office and—" began the witness.

"The rest of the answer was drowned in an interruption from Earl Rogers, who objected that anything Detective Tom Gibson might have said could not be binding upon Calhoun. Heney called attention to the fact that it had already been testified that the witness received instructions from Calhoun through Gibson on another occasion. Judge Lawlor instructed that the matter be brought out squarely with a direct question.

"Well, then," said Heney, "after Mr. Gibson came to your office, what did you do?"

"I sent a number of men down with Gibson to watch Mr. Burns when he got off the train and afterward I had him followed with an automobile day and night."

Helms declared that the first automobile rented for this work did not prove satisfactory, and that he sug-

DOG OWNERS TO TEST ANTI-BETTING LAW

Leashmen Take Up Burden and Plan Coursing Meet at Menlo Park Tomorrow

Facing a growing impatience among followers of the coursing game, the leashmen, who have strings of greyhounds on their hands, have planned a test of the validity of the Otis-Walker anti-betting law at a meet to be held tomorrow at Menlo park, San Mateo county. This will be the first real test of the law.

The leashmen have banded themselves together and formed a coursing association, with Mike Lynch as secretary. There will be betting on the results of the courses, but no system has been devised. Previous coursing meetings were held with the betting under the auction pool system.

Whether this plan will be adopted the association has not decided, but a plan will probably be selected today. The leashmen say they have an attorney who has advised them to go ahead and make the test.

The leashmen were given assurance by Jerry O'Shea, manager of Ingleside coursing park, who has been looked upon as a leader by greyhound men, that he would make a fight in their behalf to test the Otis-Walker bill, and the matter was left "up" to him. He failed to make the test. Now the leashmen have taken up the burden.

When Ingleside coursing park was closed there were nearly 500 greyhounds in training. The sport was in a flourishing condition, and there were many owners and trainers who depended for a livelihood upon the purses won by their hounds.

With these men the anti-betting law means that they must dispose of their dogs, as they are expensive to keep, or the game must be resumed.

Manager O'Shea said last night that he had not heard of any plan of the leashmen to course at Menlo park. However, he said he knew they were becoming anxious and wanted something to be done.

A consignment of hares has been received by the leashmen from Fresno, and a big stake is down for decision Sunday. Leashmen from Port Costa, Vallejo, Stockton and adjacent towns are interested in the test, and the followers of the game say a good day's sport is assured.

CHARGES HUSBAND HYPNOTIZED HER

Young Wife Sues for Divorce; Married at 14 While Mesmerized

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA ROSA, May 21.—Mrs. Margaret McWilliams, a 21-year old mother of three children, has filed a suit for divorce from her husband, J. D. McWilliams, a professional hypnotist, formerly of San Francisco, charging that he married her when she was only 14 by hypnotizing her.

Mrs. McWilliams with an officer went to the McWilliams ranch in the hills near San Diego to serve the papers. The father drove the officer away with a gun and escaped with the children. He is headed toward the Mexican boundary line.

Six years of alleged cruelty, the young woman says, including beatings and an attempt to place her in an asylum, have worked to free the child wife of her husband's hypnotic influence. The children were stolen from her in this city a year and a half ago.

CHINESE STREET DUEL FOLLOWS TONG TROUBLE

SANTA BARBARA, May 21.—Two Chinese engaged in a street duel, exchanging eight shots this afternoon in the local Chinatown. A retired Chinese merchant, seated in his store, was hit in the ankle by a stray bullet. This was the only damage done. Both of the shooters were arrested. A tong trouble is given as the cause of the duel.