

GRASPING FISH COMBINE WILL BE PROSECUTED

State Senate Committee Will Ask Authorities to Begin Criminal Proceedings

Existence of Trust Fully Established by Investigation, Declares Wolfe

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I have been participating in the investigation by the committee in the hope of developing sufficient facts to justify prosecutions. The evidence already produced points to an understanding or combination between certain of the wholesale fish dealers and we know that evidence along these lines will yet be developed.

A bomb was exploded yesterday morning in the midst of the wholesale fish dealers of this city, who have maintained a combination since the fire to kill off honest competition and thus permit them to sell fish at prices so exorbitant as to make the food a luxury.

The state senate committee appointed to investigate the high cost of living announced that it would call upon the district attorney, or the attorney general, or both of them, to immediately begin proceedings to prosecute the members of the trust.

In less than one week's time the committee, which is composed of Senators Edward L. Wolfe, Richard J. Welch and John P. Hare, has gathered information against the wholesalers of such a damning nature as to justify them in demanding criminal prosecutions.

GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE District Attorney Fickert said he would immediately place the case before the grand jury.

The wanton destruction of fresh fish by the wholesalers to prevent people profiting by a glut in the market, and the coercion of the retailers into dealing with only members of the trust, so aroused the committee that the decision was reached yesterday morning that Frank Faraone, as exclusively foretold by The Call, Sunday, testified that the trust had stopped him from buying halibut direct from Puget sound and that Frank Bellante of the American fish and oyster company, a member of the combine, had been fined \$50 for selling him fish half a cent under the combine's price.

Witnesses who testified before the committee last week gave the following firms as members of the combine: A. Paladini, Western fish company, International fish company, New San Francisco fish company, Blagini & Co., California fish company.

INDEPENDENTS SUING The Portola fish company, an independent company which was forced out of business by the tactics of the combine, is now suing the members of the combine for \$15,000 damages for conspiracy.

The witnesses before the committee have testified that Paladini and the western fish company, who control the catch of sole, sanddabs and other deep sea fish off this coast, refused to sell sole and sanddabs to those retailers who persisted in buying what fish they could of the Portola company.

One day I bought a box of halibut from the American fish and oyster company," said Faraone, "and then went to the California fish company. I was folding up the American fish and oyster company's tag for the halibut and putting it in my pocket when the representative of the California company deliberately stole it from me and took it to the Western fish company. I heard from Frank Bellante of the American fish and oyster company the next day that the Western fish company had fined him \$50 for giving me fish a half cent under price.

DEMANDS PROSECUTIONS As a result of these disclosures of the tactics of the combine Senator Wolfe made the following demand for criminal prosecutions: "I think the committee is about satisfied. The committee will ask the district attorney of this city and county or the attorney general, or both of them, to immediately begin proceedings against the fish combine, the existence of which we think has been established in the evidence taken before the committee up to this date.

Frederick Edwards, a retailer of Oakland, also gave strong testimony against the combine. He told how the Oakland branch of the Western fish company raised its prices exorbitantly three years ago on sole and other fish, and explained to him that the action was taken because he bought fish direct from the north and south. The branch of the California fish company also told him he would have to stop buying direct from the north and the south. Edwards retorted that he was a free born American citizen and would not submit to such dictation.

Chinese Consul General Gives Way to Successor



Li Wing Yue, the new Chinese consul general for this port.

OFFICIAL USHERED INTO NEW OFFICE

Li Wing Yue Returns as Country's Representative After 15 Years' Absence

With tea drinkings, ceremonials, receptions and lunches Li Wing Yue, the new Chinese consul general, bowed himself into office yesterday and his predecessor, Hsu Ping Cheng, bowed himself out, an entire day being given over to the event. This morning the old consul general will be honored by a parade of farewell by the Chinese residents of the city.

Solemnity, marked the change of regime. Chinatown, garbed in wondrous silks, gathered in polite and dignified men in various halls to receive the incoming official; Chinese children, round-eyed and silent, lined the approaches to the halls, and that portion of Chinatown possessing neither silks nor brilliant raiment crowded the sidewalks, content to watch from afar.

DISCUSSES DETENTION STATION At a reception given to him at the headquarters of the Chinese Six Companies by the merchants of Chinatown, Li Wing Yue declared that he would endeavor to carry out the wishes of the Chinese residents and have the immigration station removed from Angel Island.

FAREWELL PARADE The farewell parade to the old consul general will leave the headquarters of the Chinese Six Companies at 11 a. m., march down Stockton street to Broadway, thence to Grant avenue, to Post, to Powell, to Geary, to Stockton, to Market, to Second and thence to the Pacific Mail docks.

PURE FOOD SHOW MEETING CALLED

Master Bakers' and Cooks' Association Will Discuss Plans March 16

Secretary Claus of the executive committee of the pure food exhibition to be held at the Auditorium the latter part of this month, has issued a call to all of the directors of the cooks' association and the master bakers of the Pacific coast to assemble in this city on March 16 at 3 o'clock p. m., at the Merchants' Exchange building, to take up the important question of bettering the trade conditions, which will be one of the features of the exhibition.

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BUSINESS POOR, TRIES SUICIDE—Because business was poor William Jensen, a barber at 1432 O'Farrell street, attempted to kill himself with gas last night in his shop. He was discovered by a policeman and removed to the central emergency hospital, where he was restored.

INTERNALLY HURT—While moving a sliding door in the Hawaiian fertilizer company's building early yesterday morning, Chris Christ, 3651 Tenth avenue South, the night watchman of the building, was internally injured. The door fell to the ground, carrying him with it.

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Advertisement for Northern Pacific Railway, including a map and schedule of train services.

DR. HYDE JEERED ON ENTERING JAIL

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 7.—Dr. E. C. Hyde, indicted on 13 counts in connection with the Swope mystery, spent tonight in the county jail. At noon Judge Ralph S. Latschaw of the criminal court decided he would not hear the physician's application for bail until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, and ordered him committed until that time.

Little perturbation was shown by Doctor Hyde when he learned he must go to jail. His attorneys were surprised, but they made no objection. Permission was asked that the accused man be placed in the hospital ward, and this was given.

To reach the hospital ward it was necessary to escort the physician through a section of the cellhouse. The prisoners were quick to recognize the new famous accused man and regardless of the efforts of the officers to keep them quiet, many remarks were made as the party passed through the cells. A few jeered.

Doctor Hyde walked erect, his eyes fixed straight ahead, apparently oblivious of the jeers.

HYPNOTIZED AND ROBBED OF \$35,000

WASHINGTON, March 7.—With a story of having been hypnotized and robbed of \$35,000, a man who gave his name to the police as D. J. Telfair and said he was manager of a dairy company of Philadelphia came to his senses in the emergency hospital today.

Telfair told the police he arrived here to close a deal for a 700 acre farm near Seminary, Va. The price was \$50,000, and Telfair declares he had \$35,000 in his pockets to make the first payment on Friday afternoon.

According to his story, he started for a bank before it closed and took a walk on the Mall around the Washington monument. There, he says, he met a man who had hypnotized him often, and at a glance he fell under the influence. He says he remembers turning the \$35,000 over to the hypnotist, but as to what transpired after that his mind is a blank.

A BLACK VEIL OVER HER FACE

Never Left the House Without It Because of Unsightly Blemish

For many weeks a lady resident of Woonsocket, R. I., whose name is withheld for obvious reasons, never left the house without a thick, black veil over her face because of an unsightly skin blemish between her eyebrows. The spot affected has now been entirely cleared by poslam, the new skin remedy, furnishing but another instance of its quick and effective work in curing all skin troubles, particularly eczema. When poslam is applied the itching stops at once, healing begins and complete cures are accomplished in two weeks.

Poslam can be had for fifty cents at any reliable drugstore, particularly the Owl Drug Co., or the Emergency Laboratories, No. 32 West Twenty-fifth Street, New York City, will send a trial supply free by mail to any one who will write for it. This is sufficient to show results in twenty-four hours.

Large advertisement for Sterling Furniture Company, featuring various rug and carpet offers with prices and descriptions.