

# HIGHT PROMOTER'S CLINGING TO LAST STRAW

## THREAT STIRS KELLY'S FUR NO TROOPS NEEDED HERE

### Police Able to Uphold Law, Even Against Governor

MAYOR'S OFFICE  
TO THE CITIZENS OF SAN FRANCISCO:

As acting mayor of the city and county of San Francisco I desire herewith to submit to the citizens of San Francisco and to the public at large this statement and to protest against the threat of the governor to send troops into this peaceful community. The facts in this entire controversy, which are well known to the public, do not in the slightest degree warrant the governor in acting in a manner which would not only disturb the peace of this community and of the state, but which also, in my opinion, would be not only without reason, but also without law.

The municipal ordinances permit boxing exhibitions under certain restrictions, and a license is required to stage such exhibitions. The manager of the contest set for today has procured such license. The presumption is, and it is a legal presumption, that under such a license, and within the ordinance which the manager of the contest, and the participants, will not violate the law. Such exhibitions have been given in this city and county, and throughout the state, under the same law that is now found in the penal code, and during the administration of the same governor, who now suddenly discovers that, in his opinion, the law is about to be violated, and no protest has ever before been made by Governor Gillett against any of these contests. What reasons may now animate him in endeavoring to disturb the peace of this community I am not aware.

At no time has the governor ever communicated with the office; at no time has he ever sent word to the mayor's office of San Francisco that in his opinion the law was about to be violated in this community. As acting mayor of San Francisco, I do not recognize the right of the governor of the state of California—at a time when peace prevails in this community; at a time when there is no doubt that the police department of San Francisco is well able to maintain the law; at a time when martial law does not exist; at a time when there is no occasion for martial law to exist; at a time when he is not called upon by the city and county of San Francisco to assist them in maintaining the law—to undertake to send troops of the state into this city.

As acting mayor of San Francisco my position is simply this—I will

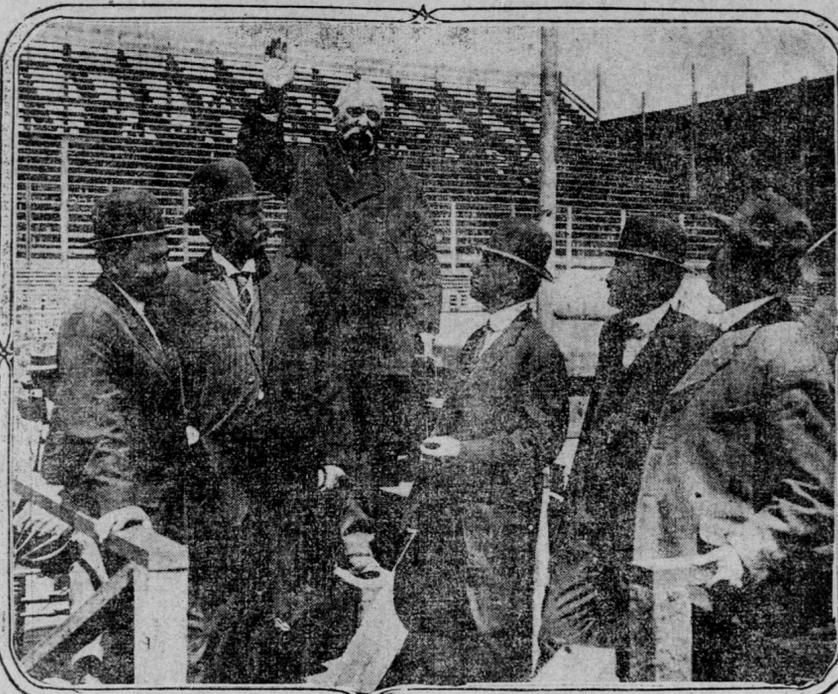
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maintain the law. To assist me in maintaining the law we have a competent police force. The chief of police and his executive officers will be at the ringside today to see that the law is enforced and maintained. But, the law will be maintained by the peace officers of this municipality and the peace officers of this municipality will maintain the law as against boxing contestants, alleged prize fighters, and, if needs be, against the governor of California. The main point in this controversy is not whether these boxing contests shall be continued. If they are in violation of the law, our own officers will stop them. The great question at issue is whether the governor of the state of California has a right, when the whim so moves him, to send state troops into this city. Governor Gillett is endeavoring to establish here a most dangerous precedent. If the governor of the state of California may at any time, because of reasons that may seem good to him, send troops into this city, particularly when it is shown that there is no need of troops, nor any call for troops has been made upon him, San Francisco would be absolutely subject to the vacillating discretion of one who possibly hereafter might use such powers for purposes that would greatly injure the welfare of a very large percentage of our population. For his arbitrary and unwarranted action in this matter Governor Gillett may assume the entire responsibility. As the acting mayor of San Francisco I consider the maintenance of peace in this community and the preservation of the good name of San Francisco, of far greater importance than the holding of boxing contests.

Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to impress upon all of our citizens of the city, county and state, and particularly upon the governor, that during this administration the law will be always maintained by the duly authorized officers of the municipality, who, in the performance of their sworn duty, need no assistance from the state.

J. A. KELLY, Acting Mayor.  
San Francisco, June 18, 1910.

## Lauck and Martin Chief Spectators at the Ringside



Billy Jordan announcing that there will be no fight in Blot's arena.



## Blot Calls Off His Fight and Rickard Clings to His Last Hope

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long. He was out bright and early and he hustled around all over town. He had several conferences with his attorneys and it looked as though they were, all awaiting the arrival of the mayor. This gives weight to the theory that Rickard did have a consultation with McCarthy during the evening. But he would not admit this and he insisted that the present delay in the announcement was caused by his lawyers.

Rickard was not at all surprised at the fiasco at the Blot arena. In fact, he seemed to be looking for just something of the sort. He was firmly convinced Friday night that neither Kaufman nor Langford would step into the ring.

**TEST CASE MAY FAIL**  
The declaration of Louis Blot to the effect that he would hold a test fight Monday, and by these measures force the governor to bring in the militia and thereby create an opportunity for carrying it into the courts, lost their effect somewhat late last night when it became known that Governor Gillett in all probability would not interfere. He is quoted as saying: "My desire is to stop prize fighting as it now exists. I have no intention of calling out the militia to stop what is evidently a put up job to make a test case. Such an object would not be worthy of the serious means employed."

Furthermore it was given out that while the governor would not call out the militia to stop a test fight, there was an extreme probability of him having Blot arrested on a charge of felony. In such an instance the latter would be given an opportunity of trying a test case, but inasmuch as he thereby would run the risk of being convicted and sentenced to a penitentiary if he lost out there is but little likelihood of him favoring such a plan.

There was a rumor during the evening that both Jeffries and Johnson had agreed to limit the fight to 20 rounds instead of 45, as originally settled, but it could not be seen how this alteration would change the attitude of the governor.

**NEITHER MALLIE NOR MURDER**  
From the utmost heights of tense tragedy to the prosaic plains of the parody ludicrous, topped the problem of the Langford-Kaufman fight yesterday afternoon, there being neither militia, mallee nor murder; neither cheers of frenzied spectators nor sobs of wounded, because:

There was no fight.

for the fight was a detail of 60 policemen under the command of Chief Martin, who sat on the high priced reserved seats and contentedly did nothing. Outside was a crowd of several thousand persons who banked the streets, and, yawning and idling, did nothing. And the supreme moment of the gigantic opera bouffe came when Billy Jordan, veteran announcer, solemnly mounted to the ring, held up his right hand in orthodox style, calling for a silence already there and most palpably evident, and in stentorian tones yelled to the empty benches that there would be nothing doing. For more than 55 years had he been announcing and this was the first time in his professional career that he had been forced to say "not let 'er go." It made the old man reminiscent and sorrowful.

**WAITING FOR SOLDIERS**  
As the sun was nice and warm and as it was Saturday afternoon the crowd hung around, hoping against hope that something would happen, buoyed up by a faint hope that some bibulous one would hurl a brick through the benches, so that they might see the soldiers turn out. It was in vain and by degrees that they turned their several ways. Adjutant General Lauck, who was expected to appear, threw away his cigar and left. Chief Martin disappeared. His captains melted away. The police details lost themselves on the landscape and Blot's arena, the expected scene of bloody battle, was allowed to lie in a wilderness of lumber to the placid skies and the peace of the state of California was placed in the hands of a tactician game keeper, armed with a strong pipe.

So ended the first round of the battle between Governor Gillett and the promoters of pugilism. The honors were with Gillett, and he won them without striking a blow. All he had to do was to look fierce. The second round will begin tomorrow, when Blot, according to his present plans, will stage a fight between two third raters, under rules like those under which Langford and Kaufman were to fight, under the same conditions, and then allow the governor to come in with his militia so as to make a test case.

**TEST CASE MONDAY**  
"I am going to make a test case Monday," said Blot. "I have consulted with my attorneys and I believe I am in the right, and if the law says I am right, then I intend to sue Governor Gillett."

Blot started his battle with the governor by changing his attorneys. His legal representatives until late Friday night were, Dorn, Dorn & Savage, but yesterday morning they were George Appel and Cleve Dam, the latter the attorney for the present city administration. This did not seem to make any particular difference to General Lauck, who remained in San Francisco in the interests of the governor.

Hearing that Blot intended securing an injunction against Chief Martin, Lauck called him up at about midnight Friday, informing him of the state of affairs.

"Now, look here, Mr. Blot," said the adjutant general, "I do not wish to interfere in your affairs, but if you get out that injunction the troops will be in the arena. I want you to understand that thoroughly, so that there may be no mistake."

"I am consulting with my attorneys," said Blot.

"Then give them the same information," said Lauck.

The consultation unfinished Friday night was continued the first thing yesterday morning. Attorney Appel handling the matter alone, Cleve Dam being away to welcome home Mayor McCarthy. The conference was a long one, but at its conclusion a statement was issued formally declaring that the fight had been postponed to June 25. A similar notice was placarded on the entrance gate of the arena and a clash was averted. Blot's statement was as follows:

After a number of conferences between the officers of the Metropolitan club and the attorneys for the said club the Metropolitan club has determined to postpone the boxing exhibition between Kaufman and Langford, which boxing exhibition was scheduled to take place this afternoon.

Mr. Louis Blot, representing the Metropolitan club, and Messrs. Cleveland Dam and George Appel, his attorneys, were informed last night by Adjutant General Lauck that he had been instructed by Governor Gillett to prevent the boxing exhibition between Kaufman and Langford if the Metropolitan club should attempt to stage the same. The chief of police has also advised Mr. Blot that he would not permit the boxing exhibition to take place, and should the boxers enter the ring he would immediately arrest them.

It is the desire of Mr. Blot to obey the law in all respects, and while he feels that the view of Governor Gillett is erroneous he can not as a law abiding citizen defy the mandate of the governor and the chief of police. Mr. Blot does not wish to be a party to an act that would cause the governor to order the militia into San Francisco at this time, and further desires to protect the good name of his city from any such act on the part of the governor.

Mr. Blot also desires to protect those who have purchased tickets for the boxing exhibition, and to those who have purchased tickets the money will be cheerfully refunded at some future day.

Within the next few days Mr. Blot will test the right of the governor to prevent a boxing exhibition which is lawful in the state of California.

In view of the foregoing the boxing exhibition between Kaufman and Langford is postponed to

one week from this day, June 18.

**COPY FOR MILITARY**  
The statement cleared up the whole situation. A copy was handed to General Lauck, who, with Colonel Smith of the Fifth regiment, Colonel Bradbury and Inspector General Wilhelm, was waiting at the Palace hotel and he smiled grimly.

"That simplifies matters," he said. "I am pleased to see Mr. Blot take this stand, as otherwise there might have been trouble."

Despite the statement issued by Blot, neither Lauck nor Chief of Police Martin took any chances. At noon Lauck conferred with Martin and a short time later the two went to the arena, there to be joined by a detail of 60 policemen. The police refused admittance to the crowd and then filed into the arena themselves.

**LANGFORD IS STILL TRAINING FOR BATTLE**  
Undisturbed by the kaleidoscopic character of the changes in the fight situation, Sam Langford, still wearing the smile, announced that he would go through the usual routine of training at his quarters at Millet's today. He will box four rounds each with George Byers, Arthur Coldins and Vic Hanson and will do a little shadow box-

ing after his trot on the road.

**TEN ROUND CONTESTS STILL TO BE STAGED**  
LOS ANGELES, June 18.—No attention will be paid to the governor's announcement that 10 round no decision boxing contests will not be permitted in Los Angeles, according to Promoter Tom McCarey. McCarey says the district attorney has assured him that he is within the law and he says he will stage the Atwell-Moehan bout next Friday as scheduled. Efforts will be made this week, it is stated, by reform leaders to have the city council put the ban on all boxing contests.

**ARTILLERYMEN MISS MESS AND PAY DAY**  
Four companies of the national guard encamped at Fort Winfield Scott at the annual school of instruction were ordered to strike camp and present themselves for fighting orders at the Van Ness avenue armory yesterday morning on special instruction from General Lauck to Lieutenant Colonel Shastey.

The order upset the regular program of the day and gave the citizen soldiers a touch of regular army life. In view of the fact that the four companies were immediately detached from the mortar batteries, ordered to pack their equipment, get into heavy marching order and be prepared for fight at the Kaufman-Langford ringside at Howard and Eighth streets. Rounds of ammunition were distributed by the orderly of each company and within an hour Company 2, Captain C. J. Mund; Company 4, Captain W. G. Hyde; Company 7, Captain R. E. Middlestead; and Company 7, Lieutenant W. G. Little, with bugles sounding "forward" and the battalion colors flying, tramped out of the Presidio reservation in a cloud of dust.

**MISS WOODDAY MESS**  
Instead of the noonday mess, the fires of which burned as the troops wound down the road across the parade ground, the men were forced to content themselves with a sandwich in the haversack and a canteen filled with water. Orders were given for 15 minute marches and 5 minute rests, and the armory was reached at 12:05, the

## GILLETT DEFENDS ACTION PUTS BLAME ON FICKERT

### Says Lawbreakers Have No Right to Complain Of Money Loss



Governor Gillett, Bushnell Photo

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**  
I notice that District Attorney Fickert, in his reported interview, complains about stopping the fight at this late hour, and others, too, are making the same criticism. In reply to all of these complaints I wish to say that the press of this country has not reported me correctly. For instance, one of the Chicago papers published an interview with me which never took place, wherein I was made to say that the fight would be a big thing for San Francisco, that it would cause many people to go there and spend much money. In this way I have, in one sense, been made wrongfully an advocate of that in which I don't believe.

Before leaving for the east on May 1 to assist San Francisco in securing recognition from congress for its Panama-Pacific exposition, the Johnson-Jeffries fight was scheduled to take place in Alameda county. I learned that the local authorities were investigating it, and I then said that the state ought not to do police duty in a municipality so long as the local authorities were discharging their duty and were able to cope with the situation.

I understand that the promoters of the fight were told that they could not hold it in Alameda county because it would be a violation of the law, and the fight was then transferred to San Francisco. It was then up to the district attorney of San Francisco to make the same investigation that was made by the district attorney of Alameda, and he was requested to do so, as I am informed.

I was in the east five weeks, returning on the 6th of June. On June

9th I was advised that District Attorney Fickert had declined to take any steps to stop the fight. I immediately commenced to investigate the law and to secure evidence. In two or three days thereafter I called up District Attorney Fickert, and he told me that he would not do anything to stop it. The local authorities at San Francisco refusing to take any action, it then became my duty, as governor, to do so, and inside of 24 hours I prepared my letter to the attorney general, and instructed him to take the necessary steps to stop the fight.

I consider that there was no delay, but prompt action, after I learned that the district attorney of San Francisco had refused to do his duty. But it is no excuse for the commission of a crime that the officers of the law were slow to stop it. Men have no right to come into this state and deliberately advertise to the world that they propose to openly break its laws, and if they are prevented from doing so they have no right to complain that they have spent money which they will lose in their endeavor to do so.

J. N. GILLETT,  
Governor of the State of California.  
Sacramento, June 17, 1910.

## Hope of White Race Will Box at Santa Cruz Casino Today

By JOSEPH MURPHY  
[Special Dispatch to The Call]

**JEFFRIES' TRAINING CAMP, ROWARDENNAN, June 18.**—Jeffries' training at Rowardennan practically ended today, and the place looks like a circus camp on the last night of the show, as the attaches of the place are packing all the paraphernalia and getting ready to leave for Nevada on short notice.

Jeffries and his wife and a number of friends left for Santa Cruz this evening to attend the opening of the Casino, where a big dinner was given. The big fellow has made arrangements to stay at Santa Cruz this evening. He is scheduled to box Jim Corbett tomorrow afternoon at the Casino, and this will mark his last fight in California. He was expecting to leave tomorrow night for Reno, but arrangements have not been made by his manager, Sam Berger, for leaving, and there is but little chance of Jeff departing before Monday.

The open air arena that was erected for the purpose of boxing with Corbett was torn up today and the padding, ropes and carpet have been shipped. Jeff used the ring but once—last Sunday, when he boxed with Corbett and Joe Choynski.

**NOT MUCH FOR SPARRING**  
The unexpected attitude of Governor Gillett caused Jeffries' training plans to become upset, and this was one reason why he did not do more boxing in the open. He never did seem to be worried about his boxing, as he declares that he never did much sparring for any of his fights, and he can not see why he should change his plans at this late day.

However, there are many of his friends who declare that his long absence from the ring would naturally have a tendency to affect his eye and judgment of distance. Many of his close friends at the camp have been endeavoring to persuade him to box tomorrow as they feel that this is the only end of training which he has neglected.

The fight talk which has been in the air for the last two months will no longer be heard after tomorrow night, as Rowardennan will again become a quiet family resort. Everybody is ready to leave, and, in fact, half of the crowd has departed within the last day or two. There are others who are waiting for Jeffries to leave, as they will join him on his trip to Reno.

The general opinion is that Jeff will train at Moana Springs in Nevada, which is but a short distance from Reno. Jeff would not confirm this report, as he has not heard from his manager.

Jeff says he has heard a good deal of Moana Springs, and he should judge from what his friends have told him that it would be an ideal place for training.

"However," said Jeff, "that part of the business Berger attends to, and it is up to him to find a location."

**JOE EGAN ARRIVES**  
Joe Egan, who handled Jeff during his early career, is on the ground here, and will remain with the big fellow until he fights. Egan came down from Nevada and declared that a great crowd would attend the contest if it came off in the sagebrush state.

Jeff will have a special car when he departs for Nevada. His family and relatives, with a number of close friends, will remain together, and they will have another car.

During the morning Jeff put in a strenuous session in the gymnasium. He started off by punching the bag 20 minutes. Then he went in for shadow boxing, which lasted about 15 minutes. The wrist machine occupied about 10 minutes of his time, and then he went to the pulleys.

His most violent work came when he engaged Farmer Burns and Brother Jack in a wrestling and tugging match. They pulled and mauled each other around the ring until the perspiration simply oozed from the big fellow. He was given a thorough rubdown. Jeff seems to pay more attention to his rubbing than he does to other ends of his training. There are four of his trainers who massage him, all working at the same time. He was in the hands of his rubbers for 40 minutes today.

The big fellow spent a quiet afternoon. He walked around the grounds and later in the day took a stroll with several of his friends to Ben Lomond.

**CHANGE WILL DO GOOD**  
It is the opinion of the members of the camp that the climate of Reno will be more agreeable to Jeff than it will be to Johnson. The big fellow has spent a big part of his time in the mountains, and the high altitude he de-

## Gossip of The Turf

A number of horses that ran well at Emeryville in previous seasons figured prominently in the running of the George E. Powell handicap at Vancouver. The event was won by Import, the horse of J. J. McRae. Import showed brilliant form when carrying the colors of former Jockey Joe Jones at the Oakland track. Among the horses behind Import were Temaceo, Workbox and Fancy.

Prince Brutus, now in the stable of F. B. Springer, was among the winners at the Vancouver meeting, which proved quite successful.

The Victoria meeting is scheduled to open today, and a number of owners who shipped from Emeryville will participate.

President Thomas H. Williams of the New California Jockey club, the member of his family and Louis Lissner have gone to the Williams country home on the McCloud river. Williams plans to go to New York in September.

Jimmy McCormick, who formerly trained for Burns & Waterhouse on local and eastern tracks, is having another successful season in Germany, where he is handling an excellent string. McCormick writes that Jockey Sumner, a boy he secured a year or two ago, is proving to be a very clever rider.

Jack Welch has received a letter from "Daggle" Smith, who says that he took charge of the horses of "Finger" James MacManus, nine of them were taken sick. Earlier in the season the MacManus 2 year olds did well on the New York tracks. Smith traded Frank Rohrabler and Judge Quinn to H. G. Bedwell in exchange for Keep Moving and a cash consideration. The man who moved the first three times "Daggle" started her.

**FER DON'S ASSOCIATE CONVICTED BY JURY**  
**Big Fees Taken From Fake Cure Victims**  
[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
SACRAMENTO, June 18.—The jury in the case of H. T. Thornberg, an associate of Fer Don, who is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses in accepting big fees for fake cures, tonight brought in a verdict of guilty.

The jury had been in deliberation for 26 hours, the foreman, George Blodgett, holding out for acquittal up to the last ballot.

Fer Don is also under indictment, but is a fugitive from justice. Mrs. Beck, the complainant, it was shown had paid \$100 for medicine worth but 5 cents.

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