DYNAMITE CASE PUZZLES JURY IN THE SOUTH

San Francisco Witnesses Are Examined and Bomb Exhibited at Inquisition

Mrs. Lavin, Held in Jail Charged With Murder, Will Be Next Witness

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 4.—After examining Chief Galloway of the Los Angeles police department the grand jury inquiring into the Times disaster switched the line of investigation back to the San Francisco end this afternoon.

Mrs. C. A. Pesenti, Mrs. Anton Johannsen, Miss Ethel Gill, a San Francisco hotel telephone operator, and Jack Lofthouse, a friend of Mrs. Belle Lavin, were interrogated and the jury then adjourned until next Thursday.

Mrs. Lavin, who is in jail here, held on a warrant charging her with the murder of one of the Times victims, probably will be called to the stand Thursday.

In the meantime eight or ten new witnesses, all living in and about Los Angeles, will be subpenaed, indicating that the work of investigation will not be completed in less than two weeks.

JURORS REQUIRE SILENCE

As the inquiry progresses the inquisitors are drawing their lines closer. All information regarding the grand jury was shut off today from the majority of the people in and around Los Angeles at least. Four of the papers here agreed, at the request of Presiding Judge Bordwell of the superior court, not to print another word concerning the deliberations of the grand jury.

Fifteen sticks of 80 per cent gelatine found in the infernal machine that failed to explode at the home of Secretary Felix J. Zeehandelaar of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association were taken into the grand jury room today. It was the finding of this bomb that placed the detective departments of two cities and a horde of private sleuths on the trail of Schmidt, Bryce and Caplan, the trio now being sought in connection with the destruction of the newspaper plant and 21 of its men.

BOMB SHOWN BY CHIEF

Chief Galloway has had custody of the Zeehandelaar bomb since it was recovered from its hiding place under a dormer window at the home of Secretary Zeehandelaar.

Detective Rice, who helped render the machine harmless and who also was present when a secaond bomb was found later at the home of General Harrison Gray Otis, proprietor of the Times, was another witness called during the day.

There were one or two other witnesses examined today, but Mrs. Pesenti and Mrs. Johannsen were regarded as the most important.

HOTEL KEEPER SOUGHT

Mrs. Pesenti is the wife of the missing Corte Madera hotel keeper who is being sought by detectives so that he may be induced to tell what he knows concerning the men suspected of having destroyed the Times plant. Mrs. Johannsen is the wife of the labor leader who employed Schmidt for a time. Miss Gill and Mrs. C. D. Hurd, telephone operators at the Hotel Argonaut, San Francisco, are believed to have testified concerning the various telephone calls, which the detectives who have worked on the case assert bore important relations in the development of the plot.

Suspect Leaves Cabin

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

LARKSPUR, Nov. 4.—Despite the vigilant watch kept on Larkspur canyon and the cabin where the suitcase and dynamite were found, it is believed that "Smithy," the dynamite suspect, has escaped in a launch that came up the channel from Richardson bay late last night.

William Larsen, president of the Larkspur water company, on the property of which the cabin is situated, saw the lights of the launch and heard the bark of the gasoline engine shortly before midnight. It came up a narrow slough to a position several hundred yards from the town and remained stationary for over half an hour.

Larsen made investigations among the residents of the canyon this morning and found that the tramp with the bandaged eye had ceased his rounds begging for food. He thinks that the suspect became alarmed at the hue and cry made by the detectives yesterday and in some manner communicated with confederates and made his escape in the launch.

Charles A. Pesenti, the missing proprietor of the Corte Madera hotel where "Smithy" lived, has not appeared, although his wife has been absent several days to testify before the Los Angeles grand jury.

CAPLAN'S WIFE SPURNS OCCULT

Refuses Offers to Communicate With Her Husband Through a Medium

The occult powers of spiritualism, seances and hypnotic trance, through the agency of a city medium, by means of which Mrs. Emma Caplan may communicate with her missing husband, David Caplan, the dynamite suspect, have been taken to the woman on so many occasions that on her return to San Francisco from the south, where she is attending the session of the grand jury, it is probable that she will turn over to the police the cards and correspondence of a dozen would be "agents" and "managers." Since the detectives have been on the trail of Caplan numberless cranks and pretended students of mental suggestion, telepathy and hypnotism have daily communicated with the wife of the missing peddler in a vain endeavor to induce her to submit to their powers.

Among the group are a number who insist that they have a new theosophy, while others declare the attempt to be part of their program of detective work. In some instances offers of pecuniary reward have been made—anything to get Mrs. Caplan to submit to some strange and weird ordeal of the mind.

Unfortunately for the enthusiasts, Mrs. Caplan is a skeptic and has given no serious attention to the persons who have approached her, while the mail has been set aside as it has arrived. Up to last Tuesday, when she went to Los Angeles, she had received more than a dozen letters, half of the number asking her to visit a trance medium.

ORPHANS' BALL PROVES A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Thousands of Dancers Lend Aid to Cause by Presence on the Floor

If any more successful affair has taken place in San Francisco than the ball of the San Francisco social club, which was held last night for the benefit of The Cal's fund for the Mount St. Joseph's orphan asylum, it has passed from the memory of even the oldest inhabitant.

From the moment the doors opened, shortly after 8 o'clock, until the "wee sma' hours" throngs of people filled the Auditorium. Thousands of dancers were on the floor, and the seats surrounding the entire length of the hall, both up stairs and down, were filled with interested onlookers.

The hall was most attractively decorated for the occasion. Masses of graceful greenery were placed at each of the pillars, and in every nook and corner garlands of bunting in the national colors draped the gallery, huge American flags were at either end of the hall and smaller national emblems hung across the ceiling, interspersed with myriads of twinkling lights.

MANY FLOWERS SOLD

At the left of the entrance were the flower sellers, who plied a busy trade, the quantities of beautiful blossoms and the light hued gowns of the girls making one of the prettiest bits of color in the room. The tables were piled high with hydrangeas, chrysanthemums, roses, violets and all the flowers of the season, some made into corsage bouquets and others into the smaller boutonnieres.

At the right was the refreshment room where sandwiches, ice cream and cakes for sale, with lemonade and other "soft drinks" netted a neat sum for the good cause.

Cigars and cigarettes had a booth all to themselves a little further down the hall, but the energetic young saleswomen carried on a busy business upstairs and down.

Probably nothing contributed more to the beautiful effect of the affair than the handsome gowns worn by the matrons and girls, nearly all of those present being in soft hued evening gowns.

PROGRAMS ATTRACTIVE

At the entrance copies of the handsome souvenir programs were presented and many admiring comments were heard on the interesting mementoes of the occasion. Following the order of the dances came photographs which gave glimpses of the orphans for whose benefit the affair was planned, at play or at work. A history of the Mount St. Joseph orphan asylum was included within the covers, the names of the principal committeemen, and a partial list fo the subscribers to The Call's fund for the orphans came at the close of the little book, and scattered all through were advertisements from the leading business houses of the city, representing thousands of dollars gained by the energetic committee.

The grand march began about 9 o'clock, and was led by Mayor McCarthy and Mrs. McCarthy, followed by Chief of Police Seymour and Miss Seymour, Fire Commissiner Max Goldberg and Mrs. Goldberg, Supervisor Nelson and Mrs. Nelson, Auditor Thomas Boyle and Mrs. Mary McGlade, Supervisor Minehan and Mrs. Minehan, Supervisor O'Dowd and Mrs. O'Dowd and several hundred other members and guests of the San Francisco Social club.

DANCERS FILL FLOOR

At the close of the march the band played a waltz, and for several hours afterward waltzes and two steps kept the floor filled with dancers.

A great part of the success of the evening was due to the fact that each and every member of the club worked indefatigably to gain that end. Greetings of the heartiest were extended to all who entered the hall and the floor committee left no stone unturned to prevent any possibility of "wall flowers" or lonely partnerless men.

Curator George Barron of the park museum and former Registrar of Voters George P. Adams sold tickets in the box office; tickets were taken at the door by Police Officers O. H. Roediger and J. H. Coleman under the watchful eye of Corporal Peshon; Mrs. Mary McGlade of the Catholic Ladies' Aid society had charge of the flower sales, with Mrs. Mary Prendergast as treasurer, and assisted by the members of the aid and of the Cecilia choral club of Mission Dolores church. They wished to express their thanks for the flowers donated by the park commissioners and the following florists: Podesta, Rosario, the Ferrari nursery, Parodi, the Young American company and Rossi.

COMMITTEES INDEFATIGABLE

Mrs. J. J. Donovan was chairman of the refreshment committee, and among those assisting here were Mrs. Margaret Welsh, Mrs. Golden, Miss Mitchel and Miss Annie Hogan. Mrs. Michael Casey was in charge of the lemonade booth; Mrs. James Wren was chairman of the cigar committee, and among her assistants were Mrs. Thomas Finn, Miss Kate Costello, Mrs. James Carroll, Mrs. Connor Murphy, Mrs. Nilan, Mrs. Devany and Mrs. O'Dowd.

It is impossible at the present time to estimate the amount raised for the fund, but several thousand dollars are "in sight," it is declared as the result of the splendid work done by the club, the Catholic Ladies' Aid society, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and their friends.

The following were in charge of the success of the affair:

Committee of arrangements—John P. McLaughlin, president; W. H. Bemiss, secretary; C. L. Dam, Michael Casey, Joseph F. Sullivan.

Advisory committee—Mayor P. H. McCarthy, Chief of Police John F. Seymour, Chief of Fire Department Thomas R. Murphy.

Floor manager—Chief of Police John F. Seymour.

FLOOR COMMITTEE

Thomas F. Finn	William H. Urmy
John A. Kelly	William H. McDonnell
William R. Hagerty	Dr. W. J. Walsh
I. H. Spiro	James McElroy
William A. Newsom	Max Goldberg
Charles F. Skelly	James E. Dillon
R. L. Whelan	John J. Rogerson
William Augustine	William K. Gutzkow
Charles M. Fickert	

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Thomas F. Boyle, chairman	Andrew J. Gallagher
Judge E. P. Shortall	J. R. Knowles
T. P. O'Dowd	B. La Rue
E. C. Leffingwell	Charles Laumeister
B. B. Rosenthal	George Barron
William H. Metson	Frank Daunet
Ed Kelly	Thomas V. Cator
Dennis J. Murray	T. P. Minehan
J. L. Herget	Dr. L. D. Mead
Frank C. McDonald	Walter E. O'Connell
A. Roncovieri	W. C. Pugh
Frank J. Klimm	E. C. Harrington
Hon. D. C. Deasy	Dr. G. W. Goodale
R. J. Lougery	H. G. Vaughan
E. H. Lomasney	C. Deasy
Dr. E. S. Howard	Judge George H. Cabaniss
P. L. Henderson	Judge Charles A. Conlan
John Donahoe	Earl M. Cummings
Dr. G. L. Eaton	C. A. Nelson
Judge Charles L. Weller	J. O. Walsh
T. B. Healy	
George H. Bahrs	

FOOD ADULTERATED, PROSECUTION URGED

Federal Grand Jury Declares Wholesale Violations Exist in the State

The federal grand jury impaneled September 15 concluded its work yesterday with a report calling upon the state, city and county authorities to suppress the wholesale violations of the pure food laws.

The report calls attention to the fact that almost all criminal adulteration of foods is in violation of the state pure food laws and not of the national food and drugs act passed in 1906. Copies of the report were sent to Governor Gillett, Attorney General Webb, Mayor McCarthy, the state board of health, the San Francisco board of health and the district attorneys of all the counties in the state.

Wellman, Peck & Co. and the Hygienic Health food company were indicted yesterday. The former concern is accused of sending out as pure extracts of raspberries and strawberries imitations, artificially colored.

The Hygienic food company is alleged to have sent out certain products not containing the properties named in the labels.

The two indictments, together with one against George Washington Wise and French West for attempting to seize the steamer Buckman and for the killing of the captain, Edwin B. Wood, were returned yesterday. Two others were placed on the secret file.

The last seen of West was when he plunged into the ocean with a life preserver about him.

The grand jury held a farewell lunch yesterday at the Palace hotel, where the proposed report and work accomplished were discussed. The following is the personnel of the outgoing body: Rolla V. Watt, Mark S. Burdick, Paul T. Carroll, Robert G. Dunn, John W. Dickie, P. F. Dundon, William J. Dale, William G. Fahy, Frank W. Griffin, F. C. Haussler, E. A. Husing, Edward C. Hutchinson, Donald J. McKay, G. W. Price, Sydney L. Plant, William D. Richardson, Henry Stern, C. H. Victor, F. W. Warren, George A. Webster, Isaac N. Walter, George C. Boardman and I. J. Truman.

The resolution adopted follows:

Whereas, during the term of this federal grand jury many cases of violation of the food and drugs act of the United States have been heard; and

Whereas, only such cases as were discovered in interstate commerce in violation of the federal laws could be dealt with; and

Whereas, the investigations of this jury have convinced us that similar violations of the state laws relating to the purity of foods and drugs and of mislabeling California products exist; and

Whereas, in at least one case the defendant stated that it had not intended to ship condemned products into interstate commerce, clearly indicating the intention to sell California trade for home consumption; and

Whereas, the reputation of California products is injured and the health of our people endangered by adulterated and impure food, and the public misled by deceptive labels; therefore be it

Resolved, that we hereby urge upon the officials of the state of California whose duty it is to enforce the laws against violators of the pure food laws to use every endeavor to correct the evil and to bring to punishment all persons responsible for such infractions of the law. And be it further

Resolved, that we recommend to the state legislature that they hereby make a sufficient appropriation to enable the authorities to thoroughly enforce the laws.

"NEW ORLEANS IS POVERTY STRICKEN"

J. Ellis Barker Says San Francisco Is Far Better Fitted for Exposition

"New Orleans, a poverty stricken town, suffering from a stagnation of its industries, can not be compared seriously with San Francisco in the claims for the holding of a worldwide exposition."

Such was the declaration of J. Ellis Barker, the noted English authority on economics and author of standard works on social conditions of Europe, who arrived in San Francisco yesterday on a tour of the country, taken for the purpose of gathering data on a forthcoming work on the status of the wage worker in this country. He is at the Argonaut hotel. He visited New Orleans, examined the conditions existing there, and, after being in San Francisco a single day, unhesitatingly said that of the two cities San Francisco was far better fitted to hold the fair in 1915 than was New Orleans.

"The poverty in New Orleans," he said, "is intense. I found that city suffering from a stagnation of industries in very much the same way as some of the cities of southern Europe. Two reasons at least which make it entirely unfit as the site of a worldwide exposition are that it has insufficient accommodations and that during the summer time—when the people of Europe want to travel—it is not a fit place in which to live. San Francisco I find so immeasurably superior to New Orleans in all respects that the two cities can not be compared."

Barker is one of the few English authorities of his kind that can find praise for the social conditions of the United States as compared to those of Europe. An ardent protectionist, he holds that the putting into effect any of the free trade doctrines preached will result in injury to the country.

"When I came to the United States of America," he said, "I fully expected that the cost of living here would be much higher than in England; but I find this is not the case, at least so far as the people of small means are concerned. Living here is cheaper for the poor and more expensive for the rich than in England."

One of the few points regarding the west which Barker criticised adversely was the status of the state officials and the judiciary.

Pressmen Indorse Fair

SAN JOSE, Nov. 4.—At a meeting of the county organization of the international brotherhood of printing pressmen, held in this city last evening, a unanimous indorsement was given San Francisco as the place for the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915, and resolutions were unanimously adopted urging the passage of senate constitutional amendment 52 and assembly constitutional amendment 33. The members of the union were instructed to work for the amendments on election day.

GOODWIN WILL SPEAK—Elliot H. Goodwin, secretary of the national civil service reform league, will deliver an address before the Commonwealth club at a luncheon today at the Palace hotel.

GOLD COMES FROM SKAGWAY—Seattle, Nov. 4.—The steamship Cottage City arrived from Skagway today with $800,000 in gold bullion.

GIRL IS PURSUED BY PROSECUTORS

Judge Conlan Orders Effie Wilson Returned to Mother, and Exciting Chase Follows

Attempt Made to Place New Charge of Murder Against Guido Varsi's Slayer

A dramatic episode in the unfortunate career of 19 year old Effie Wilson, accused of the murder of Guido Varsi, her lover, occurred in the corridor in the hall of justice yesterday, when she was pursued from the courtroom by Attorney John Greeley and Assistant District Attorney G. R. Perkins and members of the murdered man's family in an endeavor to again place her under arrest for murder following Judge Conlan's order that she be taken back to her mother in Texas.

The Wilson girl, on account of her weakened condition from tuberculosis, was placed in charge of Mrs. E. S. Tuttle, Mrs. W. J. Foley and their mother, Mrs. T. L. Seaton of 150 Frederick street, pending the hearing of the charge against her. The evidence adduced at the trial and the investigation made by Mrs. Tuttle convinced Judge Conlan that no jury would convict the girl for murdering the man who mistreated her.

ORDERED BACK TO MOTHER

When the case was called yesterday Mrs. Tuttle announced that she was willing to take the girl back to her mother if the court would allow it. Judge Conlan agreed to this and placed the girl on probation with Mrs. Tuttle for two weeks, during which time Mrs. Tuttle was to deliver the girl to her mother and bring a receipt to court for her safe delivery, after which the case would be dismissed.

The plan to aid the unfortunate girl in getting a new start in life was opposed by Perkins and by Greeley, who was employed as a special prosecutor by the Varsi family. Judge Conlan denied their motion that the trial proceed and told Mrs. Tuttle to take the girl away. As Mrs. Tuttle and the girl started to leave the room Greeley demanded that the girl be detained until he could swear to another murder charge. When the Wilson girl heard this she uttered a scream and started to run. Greeley and others interested in her prosecution called upon officers to arrest the girl and pursued her down the hallway. The girl darted into the woman's lavatory and locked the door, while Mrs. Seaton and Mrs. Tuttle stood outside and defied Greeley or others to attempt to lay a hand on the girl.

FAIL TO SECURE WARRANT

Greeley and Perkins scurried around trying to get a warrant for murder signed by one of the judges, but they were met with a deaf ear. Later Mrs. Tuttle and the girl started to leave the building, when Greeley succeeded in getting Captain Wall to detail a detective to watch the girl while he consulted with the district attorney.

While a detective sat with the girl at luncheon in a nearby restaurant Mrs. Tuttle and Attorney John Sullivan consulted with District Attorney Fickert. Later Fickert made a visit to the hall to personally investigate the merits of the case.

"If I find the facts of this case are as represented to me by Mrs. Tuttle—and I have every reason to believe they are—I can say now that the Wilson girl will not be called before the grand jury. From what Mrs. Tuttle tells me I can not conceive of the grand jury or any other jury holding her for murder. When I am personally satisfied that I have been correctly informed Mrs. Tuttle will be allowed to return the girl to her mother in Texas without molestation."

Fickert probably will announce the result of his conclusions today.

STOCKTON WOMAN'S WILL BENEFITS HER NIECES

Mother Prepares to Contest for Guardianship

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, Nov. 4.—The will of Ann Eliza Pirkey, who died October 12, was filed today for probate by Dr. E. L. Blackmun. She was the sister of Mrs. Isabel de Legh and left her entire estate, with the exception of $100, which she bequeathed to a cousin, Janie E. Dunbar of Picton, Ontario, to her sister's three daughters, Hazel May, aged 15; Violet Lorraine, aged 13, and Dorothy Thelma de Legh, aged 11.

The estate consists of the following real property: Sacramento, San Joaquin and Amador county real estate, $10,760; Stockton property, $3,000; two lots in Berkeley, $800; mortgage, $2,625; money in bank, $57.50; money in hands of agent, $788.48, making a total of $18,030.98.

Doctor Blackmun was appointed as guardian of the children. Mrs. de Legh, however, has filed a petition to be made guardian of her daughters. A contest is expected.

GAME COMMISSIONERS APPOINT ASSISTANT

Former Employe of Canadian Government Gets Job

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Nov. 4.—A meeting of the state fish and game commission was held at the university this afternoon. The meeting was held here instead of at San Francisco in order to accommodate Doctor Jordan, who will leave for the east tonight. Connell of Los Angeles and Gray of Redwood were present.

John P. Babcock, who was a resident of Victoria, B. C., until lately, was appointed executive commissioner of fish and game for the state. Babcock has been acting in a similar position for the Canadian government.

The commission authorized the expenditure of money for investigating the habits of several species of California birds, especially the meadow lark and the wild dove, and the preparation of an exhibit of those birds which are of benefit to the farming industry of the state.

BAZAAR TO BENEFIT FAMILY OF RANCHER

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

TOMALES, Nov. 4.—The farmers and ranchers of this district, aided by their wives and daughters, will hold a big benefit bazaar tomorrow night for the family of Domincia Ponchi, the rancher who was crushed to death beneath a wagon load of wine just after he had received a telegram from his wife that she was on her way from Italy to join him in company with her two daughters after a separation of two years. They are en route from New York, ignorant of his death.

Even a liar may be given credit for being a busy person.

ALL COAL CLAIMS UNDER SUSPICION

Government Agents Will Investigate 25 Other Groups in Alaska

Governor Gillett and Congressman McLachlan Exonerated by Official

SPOKANE, Nov. 4.—An investigation into rumors of the fraudulent acquisition of the remaining 25 groups of Alaska coal lands will be begun immediately by special agents of the general land office working with the department of justice. These 25 groups include practically all of the coal lands in Alaska. The charge is that much of this was secured fraudulently by professional locaters through dummy entrymen as in the five groups already investigated.

Simultaneously with this investigation comes the criminal prosecution of the men invited.

"We are confident," said Special Agent Andrew Christensen, in charge of the Alaska coal land prosecutions, "that we will secure convictions of all persons charged in the indictments returned in Spokane Thursday, and that it will also result in the ultimate restoration to the government of all coal lands in the cases wherein indictments were returned Thursday in the Dunn, Brown and Doughton groups or at Tacoma in the Stracey or English and Christopher-Simmond groups.

"The government will attempt to prove conspiracy and frauludent participation and will have the title to the land canceled and restored in the name of the government.

"In justice to Governor Gillett, Congressman McLachlan and other assignees of the original locaters it should be said that the government does not charge them with having any connection with the conspiracy."

The claims involved in the latest indictments do not include the M. A. Green group, as was first stated.

MacKenzie Arranges Bail

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—While it was denied today by counsel for Donald A. MacKenzie, whose name was mentioned in the list of those indicted yesterday in connection with the Alaska claims, that he had received information in regard to his indictment, it was admitted that he had gone out of the city to arrange to give bonds in the case.

MacKenzie simply bought claims from the locators, according to his counsel, and by that action violated no law.

Blames Administration

SEATTLE, Nov. 4.—James Wickersham, delegate to congress from Alaska, said today that the coal land question in that territory never would have been brought into existence had the present law been carried out promptly by the department of the interior. He continued:

"Under the law which passed congress in May last the president is empowered to withdraw all coal lands from entry, and President Taft immediately availed himself of the privilege by withdrawing the Alaskan coal lands. But a very large amount of coal land was located in Alaska before the passage of this law, and these are the claims which should be investigated and allowed to go to patent or to revert back to the government domain."

DR. BLACKBURN IS INDICTED; OTHERS LATER

Co-Conspirators Will Be Charged When Formal Documents Are Made Out

Cash Bail Is Set at $3,000, but Warrant for Supervisor Is Not Served

Daniel E. Blackburn, supervisor of San Mateo county, was formally indicted yesterday afternoon of the crime of agreeing to receive a bribe of $1,134.50 from Charles S. Marshall of the H. C. Crocker company. The indictment had been voted at the midnight session of the jury yesterday morning. Presiding Judge Van Nostrand set the bail in the case at $5,000 bond, $3,000 cash bail, which is the same bail under which Blackburn is now held to appear in the police court on a warrant charging him with receiving a bribe of $853 from Marshall. The indictment and the police court warrant are based on similar facts and charge an offense growing out of the same transaction.

A bench warrant was issued for Blackburn, but had not been received by the sheriff's office up to the hour of closing last evening. The police court warrant will probably be dismissed by the district attorney, and the indicted supervisor will have an opportunity of using his present cash bail to cover the indictment.

OTHER INDICTMENTS LATER

Surprise was occasioned when the grand jury did not return in court indictments against Joseph Debenedetti, former supervisor, Joseph Francis, supervisor, and Carl J. Coburn, former supervisor, on the charges of criminal conspiracy to extort a bribe under section 182 of the penal code. Assistant District Attorney E. A. Lane, who has had charge of the San Mateo graft cases, stated that the indictments against those three were voted at the midnight meeting of the jury, but the formal documents for return in court had not yet been prepared. It is a difficult thing to draw up a true bill in a conspiracy case, and the district attorney's office will prepare the bills between now and Monday. The grand judy meets Monday at 11 o'clock.

NO IMMUNITY GRANTED

Coburn is the man who opened up the whole San Mateo situation this time, and it was believed that he would not be indicted, but would be permitted to give his testimony for the state and go in peace.

Assistant District Attorney Lane, in discussing the case, declared yesterday that the indictment of Coburn after he had aided the prosecution was a proof that he had not been granted immunity.

"The attitude of the district attorney's office toward Coburn," said Lane, "will be the same as that toward any other of the men implicated in this matter. That applies to all of the men under suspicion, with the exception of Charles Marshall, agent for the H. S. Crocker company. We have no independent evidence against Marshall, and he is the most important witness for the state. He is the only one who can give evidence which will establish the corpus delicti, proof of the commission of the crime. If he was indicted we could not convict him without his own evidence, which he could not be forced to give."

FINCH SAYS HE GAVE ADVICE

The position of Charles M. Finch, who, according to Marshall, started the movement which led to the bribing of the San Mateo county officials, is yet uncertain.

Finch stated yesterday that he was absolutely innocent of any wronging in connection with the San Mateo job. He said that he had merely been requested by other contractors to advise them on their bids.

Former Supervisor Julius Elkerenkotter is still on the anxious bench. He has shown a disposition to aid the district attorney's office, but the disposition has not yet expressed itself in the form of a deposition or anything equally serious to his former associates.

The indictment returned against Blackburn yesterday charges that on June 13, 1910, Daniel E. Blackburn, then and now a supervisor of San Mateo county, agreed with Charles S. Marshall, who was acting for the H. S. Crocker company, to accept a bribe of $1,134.50, on the understanding that Blackburn's vote as a supervisor would be given in favor of the approval by the board of supervisors of the claim of the H. S. Crocker company, for $25,536.84 for furniture and equipment furnished by the Crocker company for the San Mateo county courthouse at Redwood City. The agreement to purchase the furniture by the county from the H. S. Crocker company was entered into on April 3, 1906.

The witnesses examined and whose names are attached to the indictment are: Carl J. Coburn, County Clerk Joseph H. Nash of San Mateo county, County Treasurer P. P. Chamberlain, Auditor W. H. Underhill, Jesse H. Marks, William H. Cobb, Charles Henry Crocker, Charles S. Marshall, Louis Herbert Benas, William Andrew Barlage.

PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY RE-ELECTS M. QUEZON

MANILA, Nov. 4.—The assembly today unanimously re-elected Manuel Quezon delegate to congress. The assembly refused to elect Benito Legarda, whom the commission had named as the second congressional delegate. It looks as if the assembly and the Philippine commission would be deadlocked on the matter of representation at Washington, as it has been customary for each house to name one delegate.

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