

CHINESE ENTER FISH BRIBES AS WASTED MONEY

Stray Bits of Oriental Humor Injected Into Legislative Inquiry on Shrimp Extortion

Witness Tells of Being Advised to Fly White Flag to Keep Off Successive Collectors

Chinese humor of a pointed kind was injected into the legislative inquiry of the charges of extortion laid against deputy fish and game wardens yesterday when an examination of the books of the Union shrimp company disclosed items reading: "Wasted money, \$20," as records of funds alleged to have been wrung from them by the state officials.

This form, the book keeper considered, was the most accurate and comprehensive manner of tabulating the unoffensive expense. Also it did not seem to do any particular good, in that it did not make them immune from arrest and fine, another item showing that the same concern paid, for lawyers' fees and fines, a total amounting to \$1,250. Under the circumstances, he testified, he chalked it down as "wasted money" as a lasting reproach to the business acumen of the firm.

Witness after witness testified to extortion by fish and game inspectors, of attempted extortion and of arrest following quickly on the heels of non-payment. They corroborated the magistrates of the shrimp industry, who the day before had declared they had paid inspectors K. M. McMillan, C. B. Wood and J. H. Davis sums of money ranging from \$2 to \$500. The witnesses for the most part were book keepers of the firms or junior partners handling the money.

ONE UNKNOWN COLLECTOR

A mystery of the investigation was one, popularly supposed to be, George Knowles. According to the witnesses he wore an inspector's badge, demanded and received money, but there is no such person on the payroll of the commission. He was described as being a "short, heavy set man, red of face and insistent and persevering in his demands for money." Knowles, according to the Chinese, was an individual of an imaginative turn of mind.

"On September 12, 1910," said Lee Kue Chung of the Quong Sing Lung company, 33 Waverly place, "I was at the camp at McNear's point when Knowles came to me and said he wanted \$10. I said to him: 'Who are you?' and he replied that he was a fish inspector, and showed me his badge. 'I told him I had paid my \$10 already, but he said that to another man. Lee Fong, a shrimp catcher at the camp, advised me to pay him, and Lee Fong said that Knowles was the same one who a short time before had taken \$10.

"Oh, give me \$5 then," said Knowles. Lee Fong went to his trunk and brought out all the money he had, amounting to \$5.55. I did not wish to pay Knowles, but he told me he would arrest me if I did not. I asked him then if I would have to pay every inspector that came along and he said he would inform the others not to bother us any more.

FLAG AS PAY CHECK

"What shall I do if they come and ask for money?" I asked. "You just fly a white flag and I'll see it and come over. That will be all right."

"I paid him the \$5 then and he went away. I knew him by the name of Knowles, but he would not tell me where he lived. I can recognize him again."

Lee Fong corroborated the episode, but declared further that Knowles had taken \$1 from him previously. "Towards the middle of September," continued Lee Fong, "Inspector Davis came to the camp and wanted money. I told him I did not have any and he threatened to have me arrested if I did not pay. I could not pay. I did not have the money. Ten days later I was arrested and locked up in the jail at San Rafael."

SOME ODD BOOK KEEPING

With much solemnity Yuen Hon Yoke pointed out that there it was in Chinese characters, marked down items that all might see. March tried to dazzle the clerk. He took up another item at chance.

"What's that?" he asked. "That is the payment of \$5," said the witness. "What for?" "For a laborer's wage."

"Is there anything written down to show that?" "No, but I know it was."

March gazed at the book keeper long and steadily. "Do you keep your books by a system of independent recollection?" he asked. "Let him go," said March wearily, "and ask his employer to give him a raise in his salary."

Several of the witnesses testified to being approached to buy an interest in a shrimp catching machine patented by C. L. Gross. They said that Gross informed them that he was going to have a bill passed making the use of the machine a necessity, through his influence with Deputy Commissioner John T. Babcock. The hearing will be continued Monday morning.

OIL FUEL TO BE URGED FOR PACIFIC FLEET

State Mineralogist and Producers Will Consult Officials

Oil burning dreadnaughts will be the fighting ships of the future if State Mineralogist and a group of oil producers who will take up the matter with the war department in a few days have their plans adopted.

The substitution of fuel is to be urged particularly for the ships stationed in the Pacific ocean, although figures showing the amount of petroleum shipped to the Atlantic seaboard for consumption apparently make it feasible to equip all of the naval vessels.

Congress has already decided that coal mined on the Pacific coast should be used by the Pacific fleet in preference to that mined in the Pocahontas fields. By this action a million dollars a year is saved.

If the plan is adopted it will be necessary to provide oil stations for the use of the navy at important harbors all along the coast.

MYSTERY UNDER THE HAT IS REVEALED THIS SEASON WOMEN MUST ANCHOR BRIMS OF THEIR HATS BACK

These are the styles that will gladden woman and sadden man this spring.



MARIE ANTOINETTE BONNET WITH FLUFFY RUFFLES CROWN

DUTCH BONNET OF BLACK STRAW AND CERISE PLUMES

Firemen's Helmets Will Be All the Rage

Spring hats? Why, almost anything will do this year—with this one proviso, if there is a brim don't let it turn down. No longer can one's identity be concealed beneath one's hat. The days of ostrich like hiding for womankind are past.

You may have big hats if they are big enough, and small hats if they are small enough. Go to extremes either way if you want to be fashionable. Huge oblong hats—with the "long" from side to side—or queer brimless wonders, bent or twisted or pushed into any freakishness of crown—called the helmet type—are to be the leading styles this spring.

Those learned in hat lore tell you that the hats this year are the prettiest for several seasons. After you become accustomed to them you will probably think so, too. People generally do before the seasons are very far advanced each year.

Jaunty, swashbuckling, dare devil sort of types prevail this year. The wide brims roll up with a flaunting air. The little hats even have a touch that makes them demurely wicked—or wickedly demure.

As to colors, there are a few orchid, pastel, indeterminate hues, but definite blacks, whites, emerald greens and corals will scream down the street at you from most women's heads.

HUSBANDS, TAKE NOTE

Flowers are shown as trimmings, but as a secret you are warned that it is only for the "first hats." Easter comes late in April this year and the wearers of feminine headgear are supposed to be quite ready for a second supply of hats then. For Easter and afterward flowers will be less in favor. Hats of ceremony or occasion will be adorned with feathers. Plumes will come in with a tremendous flourish. Not standing aloft like hearse trimmings, but lying down tamely and flatly—in "band effects," to be technical.

These feathers make no pretense of being the product of a single bird. They come in particolored effects that hint at a mixed origin and are among the things one must become accustomed to, to admire. Blue and pink striped and spotted plumes one sees on modish and costly hats. Thin red plumes end sometimes in black, while white finish surprisingly enough in blue or sickly green. The plumes are most of them a trifle scanty—none of the luscious willow effects, or but few. An impression



MODIFIED FIREMAN'S HELMET OF BLACK AND WHITE CHIGNON

ANOTHER HELMET OF STRAW AND BLACK VELVET

SMALL PARIS HAT WITH HAREM VEIL

HELMET HAT WITH GOURAH AND PARADISE FEATHERS

prevails that the ostriches needed the feathery equivalent of a hair tonic. One hat seen at the shop of a well known milliner yesterday was wide of brim and round of crown, in straw of a leghorn shade, with absolutely no trimming on top. The brim had a

wide insertion of Irish crochet lace and beneath it on the left side was a long thick curling white feather that reminded one of old Ponto's tail in consistency. The main peculiarity lay in the end of it, which forked and showed two curling up tips. This

Everything Is Simple but the Price

plume was tinged and tipped in dull blue.

ECONOMY FOR THE FIREMAN

Novelty French ribbon, which means flowered and striped effects, trims many hats combined with queer little bunches of feathers that look as though they were the breasts of downy birds.

A humanitarian ban such as put cigarettes out of millinery circles threatens quilts also, so a milliner said, and in consequence they are beginning to make them out of most any old thing around the house.

A quill shape is formed of wire or some stiff foundation and covered with tiny flowers, braid, velvet, straw—one hat had them of leather.

This is one of the hats shown in the illustration. The modified fireman's helmet has a crown of black and white striped chiffon, pleated, and a narrow brim of the same material rolls up at the sides to show an under brim of soft black straw. Around the crown is a heavy cord of grass green velvet, knotted in front and rising from this knot are the quill shaped ornaments—like mule's ears—of white leather lined with the green velvet.

One of the quaintest and most freakish of the new shapes is the Marie Antoinette bonnet, pictured also. This will be much in vogue, it is said, as well as the close fitting Dutch cap. The Marie Antoinette has a brim or a lower edge of heavy white lace. Above it is a fluffy ruffles affair for the rest of the crown, of black tulle heavily dotted with tiny white flecks. At the back three deep pink roses rise with natural garden grace, held together by a careless long ended bow of bright blue velvet.

BE A MADONNA, GIRLS

The Dutch cap effect is of softest black straw, lined clear up to the top of the crown with brilliant cerise satin. The only trimming is three rather short cerise plumes in a sort of a "ich Dion" design on the left side. This fits closely down on the head, but is tilted back from the face to give a Madonna framing.

Your hair, wearers of hats, must be dressed more closely to your head, because the head sizes are all smaller, yet the hats must come well down, as they have been doing. Wide hats turn up saucily in front, the roll held up by quills of straw and velvet, or silk braided heavily in soutache braid.

Hemp is one of the materials most used and then the hat is draped, drawn, tortured into any shape.

Veils will be an important adjunct of the summer hats and among them will be the heavy meshed loose flowing nets which have won for themselves the title of "harem veils," concealing and yet revealing in the most alluring way.

Any woman may find any hat she likes if she looks long enough—and can pay the price. Cheapness does not seem one of the salient characteristics of the season's hats.

WIFE TIRES OF WASHING DISHES

After Cooking Her Husband's Breakfast Mrs. Kahl Goes to Court for Divorce

Other Unhappy Players in Marriage Lottery Seek Riddance From Their Prizes

Isabell M. Kahl cooked breakfast yesterday morning for her husband, Charles W. Kahl, a physician living at 803 Douglas street, and after washing up the dishes and removing her house apron went to Judge Graham's court and asked for a divorce. Notwithstanding her allegations of cruelty, the judge thought the circumstances were such that a reconciliation should be brought about between the couple. He suggested as much to Mrs. Kahl. "I would rather die first," she exclaimed vehemently, and burst into tears. Nevertheless, Judge Graham refused to grant her petition, and put the case over a week. Mrs. Kahl testified that for several years past she had been the wife of the physician only in name. Her position in the house had been that of a servant, she said. One day after she had done a lot of laundry work, Kahl said to her: "You do that as well as a Chinaman. Here's a dollar."

"NOTHING DOING," SAYS WIFE

Ada Slattery, who asked for a divorce when Judge Graham received a setback when Judge Graham showed her a letter he had received from the defendant who lives in Pasadena, asking he desired a reconciliation. "Nothing doing," remarked Mrs. Slattery to the court. The judge put the case over a week for Slattery to be bought into court.

Phyllome Elizabeth Howser testified in Judge Trout's court yesterday that for more than two years her husband, Charles Howser, a vaudeville performer, had not contributed a single dollar toward her support or that of their child. Howser took the witness stand and admitted it, adding that he never had a dollar to spare for her. He told the judge he desired a reconciliation, and that in the future he would give her \$5 a week. Mrs. Howser's father, who has been supporting her, said he had no confidence whatever in Howser's promises, and that if his daughter went back to her husband she need never again look to her father for assistance. Judge Trout put the case over to Tuesday week, to give Howser a chance to prove his good intentions.

MRS. SMITH GETS DECREE

Judge Van Nostrand, on the report of Court Commissioner John F. Tyler, granted Mabel Burdell Smith a divorce from Edwin V. Smith, president of the Eccles & Smith company, railroad contractors, on the ground of desertion. Elizabeth Maasberg, after consulting a spiritualistic medium, said she was convinced her husband, Christian Maasberg, was untrue to her and she had no further use for him.

Divorces were granted as follows: By Judge Cabanis—Julia Hanks from Harper Hanks, desertion; Maudie Hart from Albert Hall, adultery on the ground that the defendant has a prior undivorced wife living.

Suits for divorces were begun by: John S. Fulton against Ida L. Fulton, desertion; Anne J. Robinson from Ernest Robinson, willful neglect; Florence A. Moser against Charles Moser, willful neglect; Katherine Henseberry against John Henseberry, cruelty; Anna Candia Drack against Manuel Rodrigues Drack, willful neglect; Myrtle Eliza Pond against William H. Pond, willful neglect; Grace E. von Winkler against Julius M. von Winkler, willful neglect; Helen M. Chester against Daniel P. Chester, willful neglect; Giuseppe Ramella against Amalia Ramella, adultery.

BANK CLEARINGS SHOW SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE

Same Week Last Year Was 4.5 Per Cent Less

Bank clearings, as reported to the California Development board by the clearing house cities for the week ending February 23, with percentage comparison for the corresponding week of 1910, were:

San Francisco	\$39,118,087.73	Inc. 4.5%
Los Angeles	15,224,419.00	Inc. 16.8%
Oakland	2,586,969.00	Inc. 3.3%
Sacramento	1,108,814.88	Inc. 3.8%
San Diego	1,208,042.20	Inc. 24.3%
France	769,621.00	Inc. 29.0%
Stockton	342,577.00	Inc. 2.2%
San Jose	387,180.00	Inc. 2.2%
Pasadena	681,703.75	Dec. 1.8%

SERMON ON "A GOOD BUY"—The Ingleside United Presbyterian church, on the corner of Golden State street and Ocean avenue, will hold its Sunday services at 10 a. m. The sermon, whose subject is "A Good Buy," will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Gordon, at 11 a. m. Miss Lizzie Buchanan will give a missionary address at 7:45 this evening.

EARTH SLIDES INTO THE CULEBRA CUT

Canal Record Gives Details, Showing That Earth Was Expected to Fall

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—As predicted by the engineers, slides of earth from the heights above the Culebra cut on the Panama canal are continuing. The slide which occurred at 10 o'clock the night of February 9, just opposite the Y. M. C. A. clubhouse at Culebra, carried 550,000 cubic yards of loose earth into the cut, catching a steam shovel, a coal train with its locomotive and two trains of earth dumping cars. All of these, however, have since been restored and no inconvenience is being experienced. The Canal Record, just received, states that this slide, added to those which have occurred since last July, do not exceed the total of 8,104,000 cubic yards allowed for slides in the central division in the revised estimates made at that time, nor will the added excavation increase the estimate of cost of excavation in the central division made in October, 1908.

Cracks in the ground under the hotel at Culebra, opposite this last slide, have made it necessary to tear down the annex to the hotel and rebuild on safe ground.

PEONAGE SENTENCE REDUCED—Washington, Feb. 24.—President Taft has decided to reduce from 18 to 6 months the sentence of W. S. Barlan and four other men who are in the Atlanta penitentiary, having been convicted on the charge of peonage in connection with the employment of men in Florida lumber camps.

CAPT. GUY SMITH FIRED FROM ARMY

Court Martial Officers Who Recommended Dismissal Protect Woman's Name

[Special Dispatch to The Call] ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—The Post-Dispatch this afternoon published the following dispatch from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas: "And the woman shall be nameless." This is the pledge of all officers who were in any way connected with the court martial which tried Captain Guy H. B. Smith of the Fourth infantry, the West Pointer and a brigadier-general's son, from Michigan. The court recommended the dismissal of the captain from the service and the president approved the finding of the court yesterday. The formal charge was conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. It is generally reported that the trouble involving Captain Smith broke while the Fourth infantry was returning on a transport from the Philippines. Three days before the boat reached San Francisco Captain Smith was arrested. It was said in garrison gossip that the basis of the charges against the captain was that he entered the wrong stateroom on the trans-Pacific voyage and found it occupied by the wife of a brother officer. Captain Smith has a wife and 5 year old son.

Notice Saturday, February 25th, having been declared a holiday, our ticket offices in the Palace Hotel and Flood building will close at 1 p. m. Southern Pacific Company.

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Yours very truly,
MRS. T. B. PHELPS,
Rocky, Ark.

Personally appeared before me this 21st day of August, 1909, Mrs. T. B. Phelps, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

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