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CASEY SQUIRMS WHILE GRILLED BY SUPERVISORS

Works Commissioner Fails to Account for Deficits or Increase in Expenses

Mayor Attends the Inquiry Into Conduct During McCarthy Administration

Public Hearing Promised When Belated Report on Work Is Submitted

MICHAEL CASEY, commissioner of the board of public works and for the last two years president of that body, was put on the grill by the finance committee of the board of supervisors last night regarding the expenditures in the department during his incumbency as president.

In the face of the showing of deficits, extra expenses and increased charges for city work, Casey took refuge in the declaration that he could show that everything was all right. When pressed for explanations for changes in plans of city work, Casey's favorite reply was to refer the investigators to the engineers of the board of works.

The investigation was called so that the finance committee might learn the condition of the funds entrusted to the board of works and to fix responsibility for any violation of the law.

It was shown by Supervisor William H. McCarthy, chairman of the finance committee of the supervisors, who conducted the hearing, that there is at present a deficit of \$773,449.46 in the construction of the auxiliary fire protection system, for which bonds of \$5,200,000 have been voted, and there was the possibility of a deficit of \$1,000,000 in the construction of the system.

Contrast on Expenses

It was also shown that the cost of plans, specifications and inspection for public buildings during the Casey regime ran from 9.44 per cent of the cost of the building to 12.84 per cent, while the city ordinance allows only 6 per cent, and the cost for the same work during the Taylor administration was from 4.42 per cent to 5.22 per cent. It was further pointed out that the cost of construction of the Geary street railroad has averaged \$21.90 a foot, while the United Railroads pays \$15 for the same work, a difference which Casey thought was to the advantage of the board of works, for the laborers are paid \$3 a day, while the United Railroads secures labor for \$1.75 a day.

The sudden expenditures of money for street and sewer work during the months of July, August, September and October of last year, which, by a curious coincidence, was the period of the municipal campaign, was a tender spot with Casey.

C. S. Laumeister, Casey's colleague on the board of works now and during the McCarthy administration, was questioned, but not at great length.

Casey Turns Himself Loose

Toward the close of the examination Casey read from a paper items to show that by careful management and bargaining the city had been saved \$200,000. When the meeting adjourned Casey turned himself loose.

Standing in the center of the congested floor of the supervisors' chambers he waved a threatening finger at Supervisors McCarthy and Murphy of the finance committee, who were near, and declared himself, in substance, as follows:

"This investigation is not fair. You have come here for a purpose and I know it. It is not a fair purpose. But mark you, I am prepared to answer every question that is put to me, to show that I can account for every cent that has been expended and show that it has been expended honestly. This is not a fair investigation and you know it."

No one replied to the exclamations of the fiery commissioner.

Casey and McCarthy Clash

Just before the meeting adjourned Casey and McCarthy had a passage that threatened to be acrimonious. "I insist that the engineers of the department of public works be heard," declared Casey.

"We want to hear them," replied Chairman McCarthy, "but we want their report. I stated to you a month ago that, as a matter of protection to the public and to ourselves, we have to present a report to the people by January 15. You say that the report could not be prepared within that time. We granted a week's extension. But the report was not delivered to us. If you wish to file the report now, you can."

"We want the report as public as this meeting," shouted Casey, rising in his place.

"Is the report ready?" demanded McCarthy.

"It will not be fair to me, nor fair to the board of public works," continued Casey belligerently, "if the report is not given the same publicity that this meeting has had. I want you to put

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Mrs. Whitelaw Reid Cuts List of '400' Down to Mere '300'

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Aristocratic New Yorkers, otherwise known as the "400," are excited over a report that Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of the American ambassador to England, has limited to 300 her invitations to a dinner-dance in honor of the duke and duchess of Connaught next Monday evening, deeming only that number worthy of the distinction, for, as is well known, the duke is an uncle of King George.

The Princess Patricia of Connaught is the first princess of the blood royal of England ever to set foot on the soil of the United States, and it is fitting that she should be, for she is known far and wide as the most democratic of her sisters and cousins of royal rank in Europe. Her popularity at home is unbounded, and she was the favorite niece and out of doors playmate of King Edward.

She is youthful, pretty and full of life.

TALKING DEEPENS MYSTERY OF BIRDS

Deputy Port Collector's Friends Say Some Were Intended for Associate Justice

The mystery of the frozen birds found in the cold storage of the St. Francis hotel deepens. When the sleuths of the state game commission spotted the forbidden dainties, the discovery caused something of a sensation. The responsibility for the violation of the game laws seemed to rest with James Woods, manager of the hotel and, to make the matter worse, a newly appointed member of Mayor Rolph's police commission.

Woods was out of town when the contraband was found, but lost no time, upon his return, in clearing his name of any connection with the birds. They belonged, he explained, to Captain Henry E. Morton, commander of the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia and a guest at the hotel.

The captain had taken the birds, woodcock and pheasant, to his hotel with him not as pets—the birds died before they left Shanghai—but because the Mongolia's icehouse was being overhauled.

The game commission accepted the explanation with a feeling of pity, perhaps, for the poor master mariner upon whom devolved, while his ship was in port, the care of the contents of the ship's ice chest.

It now appears that the captain took upon his own shoulders blame that he might have passed along to shoulders of greater beam and more depth. The skipper's friends have come to his rescue. Morton, they say, brought the birds from Shanghai, where there are no game laws, for his good friend William B. Hamilton, special deputy collector of the port.

But for the fact that Hamilton also has friends the matter might have rested here, as the deputy collector's fondness for oriental game is one of the traditions of local clubdom.

"Captain Morton brought the birds for Billy Hamilton all right," these friends explain, "but Billy didn't get them for himself. That is, not all of them. He was going to give them—some of them anyway—to Fred Henshaw. That's who they were really for."

The friends of the associate justice of the state supreme court have not yet explained what the judge was going to do with them, but as the state game commission has the birds that part of the story doesn't matter.

"COAL RUNNING LOW," KIYO MARU WIRELESS

Japanese Steamer Has Sufficient Fuel to Reach Yokohama

TOKYO, Jan. 19.—The Japanese steamer Kiyomaru, which left Honolulu January 4 for Yokohama, sent a wireless dispatch today from a distance of 600 miles, saying that it had insufficient coal on board to reach Yokohama.

IN TOMORROW'S CALL

EDWARD F. CAHILL
The Candid Friend
Discusses
Gumshoe Men and Prohibitory Legislation
Capital Punishment
A Symposium of California Editors
and Other Subjects.

IN TOMORROW'S CALL

CAYMAN TEARS FALL ON WILSON, SAYS MANAGER

"Wrung From Those Who Have Been the Most Conspicuous Opponents"

McCombs Draws Deadly Parallel, Quoting From Colonel Watterson's Paper

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Wilson-Harvey episode brought forth today, simultaneously with the arrival of Colonel Henry Watterson, a statement by William F. McCombs, campaign manager for Woodrow Wilson, declaring that "the tears that are being shed over the passing incident are wrung from those who have hitherto been the most conspicuous opponents of Governor Wilson."

Colonel Watterson, who will be here several days in connection with the work of the Perry memorial commission, read the McCombs statement, as well as the one made today at Nashville, Tenn., by Judge Robert Ewing, but declined to comment on either.

"As to the Wilson matter," said the colonel, "I have nothing to add to what has already been said, unless it be seriously challenged by some responsible person. Then I may have a good deal to say."

The statement issued by McCombs follows:

With reference to the alleged Wilson-Harvey incident it seems to me that Colonel Watterson has said in a statement all that needs to be said. It appears there that from as far back as last October he himself suggested to Governor Wilson that Colonel Harvey's support, through Harper's Weekly, might be injurious, and that he probably told Colonel Harvey himself the same thing. It would seem that Colonel Watterson had convinced the governor of the truth of his opinion, and had at least impressed Colonel Harvey with the probability of its truth, else Colonel Harvey would not have propounded the question.

It is passing strange that Colonel Watterson should feel concerned that the governor, in private conversation with himself and Colonel Harvey, should, in answer to a pointed question, give frank expression to the very view which Watterson himself entertained and

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MILLIONS ASKED FOR RIVER WORK

Bill Introduced for Reclamation Work Along Sacramento and San Joaquin

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Colonel E. A. Forbes, adjutant general of California, who is in Washington representing the state administration, had a conference today with Congressmen Raker and Kent, and as a result of the conference a bill providing for the acceptance by the government of the report of the California debris commission has been introduced.

The report, if adopted, will carry with it an appropriation of \$11,000,000 by the government for the reclamation of tule land in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, it being understood that the property owners along the Sacramento river put up \$11,000,000, the state legislature of California before adjourning having agreed to appropriate a like amount.

Congressman Raker tomorrow will introduce a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the deepening and widening of the channel and for snagging the wing dam construction of the Sacramento river from Sacramento to Red Bluff, together with an appropriation of \$25,000 annually to carry on the work.

J. P. INDART AND MISS FRENCH MARRY

Couple Are Well Known in San Jose Society

SAN JOSE, Jan. 19.—Friends are congratulating Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Indart of Hollister, who were married yesterday at noon at the home of the bride's mother in Hollister by Rev. Father Brady. The bride was given away by her father, T. H. French, and a brother of the bride, Theodore French, acted as best man. Miss D. Indart, a sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. Indart, who is a brother of Mrs. Charles Navlet of San Jose, is well known in San Benito county as a cattle raiser and fancier. His bride is the daughter of T. H. French, a well known cattle king of the Hollister country. After a honeymoon, which was begun by a trip to San Francisco, the couple will be at home in Hollister.

SAN FRANCISCAN WILL MARRY IN THE SOUTH

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 19.—A marriage license was issued here today to Almon R. Ross of San Francisco and Nora Dickinson of Los Angeles.

POLICE SEARCH CITY FOR TWO DICK TURPINS

Highwaymen Jump Into Buggy, Knock Driver Insensible, and Escape

Victim's Body Their Seat as They Race Through Streets; One Arrest

San Francisco's entire police force searched the city last night for two highwaymen who held up a man driving a buggy along Bush street near Jones, struck him over the head with a revolver and then, getting into the rig with their victim, drove furiously away. At midnight Jerry Sinech of Twelfth and L streets was arrested at Fifteenth and Mission streets in a buggy and lodged in prison as a suspect in the case.

Sinech was driving recklessly, and almost ran over the officers when commanded to stop. He declared that two men had turned the rig over to him at Seventeenth and Mission streets and told him that "there was a quarter in it" if he delivered the rig to Lindauer's stable, 122 Clara street. The rig has been identified as belonging to the stable, but the night force there does not know who took it out.

Policeman Fred Suttman, sent out from the Central station, encountered the two robbers at Mason and Pine streets about 10 o'clock. They were standing beside the buggy, and when they saw Suttman coming they jumped into the rig and drove out Pine street so fast that Suttman had to relinquish the pursuit. Suttman passed a woman walking along the street who told him "there were three men in the buggy a while ago," so the police believe that the highwaymen "slugged" their victim and threw him into a vacant lot along the street.

Two young women, residents of the Curtiz apartments, 837 Leavenworth street near Bush, aroused the police and aided in the search, and the terrorized residents of the neighborhood helped in the efforts to locate the buggy, the robbers or their victim. The assault took place at about 9 o'clock in the evening. At midnight, with policemen and detectives out on foot, in taxicabs, in the patrol wagons

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JURY IN BANK CASE FIND MARTEL GUILTY

Verdict on Charge of Falsifying Books Reached After a Short Deliberation

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

The jury in the case of A. F. Martel, former president of the defunct Market Street bank, which closed its doors in 1907, on trial for three days before Judge F. H. Dunne in the superior court on the charge of falsifying a statement to the old state board of bank commissioners August 15, 1906, found him guilty after a deliberation of less than five minutes.

W. B. Nash, former cashier of the bank, was convicted two weeks ago of the same offense and will appear before Judge Dunne tomorrow for sentence if the court denies the motion of his counsel for a new trial.

Monday was set as the day for sentence in the Martel case.

Testifying in his own behalf, Martel said that he had but little education and knew nothing of bookkeeping, leaving all such details to Nash. The transaction that resulted in the prosecution and conviction of the two officials was a statement representing the capital stock of the bank to be approximately \$102,000, when as a matter of fact it was some \$50,000 less, the difference being the worthless notes of the officials.

Martel was defended by General W. H. Hart and Attorney Frank H. Gould. The prosecution was conducted by Assistant District Attorney Maxwell McNutt.

POPE CONFERS HONOR ON AN AMERICAN GIRL

Miss Georgine Iselin Now a "Papal Countess"

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The pope has conferred a signal and unusual honor on Miss Georgine Iselin of New York by making her a "papal countess." Cardinal Farley brought her appointment from Rome.

New Rochelle, a suburb of New York, has been the scene of most of the benefactions of the Countess Georgine Iselin, the latest being the presentation of a home to the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis, who teach in the school connected with St. Joseph's Italian Catholic church in West New Rochelle. The building, which cost \$10,000, was dedicated last November.

At the present time the countess is active in the work of relieving sufferers from tuberculosis among the poor of the city.

Cure Dug Death Pit Hunger Buried Girl



Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazzard, on trial for murder in the first degree, in that she starved patient to death.

Miss Williamson Tells How Starvation Cost Sister's Life at Hazzard's

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 19.—Miss Dorothea Williamson, whose younger sister, Claire, is alleged to have been starved to death by Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazzard, took the stand at Port Orchard today and began her story of the events that culminated in the death of her sister at the Olalla sanatorium May 19, 1911. Mrs. Hazzard is accused in the Kitsap county superior court of murder in the first degree. The Williamson sisters were heirs to \$500,000. Word that Miss Williamson would go on the stand today brought out a large crowd, women predominating, and the little country courtroom was filled to overflowing.

When her name was called, Miss Williamson walked to the seat with a firm step, looking the picture of health, with rosy cheeks and bright blue eyes. Eight months ago she was removed from Mrs. Hazzard's Olalla institution a living skeleton, and her life was despaired of. She spoke in a low but distinct tone, and with a decided English accent. She watched the jurors closely, shifting her gaze now and then toward Mrs. Hazzard, who sat between her leading counsel and her husband, Samuel G. Hazzard, a former army officer.

Miss Williamson said she was born in southern India 38 years ago and that Claire was four years her junior. Her father, an officer in the British army, died when she was 4 years old and her mother died 16 years later.

In 1910 the Williamson sisters were on a tour of the world and saw an advertisement of Mrs. Hazzard's starvation cure in a Seattle paper. While in Victoria, B. C., in October of that year Dorothea suffered an attack of rheumatism and Claire wrote to Mrs. Hazzard, who sent a copy of her book on the fast cure and a pamphlet telling of the beauties of the Hazzard sanatorium at Olalla. The sisters did not come to Seattle at that time, but went to California to spend the winter.

Dorothea said that at that time she weighed 109 pounds and that her sister weighed 126 pounds. They were preparing to separate for a long journey, Claire going to London and Dorothea, returning to Australia. In order to fit themselves for the trip they decided to take treatment under Mrs. Hazzard, who arrived here February 26, 1911, and the next day called on Mrs. Hazzard.

"Mrs. Hazzard was very cordial," said Miss Williamson. "We told her we planned to sail soon and thought a two or three weeks' treatment would be good before the sea voyage. We had no intimation that the treatment would result in the breakdown that overtook us. We arranged to pay Mrs. Hazzard \$50 a month each for treatment in Seattle."

"We wanted Mrs. Hazzard to examine us, but she said a physical examination could not be made until the fasting had proceeded for some time. She gave us a treatment the first day. She pounded us on the back and hammered us about the head with her fists."

The greater part of the day was taken up with the cross examination of John Herbert of Portland, Ore., uncle of the Williamson sisters. It was brought out that Herbert was not shown Claire Williamson's body until after the funeral and that when he saw it he told

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RECOGNITION IS REBEL APPEAL

State Department Not Likely to Move Until It Has Conferred

OTHER POWERS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED FIRST

Absolute Impartiality to Be Maintained by U. S. in All Phases

OFFICIALS REGRET SIGNS POINT TO TWO NATIONS

No Place For Manchus Say Chinese Leaders

Here are the demands that the republican government today telegraphed to Yuan Shi Kai:

First—The abdication of the throne and the surrender of the sovereign powers are demanded.

Second—No Manchu may participate in the provisional government of China.

Third—The capital of the provisional government can not be established at Peking.

Fourth—Premier Yuan Shi Kai can not participate in the provisional government of China until the republic has been recognized by the foreign powers and the country has been restored to peace and harmony.

BULLETIN

LONDON, Jan. 19.—In an imperial edict issued today the authorities of the Peking railroad are ordered to send all available rolling stock to Peking. An exodus of the nobles is expected shortly, according to a news agency dispatch from Tientsin. Three trains are now waiting in the vicinity of Peking.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The cabled appeal for recognition of the Chinese republic signed by Wang Chung Wei was received by the state department today.

It is regarded as marking a serious crisis in the important negotiations now going on in China for the restoration of peace to the distracted country, for the decision of the state department upon the appeal is certain to have great influence upon the five other powers interested in the situation. It is probable the department will not move in the matter until it has conferred with these powers.

This sounding process may be conducted through the diplomatic representative of the powers at Peking, whose judgment up to this point has influenced the powers in all that has been done in dealing with the Chinese situation.

With some regret, the officials here recognize the growing probability of a division of China as a result of today's developments. They hope, however, that the separation of the north from the south, which is expected soon, will not be permanent, but that the two sections may be combined under one government as a result of the deliberations of the national convention.

Early action upon the appeal is not expected, but in any event the state department is determined there shall be no departure from the policy that it has steadfastly pursued of maintaining absolute impartiality between the factions in China.

PRINCES DILLY DALLY AT PEKING

PEKING, Jan. 19.—The princes of the imperial clan, a number of leading Manchu officials and several members of the government had a protracted conference today with the empress dowager at the palace, but separated

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