

# GOV. SPARKS SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

## Physician Says Nevada's Executive Is Not Suffering From Paralysis.

(Associated Press.)  
RENO, Nev., April 30.—Governor Sparks' condition shows some improvement tonight. The Governor is wrongly ascribed to be suffering from paralysis. The statement was due to the fact that when he moved his limbs he suffered intense pain. Dr. St. Clair says the Governor is suffering from Multiple peripheral neuritis, a disease not necessarily fatal, but exceedingly painful.

# CROCKER IN RUEF'S BEHALF

## BANKER SAYS POLITICAL BOSS NEVER DEMANDED COMPENSATION.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Wm. H. Crocker, president of the Crocker National Bank, and principal stockholder of the Parkside Realty Company, and Douglas S. Watson, secretary of that company, testified today in the trial of Abraham Ruef, charged with offering a bribe of \$10,000 to Jennings Phillips, a member of the former board of supervisors, for his vote for a trolley franchise desired by the Parkside company. Crocker said he had no knowledge of his company employing Ruef as attorney in the matter of getting a franchise from the board of supervisors, and emphatically denied that the former political boss demanded any compensation for his assistance. The witness stated that on the contrary, Ruef declared he would accept no money for any aid he might be able to render. Watson, under direct examination, went into the details of the organization of the realty company very reluctantly and told of a transaction by which he and Harry B. Umbson transferred two pieces of property to the company, each receiving a check for \$15,000, and the subsequent retransfer of this land without its being recorded. The witness testified to having cashed these checks at the Crocker National Bank, receiving thirty \$1000 bills. The prosecution expects to prove this was the \$30,000 demanded by Ruef to get an ordinance passed granting a franchise through the board of supervisors, where it had been held up in committee, and that \$15,000 of it was actually paid to Ruef by Umbson.

# MINE PRESIDENT IS ACCUSED OF THEFT

LOS ANGELES, April 30.—H. A. Landwehr, president of the Seal and Gold Mining Company, operating near Amboy, San Bernardino, was arrested today, charged with the embezzlement of \$2113 in bullion. Alexander Strachan is the complainant, and he gives specific dates and various amounts of bullion he alleges the president made away with. The prosecution claims it will show that he deposited it in his own name in a local bank. Landwehr, who bought a controlling interest in the company a year ago, declares minority stockholders are conspiring against him, and that this is a trumped-up charge. He was released on \$4000 bail, and will be arraigned soon.

# ROBBERS SECURE BAGS OF CURRENCY

(By Associated Press.)  
PITTSBURG, April 30.—Two men, who were secreted on the New York and St. Louis express of the Pennsylvania system, which left here at 9:55 tonight, entered the express car at Walkers Mills, ten miles west of here on the Panhandle division, overcame the express messenger and escaped with four sealed bags containing currency.

# FATAL CONFLICT AT FORT DE FRANCE

(By Associated Press.)  
FORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, April 30.—A serious and fatal conflict broke out here yesterday between hostile groups of politicians connected with the present campaign for municipal elections. A band of men led by M. Labat, vice mayor of Fort de France, engaged in an armed conflict at the city hall with another band under the leadership of Mayor M. Severe. The mayor was killed in the fighting. Several other men also lost their lives and a number of persons were wounded.

# NOTORIOUS HORSE THIEF IS KILLED

(By Associated Press.)  
GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 30.—It is reported from Glasgow that "Pigeon-toed" Brown, a notorious desperado and horse thief, was shot and instantly killed today by deputy sheriffs who have been hunting for him for three days.

# RENO MAN ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

RENO, Nev., April 30.—Cleveland Murphy, a well known young man of Reno, son of James Murphy, a wealthy stock raiser here, committed suicide today. Murphy, late this afternoon, walked into a saloon on Plaza street, went behind the bar, and picking up a revolver fired a bullet into his brain, dying instantly. The cause is unknown.

# LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDERER

CANON CITY, Colo., April 30.—Anton Bavari, alias Nernino, was tonight found guilty of the quadruple murder of Mrs. Frank Palmetto, Ercole Buffeti, Dominic and Joe Minichello, the jury recommending that the defendant be sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary at hard labor.

# CHARITY BALL HUGE SUCCESS

## All Tonopah Out to the First Function of Its Kind—Great Credit to Members of Elks Who So Successfully Carried Through the Affair.

The first charity ball ever held in Tonopah was the one given last night at the Miners' Exchange hall by Tonopah Lodge No. 1062, B. P. O. E. There were 220 couples participated in the grand march led by Past Exalted Ruler L. A. Gibbons and Mrs. Gibbons. The decorations of the hall were the most artistic ever seen in Tonopah and would have done credit to any metropolitan function. A large number of handsome gowns were in evidence.

At the hour of 11, the most sacred in all Elkdom, the hall was suddenly darkened, and the chimes from a deep toned clock announced the hour. The audience joined in "Auld Lang Syne." The lights found every man, woman and child in the vast throng standing on their feet while the "Star Spangled Banner" emanated from the throats of all present, the Elks waving the national emblem as an accompaniment. At 12 o'clock the guests repaired to the Tonopah Club cafe, where an elaborate collation was served. The use of the cafe was tendered through the kindness of Mr. Tom Kendall. After supper the dancers repaired to the hall and the summer sun was high in the heavens ere the last Elk was seen wending his way homeward.

Among those present were the following: Messrs. and Mesdames L. A. Gibbons, Key Pittman, P. E. Keeler, J. P. Brissell, Bert L. Smith, P. A. McCarran, Puddy Grimes, Will Grimes, Zeb Kendall, J. J. McQuillan, A. E. Fritsch, J. P. Stenson, Ed Malley, H. A. McKim, E. E. Walker, George Jetter, Joe Vockovich, Dr. Clark, J. P. O'Brien, J. Morris, Irving Macdonald, W. T. McNeeley, J. E. Ferris, J. Hayward, Geo. Swasey, Walter Agnew, W. J. Wilson, Cal Shaw, W. W. Pangburn, George W. Sumnerfield, H. C. Schmidt, Frank Macey, W. J. Douglas, T. Oldfather, Jack McKenzie, Jules Smith and Robert Prouty. Mesdames Gates, Gaden, Knox, Robb, Vail, O'Brien, Perry, Lydon, Trimble, Langley, Press, Kutzkau, Owens, Byers, Coombs, Hayden, Tripp, Zanola, Coulter, Cleary, McGuire, Small, McGrath, Boyant and Tanner. Misses Harriet Crocker, A. McSorley, M. McCaffrey, Ione Erickson, Alicia Grimes, Birdie Quillan, Abbie Strossider, Rene Ross, A. Deeble, N. Hansen, Ruth Winans, Susan Bowers, Marie O'Connell, F. O'Brien, Agnes Fuller, Abby Hayden, D. Quillan, Steinmetz, Hefferson, Smith, Pyne, Kelly, Slavin, Dennis, Griffin, Murray, Smith, Johnson, Boylan, Moore, Messrs. Fox, Daniels, Tripp, Mullen, Wise, Corkill, Drysdale, Hefferson, Sinclair, Erickson, Moran, Platt, Schwartz, Pepper, Atkinson, Dexter, Gardner, Rodgers, Perrin, Walker, Holland, Hertel, Allen, Highland, Wonnacott, Crockett, Byron, Averill, Sheldon, Pittman, Hammond, Alexander, Bowers, Corcoran, Downs, Dale, Slavin, Cuddy and Morgan.

The following were the very efficient committees:  
General committee on the ball—R. L. Prouty, chairman; George F. Blakeslee, George B. Thatcher, L. A. Gibbons, W. J. Agnew, Puddy Grimes, H. H. Brown, L. L. Mudgett, R. C. Moore, Harry Crockett and H. C. Schmidt.

Floor committee—H. H. Brown, chairman; P. E. Keeler, George B. Thatcher, Harry Crockett and H. Schmidt.  
Reception and invitation committee—L. L. Mudgett, L. A. Gibbons, Harry Crockett, Puddy Grimes and H. Schmidt.  
Music, program and publicity committee—L. A. Gibbons, George A. Blakeslee, R. C. Moore, George B. Thatcher and Puddy Grimes.  
Decoration committee—W. K. Wise, Puddy Grimes, H. Schmidt,

Harry Crockett, L. L. Mudgett and W. J. Agnew.  
Refreshment committee—Geo. B. Thatcher, George A. Blakeslee, L. A. Gibbons, Walter J. Agnew and L. L. Mudgett.  
Finance committee—R. C. Moore, L. A. Gibbons and Geo. B. Thatcher.

# SULLIVAN IS HOPELESSLY OUTCLASSED

## Abe Attell Makes Chopping Block of "Brooklyn Tommy"—Bets Declared Off.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Hopelessly outclassed, "Brooklyn Tommy" Sullivan of St. Louis made a sorry showing tonight with the American featherweight champion, Abe Attell. Sullivan succumbed in the fourth round, in which he was floored three times, and the police jumped into the ring and stopped the fight. Sullivan was completely knocked out. Attell took the lead at the very start, and landed as often and wherever he pleased. Sullivan received the finishing wallop after about a minute's fighting in the fourth round, when Attell bluffed Sullivan into close quarters and planted a right short-arm blow to the chin. Just as the fight commenced, Luke Marisch, club manager in Stockton, told Referee Alvie King to call all bets off. This was done on account of changed conditions, and an agreement which permitted Sullivan to weigh in at 126 at 5 o'clock this afternoon, instead of 123, as per the original articles. Johnny Frayne was given the decision at the end of the fifteenth round over Fred Landers in a preliminary go. Frayne took the lead at the start and held it for several rounds. In the fifth round Landers was cautioned for hitting low. Frayne staggered Landers in the eleventh and twelfth rounds and almost had his man out. Landers, however, recuperated with marvelous quickness. The decision of the referee was loudly cheered.

# FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

Round 1—Attell came up chewing gum. After some fiddling Attell shot his left hand to the stomach and then swung his left to the jaw, cleverly avoiding Sullivan's attempts to counter. Attell drove two rights to the stomach and was regarded with a hard left hook to the jaw. The men closed in, exchanging lefts over the body. Attell shot a wicked left to the jaw and then put in two straight right punches to the stomach. Sullivan fought into close quarters, Attell swinging two lefts to the face and a right to the stomach as they came together. The bell rang at this stage, the advantage being all with the Hebrew. Attell walked very coolly to his corner and continued to chew gum.

Round 2—Abe danced back, but not far enough to escape a left jab to the face and a right swing over the kidneys. Sullivan jabbed left to the face and they clinched. Attell backed away and Sullivan, holding with one hand, tried to land on the head and body with the other. Finally Sullivan put two lefts to the face, but Abe sent his head back a foot with a straight right to the jaw. At close range Sullivan hooked his left to the face. They exchanged straight lefts to the face and quick as a flash Attell shot his left to the jaw, sending Sullivan against the ropes. Closing in, Sullivan put his left hand to the face and the gong clashed with the men in a clinch. It was Attell's round.

Round 3—Attell missed two left swings and they went to a clinch. After some sparring, Sullivan hooked left and right to the face and then swung his left to the face. Attell brought the blood from his opponent's mouth with two left jabs to the member. The men roughed it in the center of the ring, and Attell drove a left hard to the stomach. A moment later he duplicated the blow and then swung his right hard to the jaw. Attell uppercut with his right to the jaw and then swung his left to the face. Sullivan then shot several light lefts to the face and as the bell rang Sullivan swung his right hard over the face. Attell seemed to be willing to take a blow, however, and again went to his corner unconcerned.

Round 4—Sullivan smiled as he came up, only to receive a wicked left straight in the face. "Watch that elbow," shouted Sullivan to the referee, and there was some justice to the claim. At close range, Sullivan hooked a left to the face and the men clinched. Sullivan covered up and waded in, but Abe warily ducked his attempts, finally slipping to his knees from a particularly low duck. Sullivan fanned the air in a vain attempt to catch his shifty antagonist. Attell sent right to the face and sent his man to the floor in a groggy condition. Attell started Sullivan on

# FORD CASE IS BEING ARGUED

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Arguments in the trial of Tiley L. Ford charged with bribery of supervisors in the matter of the granting of a trolley franchise to the United Railroads, of which he is chief counsel, began before Judge Lawlor late this afternoon. Submission of evidence ended abruptly during the morning session and the remainder of the day was taken up in arguments on a motion to instruct the jury to acquit. It is anticipated that arguments will be concluded tomorrow and the case given to the jury.

# GOODWIN SLIPS OFF TO EUROPE

NEW YORK, April 30.—Nat C. Goodwin sailed for Europe today on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II, accompanied by Arnold Daly, the actor. Passage was engaged for them at the last moment and the name of neither one is on the passenger list. Goodwin reached here from the Pacific Coast on Sunday last. He has so many acquaintances here that his presence in town usually becomes known very soon after he arrives, but this time his coming was not announced, and he met only a few of his numerous friends.

It is supposed on his hurried trip abroad that he will see Miss Edna Goodrich, who has been the leading woman of his theatrical company. Her engagement to James H. McMillan, a mining operator of Nevada, was announced recently, and she went with her mother to Paris to purchase her trousseau. It is said her engagement was a surprise to Goodwin, and that her contract with him has still two years to run.

# SWINDLED BY YOUNG MEDIUMS

DENVER, Colo., April 30.—Mrs. Leonora Pierce, 18 years of age, and Miss Greta Fullmer, aged 22, were arrested in this city today on the charge of having obtained nearly \$20,000 from Mrs. Harriet A. Crowe, 67 years of age and blind, by false pretenses. Mrs. Crowe, who is the widow of a former prominent business man of Dillon, Mont., was introduced to Mrs. Pierce about a year ago by a spiritualist.

Mrs. Pierce, it is said, claimed she could restore Mrs. Crowe's sight by spiritualistic treatment, and on three occasions secured \$5000 as fees for her services. Miss Fullmer was introduced as an assistant to Mrs. Pierce and they would talk with Mrs. Crowe for hours at a time, inducing her to believe she was recovering her eyesight when there was really no improvement in her condition. Recently Mrs. Crowe's suspicions became aroused and she consulted her attorney, who caused the arrest of Mrs. Pierce and Miss Fullmer today.

# READY FOR FLEET AT SANTA CRUZ

(By Associated Press.)  
SANTA CRUZ, April 30.—The work of decorating is about complete. Everything is ready for the arrival of the first squadron, which will be here at 8:30 Saturday morning. The principal features of Saturday will be a parade, concerts, baseball games. Sunday, free excursions will be run to the big trees. Monday, there will be a barbecue among the big trees in honor of the officers. Tuesday, the morning of the fleet's departure, every ship will be supplied with a ration of trout fry, caught from the streams of the county, and apples from the Jajaro valley. Monday night two grand balls will be given, one at the Casino Hotel in honor of the junior officers, the other at the Armory in honor of the jacks.

# FLEET MAKING ITS WAY NORTH

(By Associated Press.)  
ABOARD U. S. S. KANSAS, via Point Arguello, Cal., April 30.—At 5:30 this afternoon the fleet is about thirty miles from Port Harford, and steaming northwest in fleet column. The weather is decidedly cooler. Clouds which overcast the sky this morning returned. The fleet is maintaining a speed of ten knots and a half knots without interruption.

# FIRE DESTROYS PLANING MILL.

(Associated Press.)  
UKIAH, Cal., April 30.—The Yokohama planing mill, with its contents, was completely destroyed by fire this morning, the loss being estimated at \$10,000, not covered by insurance. This is the fourth time the building covering the site has been burned within five years.

# COOKING SCHOOL.

This afternoon at the Butler theater, Miss Tracy, by special request, will prepare and serve broiled striped bass, tartar sauce, muffed French omelette, lemon meringue and tea. The lesson is free; it begins promptly at 2:30 o'clock and all are cordially invited.

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