

TRIED TO KILL F. J. HENEY

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov.---The bribery and graft cases had a dramatic climax today when Assistant District Francis J. Heney, who has been in charge of the prosecution during its course of two years, was shot and seriously wounded in the crowded court room by Morris Haas, an ex-convict. The shooting occurred during a brief recess in the third trial of Abe Ruef for bribery.

Heney is now in the Lane Hospital and his physicians say his wound is not fatal. Haas is in the city prison. He is a Jewish saloon keeper who was drawn on a jury panel at the second trial of Ruef, and after being temporarily passed by both sides, was dramatically exposed as an ex-convict. He says he tried to kill Heney for this exposure.

(By Associated Press)

THE STORY OF THE SHOOTING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—What was for some hours thought to have been the assassination of Francis J. Heney, the special prosecutor who has been for two years conducting the bribery and graft prosecutions in this city, tragically marked the close of what had been a most interesting day in the trial of Abe Ruef for bribery.

Heney finished the cross examination at noon of James Gallagher, the prosecution's most important witness in all the bribery-graft cases, and the self-confessed "go-between" between Ruef and the former board of supervisors. Henry Ach, the chief counsel for Ruef, had subjected Gallagher to a severe cross examination for two hours in the afternoon when Judge Lawlor declared a brief recess at 4:05 o'clock, and the jury filed out. Attorney Heney of the prosecution, and Ach and Dozier of the defense, at the request of the judge, went into his chamber to confer with him on some proposed instructions to the jury. At the conclusion of the conference Ach, Dozier, Ruef and Judge Lawlor went out of the court room to the street in front of the building. Heney, instead of going outside to enjoy a brief airing, stepped for a moment into the ante room and then came back to the counsel table.

THE SHOOTING.

Heney was leaning over his table, conversing with Al McCabe, the chief clerk in the district attorney's office. Directly in front of him was James Gallagher, the witness, and a representative of the Associated Press, who had walked to Heney's table and was standing at his left elbow waiting for an opportunity to speak to him, when a small, neatly attired man, having a decided Jewish cast of countenance, approached the assistant district attorney from behind with quick steps, but with deliberation. Suddenly his right hand shot out, and before the newspaperman, McCabe or John Foley, Heney's special body guard, sitting about eight feet away, could make a move, there was a flash and a loud report rang through the court room. For a moment everybody seemed stunned and paralyzed. The would-be assassin, whose revolver was within a foot and a half of Heney's head when he pulled the trigger, stepped back, his arms by his side, and one hand still clutching the smoking pistol as if hesitating what to do. Immediately after the shooting the court room audience, fearing a further shooting, made a frantic rush for the doors. Before the would-be-murderer could raise the pistol again, Foley and E. J. Wiskotchill, a special policeman, were upon him, threw him to the floor and wrested the weapon from his grasp. He struggled but was dragged to the jury box, thrown on his back and there held down just as the jury, attracted by the shot, came bursting through their private entrance.

After being shot Heney arose out of his chair, put his hands to his head, the blood streaming through his fingers and reddening the table in front of him, leaned over for a moment and was caught as he began to fall. He was still conscious when the Associated Press representative dropped by his side after being laid on the floor and spoke to him. His first words were: "Send for my wife." Dr. H. A. Finck, who was in the court room at the time, rushed to Heney's side and made a hasty examination and pronounced him fatally wounded.

HENEY WAS COOL.

Heney was perfectly composed and turning to John O'Gara, his assistant in the trial, said: "I want to make a dying statement; I believe I'm going to die. I was sitting at my table when I felt what I thought was a blow. I don't know who shot me. I was doing nothing to anyone."

Ruef and his two attorneys, who were on the sidewalk, were startled by the report and started for the court room, but were forced, down the steps by the crowd rushing frantically out, and the police refusing to admit them. Upon being told of the happenings inside, Ruef ordered his chauffeur, who was standing by the sidewalk with his automobile, to get the nearest physician.

The wounded assistant district attorney was moved to the central emergency hospital as soon as possible, from where he was removed at 7 o'clock to the Lane hospital.

CITY EXCITED.

The report of the attempted assassination spread throughout the city like wildfire and caused intense excitement and indignation. There was no hostile demonstration in the crowd, but some threatening murmurs began to be heard. Ruef was surrounded by a large number of people and quietly slipped away, going with Dr. Tuchier to the latter's office for a little while. This led to a report that the former political boss had disappeared. Ruef, however, soon reappeared in front of the court building and sent in word that the officer at the door would not let him in. He was immediately brought into the court room.

In the meantime acts of tragedy were being played in different parts of the court room. While Heney was lying on the floor, a newspaperman approached the would-be assassin, who up to this time had not been identified, and asked him for his name. At first he refused and then said: "I am Morris Haas. Heney ruined me and I don't care what becomes of me now." In another corner of the building Attorneys Ach and Dozier of Ruef's counsel, were in the chambers of Judge Lawlor. Ach exclaimed

that the attempted assassination was a dastardly outrage and that he hoped Heney would recover.

Dozier said: "It's getting to be a pretty state of civilization when a man engaged in the pursuance of his duty is shot down in an open court room."

Ruef also denounced the attempt on Assistant District Attorney Heney's life.

THE WOULD-BE ASSASSIN.

Haas was convicted of embezzlement in San Bernardino county May 25, 1888, and sentenced to three years in San Quentin. He served two years and eight months, having earned four months by good behavior. He was released January 5, 1890. Some years later he married and has a wife and four children. He lived with his family at 1848 McAllister street and was engaged in the saloon business at the time he was drawn upon the jury panel in the second trial of Ruef last May. After being passed by both sides, Heney learned he was an ex-convict. He dramatically confronted Haas with his picture in convict garb, closely cropped hair and a number across his breast. Haas was forced to admit his penitentiary record and was immediately discharged from the jury. From his statement it appears that he has been brooding over this exposure and nursed a deep hatred against Heney, which finally culminated in today's tragedy. At 5:15 o'clock, Judge Lawlor reconvened court. He immediately ordered Ruef into the custody of the sheriff, and then adjourned until Monday morning. His action in ordering Ruef into custody was done, it is said, not so much for fear he will endeavor to flee, but for the sake of his own safety from possible mob violence.

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS BY HAAS.

For over an hour Haas was interrogated by Captain Duke and W. J. Burns. Haas made a rambling statement, declaring one moment he had determined to kill Heney and next saying he hoped he would not die and he had nothing against him, but doggedly maintaining all the time that neither Ruef nor his attorneys had anything to do with his attempt to assassinate Heney.

LANGDON SHOCKED.

FRESNO, Nov. 13.—District Attorney Langdon of San Francisco, who is here on private business, when informed by the Associated Press of the shooting of Heney, expressed deep sorrow. He said the prosecution would go on and said the high criminals who had debauched San Francisco had gone their extreme length. Langdon left tonight at midnight on a Santa Fe train for San Francisco.

HENEY RESTING EASILY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—At midnight Heney was resting easily. The doctors stated that no unfavorable symptoms were developed.

O'BRIEN MAY BE THE APPOINTEE

One of the last official acts of Judge Langan before he hands his resignation as Judge of the first judicial district of Nevada to Governor Dickerson next week, to be effective December 1, when he will be appointed judge of the newly organized first district, will be the giving of his decision in Goldfield next Monday, in the case of Frank Everett, now serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary, says the State Journal.

This decision is upon an appeal for a new trial, Everett having been found guilty and convicted for the murder of Malone, a railroad man at Mina, last year.

As the result of this change, on judgeships, the governor will have two appointments to make, extending two years, and at the expiration of that time, one judge will be appointed every four years in the seventh district, comprising Esmeralda county. It is said that among the names being considered by Governor Dickerson for these appointments, are those of Judge P. J. Somers of this city, Judge Denny of Goldfield, Geo. S. Green of this city, W. H. Stevens of Goldfield, and Judge P. J. O'Brien of Tonopah. The appointments will be announced within the next two weeks it is believed.

Certificates of location for sale at the Bonanza office.

TEXAS RAILROAD TAKEN IN GRAND JURY NET

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 13.—The Texas and Pacific railroad was indicted by the federal grand jury on five counts for the alleged violations of the interstate commerce act with particular reference to the imposition of certain car service charges imposed on grain dealers in New Orleans.

CORPORATION LAWYER FOUND DEAD AT DESK

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13.—Silas W. Pettitt, aged 64, one of the best known corporation and constitutional lawyers in the country, was found dead in his office in this city tonight. He was seated at his desk and had been stricken while in the act of writing a letter. A janitor found the body. Mr. Pettitt was a civil war veteran with the title of lieutenant colonel.

REFUSE TO BELIEVE

EXPLORER IS DEAD

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 13.—Not all Arctic experts here believe the report that the grave of Professor S. A. Andree, the Swedish explorer, who in 1897 made an attempt to reach the north pole in a balloon, has been found on the coast of Labrador. Professor Nathan Horst and Captain Nilsson, the best known Arctic authorities, when asked, said they did not think that Andree's balloon could have reached Labrador.

FREIGHT RATES TO CLIMB UP

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—It has been settled definitely that the much talked of 10 per cent increase of trans-continental commodity rates will become effective January 1, but will be accompanied by a reduction in class rates.

While the new tariffs have not yet been made public, the demand for information from shippers and traffic bureaus has been so urgent and persistent that some of the lines are said to have yielded and to have permitted certain of the figures to be known. The increase will affect more than eighty commodities, from iron ore to mustard seed.

In the opinion of many traffic men the new tariff will have the effect of gaining a greater volume of business for the steamship lines, especially as the canned goods and dried fruit shippers are opposed to the increase of 10 per cent over the existing tariff.

Iron ore rates will be raised 5 cents a hundred pounds, and leather, which is now \$1.05 and \$1.20 on the various assortments, will be raised to \$1.20 and \$1.40 a hundred pounds.

Class rates between Chicago and the Pacific coast will be materially reduced. The first four classes between New York and seaboard common points and the Pacific coast will be the same east and west bound.

The increase, it is said, on practically all the commodities will amount to about the brokerage paid eastern commission men for disposing of their products.

METHODISTS MAKE CARMACK MARTYR

WACO (Texas), Nov. 13.—Strong resolutions were adopted at the opening session of the Northwest Texas Methodist conference today on the death of Senator Carmack of Tennessee, who was said to have "died a martyr to the cause of prohibition and civic righteousness."

WANTS HALF MILLION TO BUY WAR AEROPLANES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Secretary Wright today forwarded to the secretary of the treasury the detailed estimates for the war department for the next fiscal year. The total amount was withheld. For the purchase of aerial machines \$500,000 is asked.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKES.

SEDALIA (Mo.), Nov. 13.—Two slight earthquake shocks were felt here this morning. Windows and doors were violently shaken but no damage was done. The shocks were also felt at Houston, Iowa, 170 miles northeast of Sedalia, and at Lamonts, twelve miles west of here. The vibrations appeared to be from the north to south.

TROUBLE WITH AN OIL WELL

TAMPICO (Mexico), Nov. 13.—The Mexican government has given up the task of trying to control the enormous flow of the great oil geyser in the San Geronimo field seventy-five miles southeast of here. The 800 federal soldiers who have been employed in the futile work for several weeks called today for Vera Cruz on the government gunboats Zaragoza and Morelos.

A new phase of this phenomenal oil eruption is the poisonous gases which are thrown off. These gases have caused the death of a number of workmen. One of the peculiar effects of these gases is injury to the eyes. A physician reports that he attended 250 people whose eyes were badly injured, some of them being swollen to such an extent that they were entirely closed.

All the soldiers who are returning from there were more or less affected in this manner. The crater is increasing in size and land is still sliding into the vortex of boiling oil and water, sometimes as much as an acre of land, trees and everything dropping out of sight instantly.

Lake Tamiahua, into which the overflow from the well is being conducted, is covered for miles with a coating of oil and asphalt. Ducks, geese and cranes alighting on the surface where this mixture is floating are unable to extricate themselves and die in a few minutes. Alligators are found floating on the surface of the lake, having met their death from the same causes.

SHAH TO BE DESPOT AGAIN.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—A dispatch to the Times from Teheran states that after a demonstration arranged by the revolutionary camarilla on Saturday the shah promised to promulgate a rescript abolishing the constitution.

MESABA MINES BOOSTED.

SEARCHLIGHT, Nov. 13.—W. R. Groff, a leading citizen of the new camp of Mesaba, north of El Dorado canyon, is in town for a few days. He and his associates are expecting the arrival of a representative of one of the big copper companies to look over their property. He states that in his experience, covering over thirty years in different mining fields, he has never seen so rich and extensive a surface showing, and that it is ore essentially for large capital.

SERBIA GETS WAR SUPPLIES.

BELGRADE, Nov. 13.—Serbia is getting her delayed war stores at last. Forty carloads have arrived from Salonica, where they were held up for some time owing to the refusal of the railway to carry them. Seventy carloads more are on the way here.