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## MAYOR SCHMITZ IS GUILTY OF EXTORSION

### Jury Returns its Verdict After One Hours Deliberation--First Vote Stood Eleven for Conviction and One For Acquittal.

### Schmitz was Unmoved When the Verdict was Read--Defense Sets up the Plea That the State Failed to Prove the Technical Guilt of the Accused--Mayor is Taken into Custody and Applies for Bail Pending an Appeal to the Higher Court.

San Francisco, June 14.—A jury of 12 of his peers has declared Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz guilty of the crime of extortion as charged against him by the grand jury.

When the jury reported Schmitz sat unmoved with his left hand to his chin. He apparently did not understand and asked Attorney Barrett: "What is it?"

"Guilty," said Barrett. Schmitz's hand, dropped to the table, but he showed no other signs of emotion.

The jury was out just one hour and thirty-five minutes. It elected Charles E. Capp foreman, and at once proceeded to an informal ballot. This was cast verbally and stood eleven for conviction, one for acquittal, Juror Burns, a shoemaker, casting the dissenting vote.

Then the 12 men began a discussion of the evidence, which lasted for nearly an hour. At the end of that time the first ballot was cast. It was a written ballot, and was unanimous for conviction.

The jurymen issued this statement immediately after their dismissal by the court:

"In justice to Juror Burns, it should be explained that he did not vote for acquittal because he was dissatisfied with the evidence nor because there was any doubt of the defendant's guilt. Two forms of verdict were given to the jury, and the consecutive reading of these momentarily confused Mr. Burns. As soon as he understood the matter he cast his vote with the other 11 and the verdict was accomplished."

Mr. Burns approved this statement as correct.

Even before Judge Dunne reached the synagogue, hurried thither by an automobile, nearly a thousand men had gathered in Bush street and were clamoring at the doors to be let in. They were kept out until the 12 men had been brought in and seated.

As Judge Dunne entered his chambers by a rear way, the crowd surged into the building from the front.

Then there was another wait of five minutes. The mayor came presently in his touring car, Metson and Fairall and Barrett and Drew accompanying him. They pressed down the aisle and quietly took their accustomed seats at the end of the counsel table farthest from the jury.

Judge Dunne took the bench at once. "Let the jury be polled," he said quietly.

"Poll the jury," repeated Bailiff Moore to the clerk.

That official polled off the names of the 12.

"All present, your honor," he reported. Then, turning and addressing them he said:

"Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed on a verdict?"

Foreman Capp rose very slowly in his seat, at the far end of the lower tier.

"We have," he said.

"What is your verdict? Is the defendant guilty or not guilty?"

Foreman Capp said "Guilty," very slowly and very low.

The silence was broken in a hundred places at once. A long drawn "Ah" ran through the crowd. Then "good" cried a voice in a far corner.

And "good!" "good!" echoed another spectator farther in front. Rudolph Spreckel, whose wealth made possible the whole bribe graft prosecution was walking swiftly down the aisle as the sentence fell from the foreman's lips. He sank into a nearby seat as though arrested by some sharp command.

All over the house people were jumping up, and some of them turned to the strangers at their elbows and thrust out their hands in the enthusiasm of a long looked for moment and said:

"Shake!"

gene E. Schmitz, guilty as charged in the indictment. Is that your verdict so say you one, so say you all?"

"So say we all," answered back the 12, their voices jumbling and jarring on the silence.

Mr. Metson of counsel for the defense spoke:

"We ask that the jury be polled," he said.

And so, one by one, the names of the 12 were called and each was asked.

"Is that your verdict?" and each replied "It is."

The judgment of the court will be pronounced on Wednesday, June 27," said Judge Dunne.

Mayor Schmitz dictated the following statement last night:

"No matter what the decision of the jury which was got under most adverse circumstances regarding myself, I still maintain and affirm that I am absolutely innocent of the crime charged and will fight the case to the last resort. As I said before my trial I did not expect nor did I relish to have the case transferred to a fair or even decent treatment at the hands of Judge Dunne and realizing his prejudices I made every other judge in the state. I do not take this as a defeat and the decision makes me all the more determined to seek and secure justice in another court."

All of Schmitz's counsel were present except ex-Judge Campbell.

Mayor Schmitz was taken into custody last night but applied for bail pending an appeal when court convenes today.

**SCHMITZ IS MAYOR IN NAME ONLY.**

San Francisco, June 14.—Mayor Schmitz, who was found guilty of extortion last night, is now mayor in name only. By law, he cannot exercise the duty of the office, and must remain in custody pending an appeal to the supreme court.

The elimination of Schmitz leaves the prosecution in complete control. Should the supreme court affirm the court's decision, the supervisors will elect a new mayor. This will probably be ex-Mayor Phe, who is now in New York. Phe has been mayor three times and his election would restore confidence.

There are still pending against Schmitz forty indictments for extortion and thirty for bribery. The mayor's next trial will be on a bribery charge.

**BIGAMIST REYNOLDS IS A FREE MAN**

Columbus, Ohio, June 14.—Harry Reynolds, the Cleveland-Norwalk bigamist, was released from the penitentiary today on parole, granted by the prison board last night. The prison officials say Reynolds had a hundred endorsements for parole, while no one protested.

## STUDENTS SET OFF A CHARGE OF DYNAMITE

Lansing, Mich., June 14.—Unknown students at Michigan agricultural college last night exploded a huge charge of dynamite back of Well's hall on the campus. The explosion shook the entire section, broke windows in the college and town and scared half of the residents into fits.

## PROTOCOL SIGNED

### All Nations Will Go Into the Peace Conference on the Same Footing.

The Hague, June 14.—The first real business of The Hague peace conference was transacted today when representatives of forty-five nations met and signed the protocol of the 1899 conference. By signing this document, all nations enter the conference on an equal footing.

The first plenary session will be held Saturday. One feature of the conference is the remarkable high price charged for every thing. The conference will cost the nations participating a huge fortune. General Horace Porter and Joseph H. Choate, today signed for the United States.

## ZELAYA TO BLAME

### His Ambition to Form Central American Federations Causes New War.

Washington, June 14.—President Zelaya, and his ambitions to form a Central American federation is responsible for the recent outbreak of hostilities between Nicaragua and Salvador. In a despatch to the state department today United States Consul agent Olivarez, at Managua, the capital of Nicaragua says: "In accordance with his Central American union plan, President Zelaya has dispatched munitions of war and troops in the aid of General Alfaro, who is the popular unionist candidate for Presidency of Salvador. Figueroa, president of Salvador, opposes the Union ideas."

In the opinion of the state department officials, the inevitable result of President Zelaya's action will be to plunge the whole of Central America into a protracted war. There is little doubt that he has an ultimate design of Guatemala and it is expected that Guatemala will be drawn into the fight on the side of Salvador. It is quite likely that Costa Rica too will be brought into this conflict.

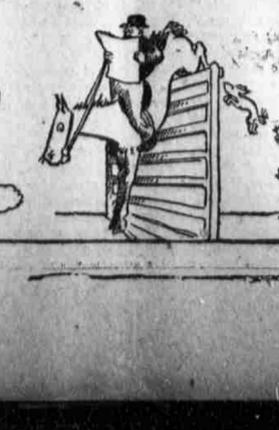
**WOMAN ROBBED OF A SNUG FORTUNE**

San Antonio, Texas, June 14.—Rufus Williams is under arrest charged with robbing Mrs. Sallie Gibbons, of Columbia, S. C., who came here to buy Texas land of \$61,000 cash, after beating her over the head and trying to drown her.

**WISCONSIN KILLS TWO CENT FARE BILL**

WISC emf ittoosmi vbgk HRD RLL Madison, Wis., June 14.—The senate yesterday by a vote of 21 to 6 killed the 2-cent fare railway bill.

**THE PRESIDENT NAILS AN ANANIAS STORY.**



## STOLYPIN THREATENS THE DOUMA WITH DISSOLUTION

### SECRETARY TAFT IS TAKEN ILL

St. Paul, Minn., June 14.—After reviewing the United States troops at Fort Snelling today, Secretary Taft complained of feeling faint and oppressed by the heat. He was taken into the city to the home of John C. Hill, where he is now resting comfortably. His doctor says Taft is not in a serious condition and will be able to attend the banquet tonight.

## SHAKER COMMUNITY

### Visited by a Fire and Three People are Killed and Several Injured.

Cincinnati, June 14.—Fire early this morning destroyed four buildings of the Shaker community at New Haven, Ohio, caused the death of Mrs. Kate Sturr, Julia Ann Bear and Mrs. Mary Middleton, and the serious injury to Charles Sturr, the colony manager, and fatal injury to an unknown man. Other aged occupants of the building escaped from the windows. The entire savings of the community, a large sum, was burned. All the victims were in firm.

## THREE BANDITS

### Make a Raid on a Hospital and Secure \$2,000 Worth of Booty.

Chicago, June 14.—Three heavily armed and masked men early today drove up to the North Shore health resort, at Winetka, north of Chicago, a fashionable sanitarium for the treatment of nervous disorders, and ransacked the place, throwing thirty-seven patients into a state of terror and leaving some in a critical condition. The men walked through every corridor, forcing the nurses to accompany them and show them where the patients' clothes were kept. The patients were forced into quietude at the point of revolvers. The bandits secured over \$2,000 in money and jewels, and escaped.

## Plot to Assassinate the Czar, Overthrow the Government and Establish a Democratic Republic in Russia Discovered by the Premier.

### Assassination of an Official Precipitates a Crisis in the Douma—Premier Demands the Arrest of Sixteen Members of the Lower House and the Expulsion of Fifty Others and Says That Unless His Demands are Complied with, Parliament will be Dissolved.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—Plots to overthrow the government, assassinate the czar and establish a democratic republic, were revealed this morning by Premier Stolypin following the early morning assassination of Colonel Kotlaroff, deputy commissioner of the port of St. Petersburg.

Kotlaroff was assassinated by a workman, employed in the admiralty, as the result of a death sentence passed upon him by the revolutionists, because he reduced the force of workmen at the admiralty. The assassin was captured, but a number of accomplices escaped.

Premier Stolypin says his action is believed to have been precipitated by the death of Kotlaroff, appeared in the lower house of the douma and demanded the immediate

arrest of sixteen members, whom he accused, with having formed a conspiracy to remove the czar, overthrow the government and set up a democratic republic. Among these sixteen leaders are Alexansky, Prezerejar, Dzhatardize and Ozel.

Stolypin then demanded that the lower house at once expel fifty-five members, whom he named, all of them being of the extreme democratic element. The premier said that parliament would at once be dissolved unless the members complied with his orders.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—The douma is now in session, considering the government's demands, which probably will be refused, and then the czar will dissolve the douma. In this case a great Russian revolt is expected to break out.

## YELLOW JOURNALS

### In Japan are Advised to Abstain From Printing War Scares.

Tokio, June 14.—The newspaper men of this city were summoned to appear before the home department yesterday and were then officially advised to abstain from the publication of any matter of an inflammatory or agitating nature upon the American question.

The Jiji this morning in its leading editorial, which is evidently inspired, says that the recent assaults on Japanese in San Francisco were merely incidents, growing out of the industrial troubles in that city and that they do not constitute a cause for diplomatic action.

The editorial advises that the authorities be trusted to meet out justice and deprecates the outcome of the matter.

London, June 14.—The Japanese ambassador, Baron Komura, issued a statement to the press reciting the facts in respect to the attack on the Japanese restaurant in San Francisco on May 29 and the negotiations which followed between Washington and Tokio, concluding as follows:

"As you will observe, from the above statement, the whole matter is pursuing its normal course, and there is absolutely nothing which would in the least justify the alarmist rumors emanating from irresponsible sources."

Washington, June 14.—Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, called at the department of state yesterday and made a formal complaint because some small boys broke a few panes of glass in a greenhouse belonging to a Japanese in Berkeley, California. Ambassador Aoki was greatly disturbed when he left the office of Secretary Root and was considerably annoyed when asked about the Japanese situation.

"I have no time to talk," stated the ambassador, and it was clear that his feelings were very much ruffled.

While Secretary Root and the Japanese ambassador decline to discuss the matter, Mr. Root undoubtedly did some plain talking to Vis-

count Aoki in regard to action of the Japanese in attempting to magnify into an international quarrel every trivial case in which Japanese living in the United States are involved.

## STORY IS CONFIRMED

### Witness Tells what He Knows About Orchard and His Career.

Boise, Idaho, June 14.—Determined to dispose of many comparatively unimportant witnesses, the prosecution in the Haywood trial devoted considerable time to examining persons who knew about Orchard's alleged operations in California. That Senator Borah will call witnesses to follow the line of Orchard's story closely to make connection with the defendants, if possible, is plain.

L. B. Gubbing, a San Francisco grocer, declared that Orchard stayed about his place in the fall of 1904 until the attempt was made to kill Bradley. Gubbing declared that Orchard patronized his bar, freely, asked many questions about Bradley's servants and was introduced by him to them. The witness confirmed Orchard's story about the poisoned milk.

On cross examination Gubbing declared that detectives located him and told him to come to Boise. He was given \$200 for expenses. He had seen detective McPartland and Prosecutor Hawley since he came here and talked over the case.

**Longshoremen's Strike Falters.**

New York, June 14.—The longshoremen's union at a meeting last night declared off the general strike of the longshoremen in this city. The strikers will return to work at the wage rate received before the strike began.

**An Epidemic of Typhoid Fever.**

Pittsburg, June 14.—Twenty-seven cases of typhoid fever have been reported to the bureau of health in the last 24 hours and a serious epidemic of the disease is feared by the authorities. Warnings were issued to the people Thursday cautioning them to boil all drinking water.

**Earthquake Killed Five People.**

Santiago, Chile, June 14.—A severe earthquake was experienced Thursday at Valdivia. Several buildings and the railroad bridge were destroyed and five persons were killed.

## MURDERED WIFE, SON AND MOTHER-IN-LAW

### Revenge for Arrest was the Motive for Three of the Most Cold Blooded Crimes Ever Done in Ohio--Posse and Blood Hounds on the Trail of Fiend.

Ironton, O., June 14.—Sheriff J. W. Taylor, with a posse of 100 men and a half dozen bloodhounds is in hot pursuit of Charles Shafer, who yesterday shot his wife, his eight-year-old son and his mother-in-law Mrs. Thacker. The wife and son died instantly.

Revenge for arrest is the apparent immediate motive for the crime. It was only yesterday that Mrs. Shafer had her husband arrested on a charge for beating her, and so soon as he had secured his release on bond he hurried home to commit his treacherous crime.

His wife was his first victim, and when she lay dead upon the floor he turned his revolver upon his mother-in-law, who had attempted to intervene, and save her daughter's life. The elder woman, too, is near to death and it is expected that three murders will be charged to Shafer when he is caught.

In the killing of his little son the man was moved by an almost demoniacal cruelty. Mrs. Thacker was able to tell of the pleadings of the little fellow to remain beside his mother, from whose body he did not realize the life had gone. The apparently crazed murderer insisted that the boy follow him, seized him to break his embrace upon his moth-

er's body and dragged him out of the house.

The scene of the crime tells the rest of the story. Shafer evidently dragged the boy to the woods, about a quarter of a mile from the house, there shot him twice and then attempted to burn the body. The remains of an ineffectual funeral pyre are scattered about the little hollow among the trees where he last shrouded took place. The fire had burned so little upon its way that the authorities assume Shafer awoke early to a realization of the enormity of the crime he had committed and fled.

The sheriff was summoned at once and when he had gone over the ground he sent in calls for men and bloodhounds. It was not long before both began to arrive, and the posse was soon upon the man's trail. It is two hours' start, as a neighbor not thought Shafer had more than chance to call at the residence early in the afternoon and there saw two of the victims.

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