

JEFF MUST APPEAR IN COURT

BIG SCRAPPER MUST TELL OF LAST FIGHT

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 8.—James J. Jeffries' private opinion as to whether the recent Reno unpleasantness actually was a prize fight must be told in court, and by the fallen hope of the white race himself.

Jeffries is reported to have dodged the subpoena servers for several days. It has been facetiously said that he entertains secretly the opinion expressed publicly by persons who saw the affair that it couldn't be dignified by the term "fight," according to the stipulations made by certain lexicographers with reference to the word.

TO INVESTIGATE CHINESE SLAVERY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Federal officials will order a rigid investigation of the San Francisco Chinese slavery system on receipt of official reports from the local immigration officials at that port.

The department of commerce and labor and the treasury department never have received reports of the cases of peonage. It is thought this may be due to the fact that specific cases became known only to individual employes of the different departments at San Francisco, and that these employes failed to report them to their superiors.

With the completion of the operations of a new secret service agency on the coast, it is intimated here that charges warranting definite action will be preferred.

THIS GIRL CERTAINLY PROVED HER FAITH

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 8.—In the presence of the sheriff and three deputies who were guarding him, Bert Petrie, 25, and Miss Alice Kopp were married in the chambers of Judge McMasters late yesterday afternoon.

The couple were to have been married Saturday, but when Petrie was arrested on a bench warrant several days ago, the young woman insisted on immediate marriage, declaring that she believed Petrie innocent of the charge and desired to prove her faith in him.

She procured a marriage license, and after repeated refusals finally persuaded the authorities to allow the ceremony on the eve of Petrie's departure.

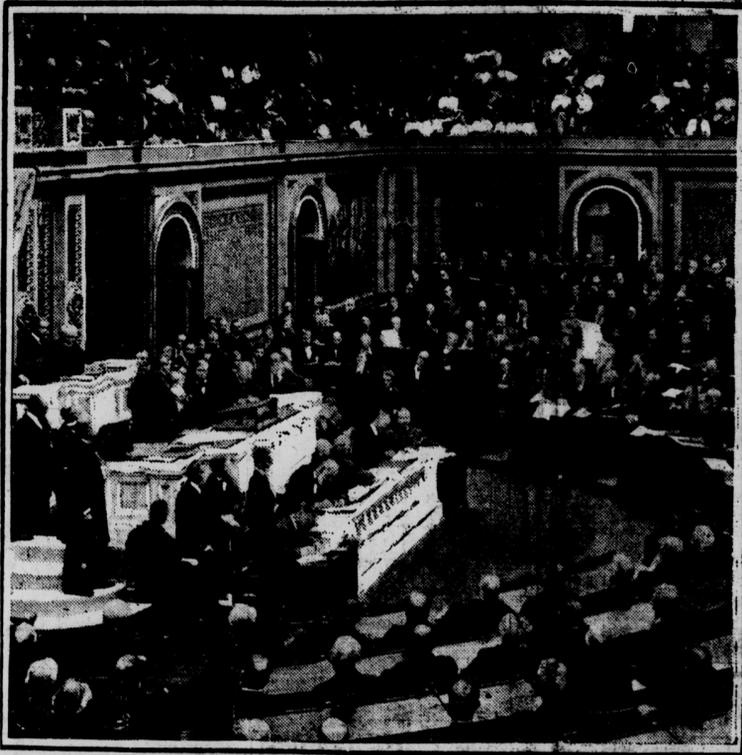
City Hall Trembling

The city hall is in a badly disrupted condition these days. This is not due to the prospective change of the form of government so much as to the fear of the effects of the impending session of the grand jury.

It has grown to be a case of "every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost." Every head of a department will say that he is on the square, but that he cannot vouch for the actions of his next door neighbor.

Business concerns and individuals who have had dealings with city departments are the sources from which the information must come that will be of service to the grand jury.

OPENING OF CONGRESS—CANNON CALLS THE HOUSE TO ORDER



WHITWASH APPLIED TO HOGAN

One-Sided Trial of Officer Accused of Accepting Graft

The whitewash brush was in evidence again at the city hall this morning when Officer Walter A. Hogan, accused during the testimony of Mrs. Libby Morgan before the city council on the Sullivan case of having accepted graft money from girls living in Mrs. Morgan's house at 1 1/2 Front street, was given a hearing and the board took under advisement the question of what should be done with the case.

The trial was farcical, no direct evidence accusing Hogan being adduced, and Mrs. Morgan refusing to appear before the commission, she knowing that her evidence would be discredited, and preferring to tell her story before the grand jury on January 16.

No effort was made to show that Hogan had ever taken money from any of the girls in Mrs. Morgan's house, although a short excerpt from her testimony before the council was read, showing that she had testified that she, herself, had never paid Hogan any money.

HOGAN ON STAND. Hogan was put on the stand and testified that he had known Libby Morgan but slightly. He had been at her home several times, but only on business. Twice he had been there to see if the place was occupied by fallen women, and on one occasion he had found Mrs. Morgan alone. He declared that he had never accepted any money from Mrs. Morgan, and in this statement he was borne out by the sworn testimony of the woman.

HE WAS NOT ASKED, HOWEVER, IF HE HAD OR HAD NOT ACCEPTED MONEY FROM ANY

TO PUT LOGS ON THE FREE LIST

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A bill for the placing on the free list of saw logs was introduced in the house today by Congressman Smith of Texas.

A bill for the repeal of the law forbidding withdrawal from entry of forest lands in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming except by act of congress, was introduced today by Representative Parsons of New York. The Parsons bill directs the secretary of agriculture to inform congress what lands are available for forest reserves.

OF THE GIRLS IN MRS. MORGAN'S HOUSE

Other witnesses called testified only to the ill-repute of the various lodging houses conducted by Libby Morgan and to the good character of Hogan. Detective Alex McDonald testified that Hogan was "as good as any man on the force," morally.

At conclusion of the testimony Attorney Nuzus, who appeared on behalf of Hogan, made a short address, and the commissioners took the case under advisement. In view of the evidence, they can do nothing but apply the whitewash—and that is all they were expected to do.

POPULATION IS 92,135,221

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Estimates by the census bureau, based on complete returns from all except eight states, place the population of the United States at 92,135,221. This estimate does not include Alaska or other insular possessions.

REBELS GAINING HE SAYS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, Juan Sanchez Azcona, a Mexican revolutionist, today declared that the charge was trumped up in order to procure his return to Mexico to face punishment for insurrection. Azcona admitted that he had political aspirations, and added that if Francisco Madero was successful he would be secretary of state in the revolutionary government. Azcona says that agents of President Diaz are trying to force his return to Mexico. He says that the insurgents are daily gaining victories and eventually will overthrow Diaz.

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—J. C. Adams and Charles Kelley, two alleged counterfeiters, were arrested today in the act of passing off a gold two-cent piece for a \$10 gold piece.

SWEARS BURKE WAS THE DADDY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Dec. 8.—Luetta Smith, principal witness against Dr. Willard P. Burke, charged with dynamiting, took the witness stand late this afternoon. She was allowed to testify to an acquaintanceship of ten years with the aged sanitarium proprietor, and that she was employed as a nurse and assistant by him.

Miss Smith testified that Dr. Burke was the father of her child, which was born in December, 1909, and that she named the child Willard P. Burke, after the physician.

Night Bulletins

GOVERNOR HONORS GARDENER REQUISITION.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 8.—Governor Mann today honored a requisition for the extradition of Richard Gardener, alias M. Cohen, wanted at Seattle.

TRUST IS ILLEGAL COMBINATION.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—The United States circuit court of appeals this afternoon handed down three opinions, finding that the Temple Iron company is an illegal combination.

BIG LAKE STEAMER IS ASHORE.

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 8.—The steamer Dunelm, with a valuable cargo, went ashore this afternoon on Isle Royale. Tugs are endeavoring to get near enough to the wreck to save the crew.

TEXAS BIG AND STILL GROWING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The population of the state of Texas is 3,896,542, according to a census bureau bulletin today. This shows an increase of 847,832, or 27.8 per cent in the last decade. Texas passes Missouri in the list of the most populous states, assuming fifth place.

A VITAL ISSUE BEFORE VOTERS

THE PRESS WILL TELL THE WHOLE STORY, INCLUDING PRATT'S PART IN IT.

There are some things back of the little yellow bill and receipt given by the energetic collectors of the Spokane Falls Gas Light Co., that the average patron of that company does not understand.

It is the old story of "Gas," pretty much the same the country over, with some attendant features that are of especial interest at this time.

That little yellow slip bills the gas to the consumer at \$1.75 per 1000, which is 25 cents per 1000 more than is permitted in the franchise of the company. By paying the bill before the 10th of the month the consumer is rebated 25 cents per 1000, making the rate \$1.50 per 1000, as provided for in the franchise.

The city officials to be elected next spring will fix the gas rates that the city of Spokane will pay for the next 10 years, hence the importance at this time of the question of the price of gas.

The manner in which the present gas franchise was passed six years ago, the subsequent watering of the stock and its final passage into the hands of the present owners, the Doherty syndicate of New York, are interesting chapters that the people of Spokane ought to know, and the Press will print for their information.

Men who passed the present gas franchise are mentioned as candidates for city offices at the next election. They passed the franchise over the veto of Mayor Boyd, who clearly set forth the object of the passage of the franchise. These men, if elected, are the officials who will regulate the price of gas for the next 10 years. Chief among these men is N. S. Pratt, present mayor.

Hence The Press will investigate the gas question a little, to see just where the thing leads, and first how it is that the gas consumers of Spokane are being charged the exorbitant price of \$1.75 per 1000, when gas sells at Portland and other cities on the coast at from 80 cents to \$1 per 1000.

"But God Is Good," Says This Persecuted Blind Old Russian

"God is good," muttered Jan Markanovitch into his patriarchal beard as he felt his way cautiously across Howard street this morning, tapping carefully upon the pavement with the stem of a dismantled umbrella—for Jan is blind.

The man who had drawn the blind wanderer back from danger, took his arm and carefully guided him to the opposite sidewalk.

"Must be pretty hard," he muttered, "to be feeling your way about the busy streets like this."

"Sometimes," admitted Jan, "I think it is hard, but then I think of the things which have passed, and always I say, 'God is Good.'"

"Tell me about it," said the man who had guided the old fellow across the street, gazing at the worn, bent, wrinkled, shabby old figure in astonishment that such a one could feel satisfied with his lot.

"It was in Russia that I was born," said Jan, stroking his long gray beard and peering with sightless eyes at him who had taken enough interest to ask his life story.

"In Russia, that blessed land that should be the happiest on earth, and which comes nearest to being hell. I was not of the common class of peasants. My father was of the shop keeping class. The Jews everywhere are the shopkeepers. (Jan is a Russian Jew.) It was in the Kishineff district and the Cossacks there were thieves and robbers. They represented the czar, however, and although the people muttered in their beards they dared do nothing.

"Many of the people of the Kishineff country were Jews, and it was upon the Jews that the heaviest taxes, the heaviest tributes were levied.

"The time came when we could not pay. It was all we could do to live. Then came the riots. The Cossacks were sent to stop the rioters, but they themselves had incited the riots and were in the front ranks of those who stormed the shops and dragged the Jews into the streets, the men to death.

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