San Francisco Stands Justified Before the World

The end of many months of travails such as no city has ever experienced, after a full and fair opportunity had been given the accused parties, ends today when the Supreme Court of the United States will hear the case of the People of the State of California, represented by the Attorney General, versus Sir John Langdon, the fishing fleet, and the fisheries of San Francisco湾, before the apex of our judicial system.

After nine days of patient listening to all the testimony given both by the prosecution and the defense, after a full and fair opportunity had been given both the prosecution and the defense to present their cases, the Supreme Court will hear the case of the People of the State of California in the matter of the fishing fleet versus the fisheries of San Francisco湾.

Evidence, twelve citizens of San Francisco have declared Eugene K. Smith, their mayor and honored senator, guilty of the crime of extortion. A jury of his peers, selected with fair regard for all the rights of the defendant, without equivocation, have declared that Eugene K. Smith is guilty of the crime of extortion.

That Smiths will appeal his case is admitted. That he will resort to every technicality, that he will test every trick and device known to the most skillful lawyer, his ill gotten wealth he can use, in the hope of escaping scorn, makes no difference in the judgment which has been put upon him by the people and given to the world.

Yesterday San Francisco with humble head fought with the courage of the Spartans for recognition. Today she stands proudly forth and with untrodden brows looks the world in the eye while she pays grateful tributes to the man who saved that honor which is dearer to her than priceless jewels.

To the men of the prosecution she has been steadfastly at their task against criticism and obstacles which would have daunted the less courageous, she has shown a spirit which is beyond the pale of human speech. She has been distinguished, she has been triumphant.

Let us then, San Francisco, with heads held high, step forth and meet the world as we have met the day, the system of overfishing. There is no such thing as a precedent, as we have met the day, there is no such thing as a precedent.

NOT WITHOUT A FIGHT

NOTHING is President Roosevelt's administration has been more in line with public good than the radical change in policy regarding government lands. In former years the public domain was regarded as fair game by all concerned, and it is sad that this state of mind prevailed in the land offices. But it is not so now. It is now recognized that the Department of the Interior is not only a bureau of resources and property of the United States, but is a custodian of public lands.

It is quite natural that this sweeping change of policy should have produced the results it has. The United States has the authority to dispose of its public lands, and the public domain is now being administered in such a manner that the greatest benefit will be derived from them.

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