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## 'KEEP SHIPS IN PACIFIC' R.P. HOBSON

### Famous Congressman Writes to Roosevelt of Our Need of Battleships

### Scores President for Interfering in California's Difference With Japanese

### Says They Are Getting Privileges Not Granted to City's Own People

### Withdrawal of Fleet, He Says, Again Lays Country Open to Danger

Special Dispatch to The Call  
KRON, O., Nov. 23.—Congressman Richmond P. Hobson, who was here today, has sent a letter to President Roosevelt demanding that he rescind his orders recalling the United States fleet from the Pacific. In his letter he scored President Roosevelt for his interference in the Japanese troubles in California. The letter says in part:

"Instead of invoking the armed forces of the United States to protect the state of California, as required by section 4, article IV, of the constitution, you threatened to use the armed forces of the United States against the mayor and school board of San Francisco, who were merely carrying out the provisions of the law of California. You know, of course, that Japanese do not assimilate with our people and therefore should not be naturalized, yet you saw fit at that juncture to recommend the enactment of a law granting such naturalization.

### Japanese Glorified

"Of course, you appreciate your own countrymen as compared with all foreigners, yet you took occasion at that juncture to glorify the Japanese and denounce the Californians.

"It could only have been a sense of our country's imminent danger at that juncture that could have caused you to do these things. By withdrawing the fleet you will lay the country open again to precisely the same danger.

"You are aware of the fact that Japanese on the Pacific coast have applied officially for the suspension of law where they are concerned. I assume that you are aware of this fact, because the United States ambassador to Japan joined the Japanese consul general at San Francisco and made a personal visit and personal appeal to the mayor of that city to suspend, for the benefit of Japanese, the city laws regulating the sale of liquor, as a result of which five Japanese subjects are now selling liquor in that city without license, in direct and open violation of the law forbidding the sale of liquor by aliens.

### School Question Quoted

"When the school question arose in San Francisco, a question recognized by all nations as coming under police regulation and pronounced by the supreme court of the United States as belonging exclusively to the jurisdiction of the individual states, the Japanese government called on our federal government to interfere in the local affairs of the state of California.

"Of course the Japanese government knew that our federal government could not lawfully interfere. Of course it also knew that our federal government had always refused to interfere, though there had been thirteen cases in our previous history where foreign subjects suffered violence with individual states, in eleven of which cases, including a case of the Japanese themselves, the foreign subjects were lynched by lawless mobs."

### Want Fleet Brought Back

San Francisco formally called upon the general government yesterday to keep the battleship fleet in the Pacific. The matter was discussed at a secret meeting of the judiciary committee just before the board of supervisors assembled, that committee having been given the resolution introduced last week by Murphy.

In accordance with the unanimous committee recommendation the board adopted the following without dissent: Whereas, the Atlantic fleet, now in the Pacific ocean, is making ready to depart these waters for a voyage around the world, Whereas, its departure will leave exposed our possessions in the Pacific and our Pacific coast cities, and Whereas, in view of all the circumstances, it is extremely desirable that the fleet should remain in these waters, Be it therefore resolved, by the board of supervisors of the city and county of San Francisco that the president of the United States be respectfully petitioned to hold the fleet in the Pacific ocean, and that his honor, the mayor, be requested to forward this message by wire as the expression of the board of supervisors of this city and county.

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### BLACKMAILER OF MRS. PHIPPS IS IDENTIFIED

### Double Crimes of Adventuress Linked by Police Through Pen and Photograph

DENVER, Nov. 23.—Through the medium of a photograph and her handwriting on the register of the Auditorium annex hotel in Chicago, Mrs. Allen F. Reed, who attempted to blackmail Mrs. Genevieve C. Phipps for \$20,000, has been identified as the woman who under the name of Alice Cheney Brown attempted to secure in Chicago November 2 from a brokerage firm \$20,000 worth of bonds on a bad check.

## LATHAN, TANGLED IN LIES, FAILS IN EFFORT TO HEDGE

### Former Ruff Chauffeur Commits Bald Perjury in Attempt to Aid Curly Boss

### Faced With Affidavit, Turns White, Hesitates and Admits Signature and Oath

### LATHAN'S CONTRADICTIONS

Lathan testified before the grand jury: That Ruff secured a shirt box from the store of Hirsch Brothers. That Ruff carried this box to the general offices of the United Railroads. That Ruff returned to his own office with this same box and a package. That Ruff then carried the box and package to the safe deposit vaults of the Western national bank. Lathan testified yesterday: That his testimony before the grand jury and his sworn affidavit were untrue. That he did not remember having seen Ruff enter the store of Hirsch Brothers. That he never saw Ruff take a shirt box to the offices of the United Railroads. That he never saw Ruff carry a shirt box or a package to the Western national bank.

Committing wholesale perjury in a futile attempt to save Ruff, his old employer, from being drawn tighter into the toils that his guilt have thrown about him, Alex S. Lathan, the fugitive witness just returned to San Francisco under extradition from Oregon, yesterday placed his own feet in the path that leads to the penitentiary. The young chauffeur, whose testimony concerning the famous shirt box episode formed an important link in the testimony given before the grand jury regarding the United Railroads bribery, was called as a witness in the Ruff trial yesterday morning, and in spite of frantic efforts by his own and Ruff's attorneys to save him, deliberately lied himself into an inextricable tangle of contradictions.

### Not the Only Flaw

Lathan's terrible bungling of the part allotted to him in aiding the defense of the fallen boss was not the only flaw in Ruff's case yesterday. At the request of the prosecution, James L. Gallagher was temporarily withdrawn from the witness stand in the morning to make way for Lathan, but when Gallagher's cross examination was resumed late in the afternoon Judge Lawlor announced that the cross examination must be concluded by noon today. The order was entered over a violent protest by Ruff's attorneys.

Before Gallagher left the stand yesterday morning the defense introduced in evidence the safe deposit box with which it is to be attempted to prove that Gallagher was not telling the truth when he declared that he had between \$30,000 and \$45,000 in currency in this box at one time. With the box was a bundle of blank sheets of paper the size of bills, supposed to represent a package of the currency handed by the witness. Johnson objected that the paper used was twice as thick as a banknote and his assertion was challenged by Ach. Lathan was brought in under custody of a deputy sheriff and accompanied by his father and John E. Harper, the attorney who attempted to prevent the issuance of extradition papers under which he was brought to this city from Portland. Harper attempted to interfere with Lathan's examination, but was summarily ordered by the court to take his seat.

### Lathan's Stubbornness

From the time the first question was asked Lathan proved himself stubborn and adverse. Asked if he remembered the occasion when the shirtbox was secured and taken to Ford's office he denied positively that he had any recollection of such an event. Johnson handed to Lathan his own affidavit of January 17 of this year, in which he told in full the story of the famous trip. When he was asked point blank if he had sworn to the document Lathan became a figure of abject fear. For fully two minutes not a syllable passed his lips; he cringed and turned from Ruff to Johnson and back to Harper, beseeching them with his eyes. He looked down and studied the palms of his hands; he twisted his fingers together and then he beat his hands nervously. Finally he answered: "I did not swear to it. I did sign it." A few quick questions and Lathan had admitted that he did swear to the document before a notary public. "Only," he said, "I did not hold up my hand." Then he was forced to state that he had read the contents of the paper, but still he insisted that the

## CORONER'S JURY FINDS PROOF OF POLICE BUNGLING

### "Gross Negligence and Incompetence Permitted Haas' Death," Says the Verdict

### Recommends That Mayor Investigate Friction Between Chief and District Attorney

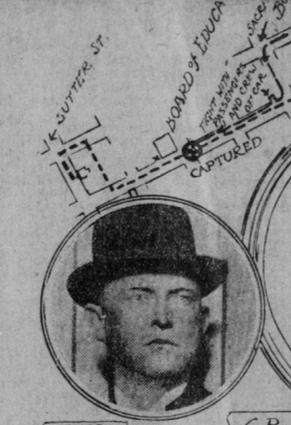
### VERDICT IN THE HAAS CASE

Verdict of jury in the Haas inquest finds: That Morris Haas committed suicide. That the police were grossly negligent in searching Haas after his arrest. That the animosity between the police department and the district attorney's office is so great as to hamper the efficiency of both, and it recommends that the mayor should remedy this evil immediately.

Whatever way you take it, the verdict passes the responsibility for Haas' death squarely up to the police department—District Attorney Langdon.

Strong condemnation of the police department as it is conducted by Chief William J. Biggy, and the recommendation that Mayor Taylor institute an investigation into the acrimonious feeling between the district attorney's office and the police department, were the features of the verdict returned last evening by the coroner's jury that investigated the death of Morris Haas, who committed suicide after he had attempted to assassinate Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney. The jury deliberated for an hour and

The two burglars, the policemen who captured them, the hotel proprietor who aided in the pursuit, and diagram showing course taken by the fleeing thugs from the Hotel Lorin to the point of capture.



then unanimously presented the following verdict:

### The Jury's Verdict

"We find that Morris Haas, male, white, married, age 48 years, nativity Germany, occupation saloon keeper, residence, 1848 McAllister street, came to his death November 14, 1908, at branch county jail No. 2 from shock and hemorrhage from gunshot wound of head, and we do further find that said gunshot wound was self-inflicted by Morris Haas with suicidal intent following his attempted assassination of Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney. "We further find from the testimony of numerous witnesses examined, that gross negligence and incompetency was shown by the police officials having in charge the searching of the prisoner, Morris Haas, in not properly safeguarding the best interests of the public, thus making it possible for the small derringer which caused the death of Morris Haas to remain secreted on his person. "We also find that there has been a strong feeling of animosity engendered between the police department and the district attorney's office, which is greatly to be deplored in the present crisis through which our city is passing, as they should work in perfect harmony, to the end that all crime in our midst be detected and punished. "We, the jury, recommend that the mayor of this city thoroughly investigate this condition of affairs, and that he take such active and immediate steps as he may deem necessary to remedy this palpable condition." The jury that sat in the Haas case was composed of E. D. Bronson, foreman; C. G. Nagle, George A. Herrick, Alexander Glynn, Louis A. Gould, W. G. McMahon, H. A. Wright, Eugene W.

## Burglars in Flight Shoot at Pursuers



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## SKELETON IN FIELD INDICATES MURDER

### Bones of Man With Bullet Hole in Skull Unearthed Near Fair Oaks

Special Dispatch to The Call  
FAIR OAKS, Nov. 23.—Murder, suicide or accident has been the cause of another tragedy within the boundaries of one of San Mateo county's most exclusive sections, adding one more mysterious fatality to the already large number of strange deaths and unsolved crimes. Late Saturday evening the skeleton of an unidentified man was found on the Selby property. A bullet hole, caused by a gun of large caliber, in the center of the skull showed the cause of death. R. Pleck, who was employed plowing the Selby field, noticed the skull while turning a furrow close to the fence. He also found portions of the man's clothing. Starting with the death of John Hedlund, which was caused at Menlo Park in December, 1907, there have been three unexplained cases here within the last year. Following the Hedlund murder a Greek was found in the Selby grounds, who had died as the result of 30 knife wounds.

## ENGLEBRIGHT FINED FOR USING AN OATH

### Congressman's Form of Argument Resented by Man Who Causes Arrest

Special Dispatch to The Call  
GRASS VALLEY, Nov. 23.—It cost Congressman Englebright \$5 today to express his opinion of Lloyd Larue, a young attorney of this city. The expensive declaration was made during an altercation between the two men at the National hotel. Englebright made use of an epithet more violent than elegant and instead of resenting it with a blow his young opponent swore to a warrant and the congressman was arrested for disturbing the peace. He pleaded guilty before Justice Hook and the damages were assessed at \$5. The trouble arose over a suit which Harry Englebright, the son of the congressman, has brought against C. H. Barker, a real estate man, for commissions which are alleged to be due. Larue represents Barker in the litigation. Congressman Englebright met Larue today and after some parley threatened "to show him up." "Go ahead and show what you can," answered Larue. At this point Englebright abandoned argument for abuse, only to learn a few moments later that speech as well as silence may be golden. Englebright is vice president of the Minor, Transcript and Tidings company, a branch of the notorious Calkins newspaper syndicate.

## THUGS ARE CAUGHT IN MAD CHASE

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After a desperate and spectacular dash for liberty, in the course of which the fleeing burglars stole a buggy and two wagons, battled with a street car crew and several of the passengers, and fired recklessly at their pursuers, two men giving their names as Joe Adaman and Frank Wieland were overtaken in an auto and captured by Policemen Bakulich, Doman and Foley at Pine street and Larkin yesterday afternoon. Starting from the Hotel Lorin at 1154 Sutter street, where the thieves had stolen about \$35 worth of silver handled toilet articles and several other articles of small value, the chase covered more than two miles. The burglars doubled in their tracks and were captured less than three blocks from where they started.

### Smith Begins the Pursuit

Charles R. Smith, proprietor of the Hotel Lorin, first noticed the men go down the front stairs of his hostelry. Warned by the house keeper to "see who those men are," he opened the pursuit which ended in the bloodless capture of both burglars with one of them on the verge of collapse and lacking the strength to kill the policeman at whose heart his gun was pointed. The men, when captured, were attempting to escape in a Chinese laundry wagon which they had stolen from the curb outside the Wo Lee laundry at 1624 Larkin street, after a fight with the crew and passengers of a Sacramento street car, and were headed down Larkin street toward Sutter.

### Thugs Draw Revolvers

Smith followed the thieves down the stairs, around the corner of Sutter street and Polk, the pair going on Polk to Fern avenue, a small passage-way leading to Larkin street. At the Larkin street end of Fern avenue a number of laborers were working, and hearing the outcries of Smith started to head the men off. The desperate pair then pulled their revolvers, and Smith, realizing that fatalities would surely follow if the laborers attempted to effect a capture, signaled them to get out of the way.

The fleeing desperadoes ran up Larkin street to Austin avenue. A buggy belonging to the board of education was standing by the curb, and hearing the shouts of the pursuers, Robert Larkin, messenger of the board of education, walked out to his horse, only to have a revolver pointed at him and catch a quick command to get out of the way. Leaping into the buggy, Adaman, with his partner at his side, drove down Larkin street toward Clay, lashing the horse madly. Meanwhile W. C. Dohrmann, who was driving a buggy in the vicinity at the time, was attracted by the hallos of the pursuing crowd and started after the fast going burglars. He stopped to pick up Smith, who had kept in the front ranks of the pursuit.

### Fire at Pursuers

The pursued men grew desperate and at Clay street one of them fired back, but missed both occupants of the buggy in pursuit. Along Larkin street to Pacific avenue dashed the stolen buggy, and at Pacific avenue turned up to Van Ness, thence to Filbert street, to Octavia, where the buggy, striking a depression in the street, was totally wrecked and its inmates narrowly escaped being hurled to the pavement. Adaman and Wieland jumped and ran to Buchanan street and went through a house to an alley in the rear, where they threw away some loot. Flourishing their revolvers, the men then ran down Buchanan street to Greenwich, where they jumped into a butcher's wagon and drove off toward Lombard street. Here the pair turned back toward Van Ness avenue. Along Van Ness they tore, the wagon swaying wildly from side to side and threatening to upset at each lurch. After he had been forced away from his buggy at the point of a revolver, Robert Larkin, the board of education messenger, telephoned to the police. Dohrmann left Smith at Buchanan and Filbert streets also to notify the police. C. Conlin, a chauffeur employed by Mrs. A. Meeties, picked up Policemen

### STORK MAKES HARRIMAN A HAPPY GRANDFATHER

Bouncing Boy Born to Gerrys Will Be Named 'After the Railroad King'  
NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livingston Gerrys on Sunday has placed Edward H. Harriman and Elbridge T. Gerry in the grandfather class. Mrs. Gerrys was Miss Cornelia Harriman. Gerry is the son of Elbridge T. Gerry. At their home in Fifth avenue it was announced that it had been decided to name the child after its paternal grandfather.