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BEE IS BUZZING IN HUGHES' CAP

Governor Not so Very Great a Sphinx.

EAGER TO ADVANCE IF HE CAN

Has Not Been Entirely Silent About Presidency.

OPPORTUNITY MAY BE LOST

Antithesis of Roosevelt, He Makes Associates, but No Friends-Is Stubborn, Rather Narrow, Very Strong and Very Able.

BY WALTER WELLMAN. NEW YORK, Jan. 18.-(Special.)-Governor Hughes is a very ambitious man. From personal friends of his who have recently talked with him during his pres-ent visit to this city I learn that the Governor is, to use the colloquial phrase "beginning to sit up and take notice." He wants to be President. The busy little bee which stings so many public men has visited him and left its mark. He is not indifferent. His assumption of indifference is more or less a mask. He is eagerly watching the Presidential game. He wants to get into it. He is not sure that he can get into it. But if there is any chance at all, he is willing to try.

Sphinx Talk Sometimes.

The New York papers, most of which have done everything they could to press the Hughes movement, are fond of representing the Governor as a sphinx, as a public official who attends strictly to his public duties and refuses even to think of politicis. But this is not quite accurate. He refuses to talk politics for publication. He refuses to take political leadership. But he does not stop think-ing. He does not stop aspiring. To his close friends he talks. They understand very well that he is eager to go up

As generally understood, his attitude is that he will have nothing whatever to do with ways and means of making him gether consistent in that role. He wrote a letter asking the state committee not to pass a resolution indorsing him for He anked his friends not to oress a similar resolution before the Brooklyn committee, which met last carnest support of an undivided party. I And now he comes to the netropolis, makes a number of speeches and holds various political conferen among them one with Senator Crane, of be the Mark Hanna of 1908 to some man's

Has Let Opportunity Slip.

If Governor Hughes is really ambitious, it is high time he were rousing himself. All the probabilities are it is now too golden moment appears to have slipped by. Under existing conditions it does not seem possible for him to get his state behind him in an effective way. While he was waiting and his friends were dawdling, other influences were at work, and at work very effectively. New York public opinion is largely for Mr. Hughes, but Taft sentiment is growing here and growing rapidly.

In all this talk of Governor Hughes one fact stands out conspicuous. Here in New York men favor him for President on the ground that he is the antithesis of Mr Roosevelt. Out West the people have been told that Mr. Hughes would be a good man to put in the White House be cause he is "just like Roosevelt." Obviously one or the other of these theories to faire

Does Not Make Friends.

Governor Hughes is said to be a man without any intimute friends. He does

acquaintances, nothing more. I asked one of Hughes acquaintances for an estinate of his character and his reply was

interesting.

"I have been associated with Mr. Hughes in a professional way for fifteen years," said this gentleman, "but I cannot say that I really know him; I do not know any one that does know him. His brother-in-law, who is supposed to be his most intimate associate, frankly con fessed that he does not know the Governor, and that he stands a little in awe of him. He is one of those men who cannot 'warm up' to other men, and for whom no man can acquire warmth of feeling. Mr. Hughes can be genial, suave and smiling, but only for a minute, then After that it is ouslness an

Sticks to His Opinion.

'His mind is a bit narrow, as is often the case with men of his temperament. He is very stubborn. What he believes in, he believes is right, and everything else is wrong. He takes his own point of view and hangs to it; he cannot take the other fellow's point of view. He has no broad sympathies, but within his limitations he has great strength

character and great ability," Whether or not Mr. Hughes, if elected President, would carry out the Roosevelt policies or anything like them, no one Nor is any one likely to know till Mr. Hughes gets ready to tell, and he may never get ready.

WANTS HIS PARTY UNITED

OTHERWISE BRYAN WILL NOT ACCEPT NOMINATION.

Surprised at Strength of Rivals Revealed by House Canvass, He Declares Himself.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 -- (Special.)-Information has reached Democratic leaders here that William J. Bryan will not pecmit his name to go before the National Democratic Convention at Denver unless he is assured that he is substantially the unanimous choice of his party. The in formation reached them, it is stated, through a Democrat known to enjoy intimate political relations with Mr. Bryan.

Prominent Democrats in Congress have been given to understand that Mr. Bryan expressed surprise over a recent canvass of House Democrats, which disclosed that there are other Democrats in the field who have a respectable following, innumerably speaking.

Mr. Bryan is reported anxiously to await reply as to the accuracy of the poll and to have declared that, if real, respectable Democrats oppose his nomina-tion, he will not be a candidate. In rethe convention as their delegates in Con-gress voted, he would not have the necessary two-thirds required to nominate, Mr. Bryan is quoted as saying:

"It will not require the votes of a third of the delegates at the convention to prevent my nomination. I do not want any more Parker campaigns. A candidate should be selected who can command the

dates-Governor Smith of Georgia: Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, and Senator Cuiberson, of Texas-any one of whom I and actively support."

CORTELYOU STILL CANDIDATE

Disagrees' With Roosevelt, Who Admires Him for Saying So. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 - (Special.)-All

through the week the trumpet of trouble between Secretary Cortelyou and Presi dent Roosevelt has been sounded. Cortelyou, however, will stay in the Treasury Department until the regular order of events shall call him out. He has no more intention of resigning than he had six months ago, before the first whisper that he was at odds with his chief found echo in print.

Mr. Cortelyou still is a candidate for the Presidency. He has told Mr. Roosevelt flatly that he does not agree with the belief that it is possible for the chief executive to favor one candidate to such an extent that the people of the country shall get the impression that the candi and all the time. There is no question at all about the

fact that the Secretary of the Treasury (Concluded on Page 2.)

RUEF FORFEITS

Langdon Says All Negotiations Over.

TRIAL WILL BEGIN MONDAY

Sought Full Immunity After Schmitz Decision.

BROKE FAITH WITH HENEY

Refused to Testify Against Ford and Therefore Agreement for Partial Immunity Is Annulled - The Curly Boss Sheds Tears.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18 - (Special.)-It was announced late tonight that the graft prosecution had determined to discontinue all negotiations with Abraham Ruef, the central figure in the graft cases, in the matter of granting him immunity. It was further stated that on Monday the prosecution would demand that Ruef be put on trial before Judge Dunne on one of the many charges of bribery for which he has been indicted.

This determination of the prosecution came at the end of several days' fruitless negotiations with Ruef. It is said that some time ago the prosecution promised Ruef partial immunity, in consideration of his taking the witness stand and truth-fully testifying in full to all his transactions with public service corporation of ficials to be tried on the charge

Ruef Holds Out for Liberty.

When the District Court of Appeals endered its decision declaring vold the indictments for extortion against ex-Mayor Schmitz, to which Ruef had already pleaded guilty, it is charged that Ruef, realixing that the decision placed him in an advantageous position, deferring to the comment upon the poll, to manded full immunity. This the prose-the effect that, should the states vote at cution would not consent to grant and there followed a series of conferences in which Ruef endeavored to secure

A statement was given out by District Attorney Langdon tonight, which is in part as follows:

No New Immunity Contract.

"Since the recent decision of the District Court of Appeals in the Schmitz Brooklyn committee, which met last on night because he knew it would be a do not want the nomination if it will case, holding that levying blackmail on blunder, as the resolution would be laid split our party. I would much rather see the crime of extortion under the laws of California, many statements have appeared in the press about alleged negotiations between the District Attoward a contract of immunity in his behalf. I desire to say that since that tract of any kind has been made,

"A written agreement was made with Ruef in May of last year before he pleaded guilty to indictment No. 305, charging him with extertion in one of the res taurant cases. This is the same indictment in which Schmitz was jointly charged with Ruef in the case just decidon appeal. A separate trial was de manded by Schmitz and the District Schmitz branch of the case that the crime to which Ruef pleaded guilty was no erime at all.

Former Contract Annulled.

The discussion between Ruef and my whether or not Ruef had fulfilled the agreement on his part, and whether the agreement, so far as it required anything to be done by the District Attorney, was such that it could be carried out completely under the law or without the concurrence of the trial judges. Some time prior to the execution of this agreement Dr. Niete and Dr. Kapian, accompanied by Francis J. Heney, called on Judge Dunne and Judge Lawlor separately con-

erning applications by the District Attorney for elemency to offenders who be-came witnesses for the state.

"But for good and sufficient reasons this contract has been annulled and is now at an end. It has been kept on my part. Ruef's case will be set for rial Monday in Judge Lawler's court."

Broke Faith in Ford Trial.

Then follows a copy of the "partial immunity contract" with the signatures of Mr. Langdon, Mr. Heney and Ruef. It provided that Ruef, in consideration of a full confession, was to be given immunity on all charges except that of extortion, to which he had pleaded guilty. When it came to a showdown, however, Ruef refused to testify the Ford trial unless given complete immunity. In doing this he violated



Poet-Banker, Who Died Yes-

the terms of the contract and will now be prosecuted to the limit.

Ruef Weeps and Asks Mercy.

Ruef broke down today after he snw that his last opportunity had gone. With tears in his eyes he begged to be allowed another chance, but Mr. Langdon refused to reopen the matter.

SOUTHERN JUDGE DRAWS PAR-ALLEL WITH JURY .-

After Fifth Disagreement, Court Locks Up Jurors-Tells Them He Expects Verdict on Monday.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Jan. 18 .-mewhat of a sensation was created in the State Circuit Court here today hen the sixth jury in the contest case to remove Sheriff D. J. Reld from office reported that, like its five predecessors, it could not agree. The case as now been extended over a period of four years.

Lec by the lury, be declared he was

"of a story I once heard related by rious. If he throws them four times successively, it is a little remarkable If he throws them five times hand running, it is wonderful, but if he vonderful about it-the dice are

"Gentlemen, retire to your room Mr. Sheriff, adjourn court until 9 Velock Monday morning, I shall ex-pect a verdict by that time." pect a verdlet by that time."

The judge's story created a sensa.

PORTLAND BOY ELECTED

Kennle Fenton Chosen President of Senior Class at Stanford

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—(Special.)— Kennie Fenton, of Portland, has been elected president of the senior class at Stanford University. Fenton has won honors on the football and baseball field. He will be field coach at Stanford during

PROVE CONSPIRACY

Slow Progress Is Made by Prosecution.

END MANY DAYS DISTANT

Testimony So Far Not Damaging to Hall and Mays.

STEIWER TO BE A WITNESS

Absence of Co-Defendant From the Courtroom Taken to Indicate Fact-Greene Letter Ruled Out by Judge Hunt-

Neither Prosecutor Heney nor the lawyers for the defendants will hazard a prediction as to the time that will be required to conclude the Hall-Mays conspiracy trial. One week already has been consumed and the Government has scarcely made a beginning, only one of its many important witnesses having been examined. More than 70 witnesses for the Government are in the city, summoned to testify against one or more of the 12 defendants named in the indictnt, but since the prosecution has decided to try only Hall and Mays at this time. Mr. Heney says he may not call all of the Government's wit-

In this way the trial may be shortened somewhat, but if all of the witesses take the stand, the case will drag along for weeks. There is little oubt that between two and three weeks more at the least will be required to complete the introduction of testimony and submit the case to the jury. Thus far the testimony has not been damaging to Hall or Mays.

When the trial is resumed tomorrow morning, D. M. Walton, who was on the stand when court adjourned yesterday, will conclude his testimony as to the alleged fraudulent character of the homestead entries bordering on the Butte Creek pasture. He will be followed by a number of other set-tlers who will tell of threats that were made by representatives of the Butte Creek Company by which settlers were intimidated and prevented from gaining access to the unlawfully-fenced-in Government land.

Settlers to Testify Next.

The settlers who filed on the home steads will then be called, and will testify that they acquired these lands surprised that after 72 hours of de- for the purpose of transferring them liberation they were unable to bring to the Butte Creek Company as soon as patents had been issued. They will "It reminds me." said Judge Lee, tell the jury that they were influenced in their action by the Butte Judge White. He says that if a man | Creek Company, which afterward took throws two sixes in a crap game, it is the land off their hands and connot surprising; if he throws three structed the remaining line of fence times in succession, it is rather cu- that was necessary to complete the

enclosure of the vacant land. W. W. Stelwer, ex-State Senator and president of the Butte Creek Land. running, it is wonderful, but if he Lumber & Livestock Company, will throws them six times there is noth- undoubtedly be called as a witness by ing either curious or remarkable or | the Government some time this week, after the men who proved up on the alleged fraudulent claims which were bought by Stelwer's company, have told their story. When asked yesterday when Stelwer would probably be called to testify, Mr. Hency merely smiled and would neither confirm nor deny the report that Stelwer would be one of the Government's witnesses. But it is considered practically certain that Stelwer will go on the stand and tell all he knows, including the details of the alleged understanding between him and his associates and Hall, under which they were granted immunity from prosecution. Steiwer Quits Courtroom.

> That Stelwer will be a witness is further indicated by the fact that although during the opening days of the

ed speciator in the courtroom, he has not been in attendance since Judge Hunt requested all witnesses to ab gent themselves from the courtroon until after they had given their tes-timeny. Steiwer is still in the city. Mr. Heney's perennial smile broad

as a witness in the case on trial. "I am not giving out advance formation as to the plans of the prosecution," replied the Government's prosecutor; and that was all he would

ened perceptibly when he was asked if

BILY. When court convened yesterday morning, Judge Hunt announced his decision as to the letter of instruc tion from Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior Department, to Special Agent

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WALSH SEEMS UNMOVED

Found Guilty on 54 Counts and Liable to 540 Years' Sentence. He Says the Fight Has

Just Begun.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18 .- John R. Walsh, expresident of the Chicago National Bank which closed its doors in December, 1905, was found guilty today on 54 counts of the indictments charging misapplication of the bank's funds. The verdict was returned by a jury in the Federal District Court here. Walsh was permitted to remain at liberty under the bond furnished by him after the indictment had been returned one year ago to a day, pending the hearing of arguments on January 28 on a motion by his counsel for a new

triat. The penalty fixed by the statutes for the offense of which the aged financier was convicted is imprisonment for not less than five years nor more than ten for each count upon which his guilt was established. This makes the minimum penalty 270 years and the maximum pen alty 540 years.

Juror Weeps Over Painful Duty.

The reading of the verdict was followed by a scene intensely dramatic. When the ry was polled at the request of John S. Miller, of counsel for the defense, Elbert overcome by emotion and wept as he signfied his acquiescence in the finding. He sat with head bowed upon his hands during the preliminary proceedings and failed to rise to his feet, as the others had done, to reply to the interrogation by

the clerk:
"Was this and is this now your ver dict?"

A bailiff touched his arm when his turn ame to answer. He apparently had not heard the question and it was repeated. Mr. Palmer rose and stood unsteadily, with eyes downcast, and muttered some hing untintelligible to the court and attorneys. Under prompting by Judge Anlerson, the juror then replied with appar 75 cars ent effort and while the tears coursed down his cheeks:

"Yes, under the instructions as I understand them."

Palmer was questioned further by the court at the request of Mr. Miller, and in answer to the question previously put to him, replied: "I have to say 'yes." It developed later that Mr. Palmer was argely responsible for the long delibera-

that Walsh be acquitted that he forced his fellow-jurors to take separate ballots on every ope of the 150 counts in the Palmer Pleads, Walsh Is Unmoved.

tion of the tury. So insistent was he

"He is such an old man-over 70 years," is said to have been the constant plea of Mr. Palmer. "He was technically guilty. but none of his depositors lost, and what Poulsen Company: opposes vacation is the use of sending an old man to plan. Section 3, page 7. prison?" he is quoted as having urged upon the other jurors time after time. He is said to have wept at times in the juryroom as he begged the others to consider the age of the defendant and have com-

> Walsh, the subject of his compassion, who sat at a table surrounded by his attorneys, appeared less moved by the result of the long trial than almost anybody else concerned. He was immediate-

LAST WEEK'S EVENTS, VIEWED BY HARRY MURPHY

