

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 present visit to this city I learn that the Governor is, to use the colloquial phrase, "beginning to sit up and take notice."

Splish 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 politics. But this is not quite accurate.

As generally understood, his attitude is that he will have nothing whatever to do with ways and means of making him President. But he has not been altogether consistent in that role. He wrote a letter asking the state committee not to pass a resolution endorsing him for President. He asked his friends not to press a similar resolution before the Brooklyn committee, which met last night, because he knew it would be a blunder, as the resolution would be laid on the table.

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 late; he has waited too long and the golden moment appears to have slipped by.

Does Not Make Friends. Governor Hughes is said to be a man without any intimate friends. He does not make friends. He has associates and acquaintances, nothing more. I asked one of Hughes' acquaintances for an estimate of his character and his reply was interesting.

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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 in right, and everything else is wrong. He takes his own part, 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 it stops. After that it is business and nothing else."

OTHERWISE BRYAN WILL NOT ACCEPT NOMINATION.

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

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Information has reached Democratic leaders here that William J. Bryan will not permit 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.

WANTS HIS PARTY UNITED. 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.

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 President Roosevelt has been sounding. Mr. Cortelyou, however, will stay in the Treasury Department until the regular order of events shall call him out.

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RUEF FORFEITS IMMUNITY CLAIM

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.

Ruef Holds Out for Liberty. When the District Court of Appeals rendered its decision declaring void the indictments for extortion against ex-Mayor Schmitz, to which Ruef had already pleaded guilty, it is charged that Ruef, realizing that the decision placed him in an advantageous position, demanded full immunity. This the prosecution would not consent to grant and there followed a series of conferences in which Ruef endeavored to secure better terms.

Former Contract Annulled. The discussion between Ruef and myself the past week had reference to 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. Nieto and Dr. Kaplan, accompanied by Francis J. Henev, called on Judge Dunne and Judge Lawlor separately con-

cerning applications by the District Attorney for clemency to offenders who became witnesses for the state.

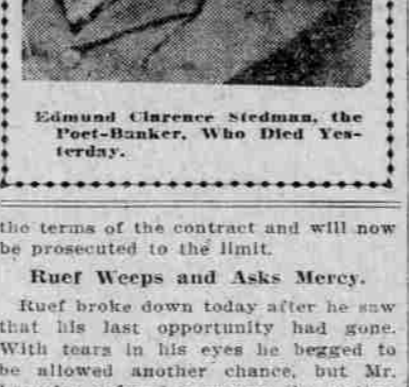
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STORY OF LOADED DICE

SOUTHERN JUDGE DRAWS PARALLEL WITH JURY.

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

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

PORTLAND BOY ELECTED

Kennie 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 fields. He will be field coach at Stanford during the next football season.

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trial he was a constant and interested spectator in the courtroom, he has not been in attendance since Judge Hunt requested all witnesses to absent themselves from the courtroom until after they had given their testimony. Steiwer is still in the city.

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JUROR WEEPS, BUT CONDEMNS WALSH

Chicago Banker Convicted of Fraud.

DRAMATIC SCENE IN COURT

Member of Jury Does Duty Against His Will.

WALSH SEEMS UNMOVED

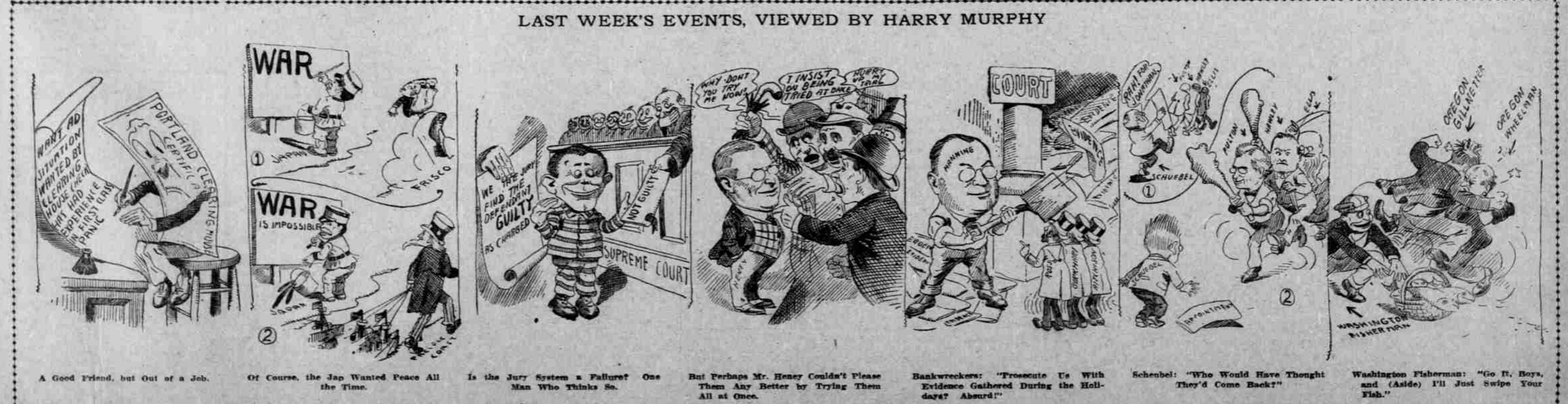
Found Guilty on 54 Counts and Liable to 540 Years' Sentence, He Says the Fight Has Just Begun.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—John R. Walsh, executive of the Chicago National Bank, which closed its doors in December, 1906, 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 trial.

Juror Weeps Over Painful Duty. The reading of the verdict was followed by a scene intensely dramatic. When the jury was polled at the request of John S. Miller, of counsel for the defense, Elbert Palmer, a juror from Harvard, Ill., was overcome by emotion and wept as he signified 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.

Palmer Pleads, Walsh Is Unmoved. "He is such an old man—over 70 years," he said to have been the constant plea of Mr. Palmer. "He was technically guilty, but none of his depositors lost, and what is the use of sending an old man to prison?" he is quoted as having urged upon the other jurors time after time. He is said to have wept at times in the jury-room as he begged the others to consider the age of the defendant and have compassion.

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A Good Friend, but Out of a Job. Of course, the Jap wanted Peace All the Time. Is the Jury System a Failure? One Man Who Thinks So. But Perhaps Mr. Henev Couldn't Please Them Any Better by Trying Them All at Once. Bankbreakers: "Prosecute Us With Evidence Gathered During the Holidays? Absurd!" Schenkel: "Who Would Have Thought They'd Come Back?" Washington Fisherman: "Go R. Boys, and (Aside) I'll Just Swipe Your Fish."