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SCHMITZ WINS APPEAL

SAN FRANCISCO GRAFT SITUATION IN CONFUSION.

Court of Appeals Decides in Favor of Schmitz and Reverses Nearly Every Important Ruling of Judge Dunne—Not Likely That Schmitz Will Be Tried Upon the Other Four Indictments—Most Sweeping Decision Ever Handed Down.

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Ex-Mayor Eugene F. Schmitz won a sweeping victory in the district court of appeals this morning which handed down its decision, not only reversing the decision of the jury which convicted him of bribery and for which he was sentenced to serve a term of five years in San Quentin by Judge Dunne, but ordering the trial court to sustain the demurrer of the defendant, on the ground that the indictment did not state a public offense or an unlawful injury, and that the defendant be discharged upon this indictment.

This will probably release Schmitz from the county jail and it is not probable that he will be tried on any of the remaining four extortion indictments. He is also jointly indicted in the United Railroads, gas, park site and telephone cases, with Ruef and various capitalists.

The decision of the appellate court throws the entire graft situation and legal proceedings into unexpected confusion. Ruef, especially, is in a peculiar situation, having very dramatically confessed to an act which the appellate court has decided is not criminal. The decision of the court reverses practically every important ruling made by Judge Dunne during the trial, and is a great personal triumph for the attorneys, Charles Fairall and Joseph Campbell, who drew up the bill of exceptions in the case and made most of the arguments and the objections. When told of the result of the Schmitz appeal Ruef appeared greatly pleased; but refused to be interviewed. As the decision of the court is thoroughly examined, the more sweepingly in favor of the defendant it appears.

FINANCIER SUICIDES.

A Former Member of the New York Stock Exchange.

New York, Jan. 8.—William B. Nevins, a former member of the Stock Exchange of this city, committed suicide this morning by throwing himself in front of a subway train. His body was terribly mangled. Financial losses is supposed to be the cause of his rash act.

To Survey Columbia.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The senate today passed a resolution providing for a preliminary survey of the Columbia river in the state of Washington, between Wenatchee and Priest rapids.

THE OLD STORY.

Okuma Says He Was Grossly Misquoted.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 9.—Men high in Russian authority are ridiculing Count Okuma's version of his Kobe speech, which so aroused the anger of Japan's allies in Great Britain. In this speech he is quoted as having urged them to rise up against British rule in India. Russian diplomats secured reports of his speech immediately after it was delivered, but he claims that he was misquoted in relation to his alleged statement urging the Indian uprising, but the Russians state that his declarations do not jibe with their reports of what he actually said.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

His Praises to Be Sung in the German Capital.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—Citizens of Berlin will have an opportunity tomorrow night of learning the truth about President Roosevelt, when Dr. W. P. Ballantine, president of Oberlin college, Oberlin, O., will deliver a lecture on the president at the American church. Several prominent German officials and foreign diplomats have been invited to hear Mr. Ballantine sing the praises of America's straggling chief executive.

TEN MEN FOR THAW JURY

NOTHING NEW OR VERY STARTLING.

The Actress, Edna Goodrich, May Be Called to Answer for Contempt of Court—Made Some Cutting Remarks When She Was Asked to Become a Witness—She Introduced Thaw to Evelyn, But Now Wishes She Had Not.

New York, Jan. 9.—The Thaw trial opened this morning with nine jurors in the box, and shortly after the session commenced. Frank Manning, an insurance broker, was tentatively accepted as the tenth man.

There is a strong likelihood that Edna Goodrich, the actress who introduced Harry Thaw to Evelyn Nesbitt, will be held for contempt of court, if the story that reached Justice Dowling is true. It is said that while the actress was sitting in the audience at the Grand opera house last night, she was served with a subpoena taken out by Attorney Littleton. The man who served the writ reported today that in a burst of anger Miss Goodrich tore the writ in two and declared she would pay no attention to it.

Only Six Jurors.
New York, Jan. 9.—(3 p. m.)—After the peremptory challenges were filed late this afternoon only six original jurors remained in the box.

RUEF FINALLY GOES TO JAIL MARKET TO BE BETTER

POLITICAL BOSS SPENDS FIRST NIGHT IN CELL.

One Time Boss of San Francisco and Leader of Three Political Parties, Strains His Eyesight Through Prison Bars and Beats Time Upon a Cement Cell Floor—Others of His Stripe Are With Him.

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Abraham Ruef, the once boss of the Golden Gate city, spent his first night in a cell last night. Hemmed in by steel bars, with little besides his recollections of his former power as a solace for his night hours.

Ruef at one time was the political leader of California and was the undisputed master of three political parties in San Francisco. With him now are J. Dalzell Brown, James Treadwell, Walter J. Barnett who are imprisoned because of the Deposit & Trust company frauds; Eugene Schmitz, the former mayor of this city and a tool of Ruef, and Louis Glass, the telephone magnate who tried to buy up the board of supervisors while doing "business" with Ruef. In these men is fitly represented a cross section of all that worst in American business and political life of this day.

Ruef's elopement ended yesterday when Sheriff Dolan entered upon the duties of his office, upon an order by Judge Dunne, who issued the commitment.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK IN NEAR FUTURE FOR POTATOES.

Mrs. Shields of Walla Walla, Here on Her Way Home From an Extended Trip All Over the East—Only Good Apples in Pittsburg Are Those From the Pacific Coast—Cold Storage Stock Rapidly Disappearing.

Mrs. Shields, of the Shields Fruit company of Walla Walla, is here for the day on her return from an extended visit covering all of the principal cities of the east. She is firmly of the opinion that during the next six weeks the apple market will open and the Pacific coast will be able to market everything of a shipping nature. The cold storage stocks are rapidly being exhausted and the apple crop in the east is of very poor quality. While in Pittsburg, Pa., the only apples that we in this section of the country would think of offering for sale, were those shipped in from the Pacific coast. She thinks the potato market will open somewhat earlier than apples, and believes there will be a good demand at prices that will net the grower remuneration for his labor, but no fancy prices, as the freight rates will be no small factor on the long hauls.

Mrs. Shields has been a factor in this market for several years until this season. She is here now for the purpose of looking over our local conditions. She will return home this evening.

GEORGIA PROHIBITIONISTS ARE GATHERING TODAY

Macon, Ga., Jan. 9.—The prohibition hosts of Georgia invaded Macon today in force for the convention of the State Anti-Saloon league. The state prohibition law became effective the first of the year and this has resulted in making the present convention a jubilant and enthusiastic one. The speakers on today's program included President W. R. Hammond, who delivered his annual address; the Rev. John E. White, whose subject was "The Moral Dignity of Prohibition in the South," and Mrs. Mary Harris

Armour, who spoke on "How to Preserve and Improve Our Prohibition Law." Tonight the Hon. Seaborn Wright, prohibition leader in the legislature, will deliver an address on "The Majesty of the Law."

Tomorrow's session will be devoted mainly to the reading of reports of officials, the election of officers and the selection of a place for the next meeting. In the evening Judge W. A. Covington will speak on "Prohibition and the Constitution."

A NEW RULING.

Order That Liquor is Not to Be Carried on Mail Wagon.

Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order which has a direct bearing upon the prohibition movement. The order follows: "I shall be a condition of any contract hereafter entered into for carrying the mails upon star, screen wagon with messenger, or special route, that the contractor-carrier shall not transport intoxicating liquor from one point to another upon such route while upon the performance of mail service."

INSTALLATION TONIGHT.

Also Official Visit by Organizer Mrs. Newell, of Portland.

This will be a busy and interesting evening for the Women of Woodcraft, in addition to the installation of the newly elected officers, Mrs. Newell of Portland, state organizer, will be present and pay the lodge an official visit. All of the members are especially urged to be present this evening.

Meetings Continue.

The special services in Central church of Christ continue indefinitely. Good audiences and splendid attention are features of the work. Services begin at 7:30 each evening; sermon at 8.

ARGUMENTS CLOSED.

Before the Supreme Court Over Oregon-Washington Boundary.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Arguments were closed today before the supreme court by Attorneys McDonald and Crawford on the Oregon-Washington boundary dispute, that has been in litigation for a long time.

Encampment Installation.

Star Encampment No. 31 held its annual installation of officers last evening. District Deputy W. N. Monroe, assisted by grand lodge officers, George Ball and G. E. Fowler, performed the installation. The following officers were installed: D. E. Cox, C. P.; H. E. Coolidge, S. W.; P. B. Currey, H. P.; W. A. Worstell, scribe; W. N. Monroe, treasurer; T. A. Brooks, junior warden, and D. W. Wilson, guard.

Waiting Rooms Closed.

Commencing tonight the waiting rooms at the depot will be closed and locked as soon as No. 5 leaves the yards. Hereafter they have been left open all night and have become the lounging place for hoboes and other undesirable persons.

Local Option Carries.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 9.—Local option was voted on yesterday in a number of small towns, villages and townships in Ontario. Returns from 58 show that it was voted unanimously in that many precincts.

PORTLAND GROCERYMEN

MAYOR LANE APPOINTS A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE.

If His Premises Prove to Be Correct the Grocers Will Be Prosecuted Under the Municipal Anti-Trust Ordinance—It is Alleged That Other Mercantile Lines Are Dominating Prices, and Will Be Investigated.

Portland, Jan. 9.—Alleging that a number of "trusts" were dominating the city in a number of mercantile lines, the city council last night instructed Mayor Lane to appoint a committee of three to investigate the alleged retail grocers' trust, with a view of bringing prosecutions under the municipal anti-trust ordinance. Other alleged trusts will be investigated and if they infringe on the city statutes they will be prosecuted.

A RAILROAD RUMOR.

Canadian Pacific to Take Over the Chicago & Northwestern.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 9.—It is rumored here today that the Canadian Pacific railroad is planning to take over the Chicago & Great Western road, which went into the hands of a receiver yesterday.

PREPARING FOR WAR

JAPAN, WHILE PLEADING POVERTY, IS GETTING READY.

May Strike at Any Moment—This is the Startling Statement Issued in Washington by One of the Large Manufacturers of Firearms in the United States, This Morning.

Washington, Jan. 9.—"Japan is rushing preparations for war and may strike at us at any minute." This was the startling announcement made by Hudson Maxim, a member of the big arms manufacturing company, who is now visiting in Washington.

"It is a mistake to believe that Japan is financially embarrassed," he continued. "It's Japan's old game to rush war preparations and complain about being poverty stricken at the same time."

TEXAS HERO.

Forty-Fifth Anniversary of the Death of Colonel Lubbeck.

Houston, Texas, Jan. 9.—Today is the 45th anniversary of the death of Col. T. S. Lubbeck, the Texas hero in whose honor a monument has recently been erected with money left for that purpose by the late Governor Frank R. Lubbeck, a brother of the famous Texas warrior.

Colonel Lubbeck was one of the men who "followed old Ben Milam into San Antonio," serving under Milam at the Alamo in 1835. He was one of the most daring spirits among that famous band of pioneers who eventually triumphed over Mexico and won the republic of Texas from Latin-American domination. When the civil war broke out he became the leader of the noted band of soldiers known as Terry's Texas Rangers, and served in that capacity until his death, which took place on January 9, 1862.

EDITOR ON TRIAL.

Charged With Libeling Jackson County District Attorney.

Medford, Ore., Jan. 9.—The trial of Editor George Putnam of the Medford Tribune, upon the charge of libel, will probably commence tomorrow in the circuit court at Jacksonville. Putnam editorially criticized the district attorney and the grand jury for not bringing in a true bill in a case of notorious assault, in which the president of the Rogue River railroad attacked the mayor with an ax. Putnam alleges that the district attorney is attempting to curtail the freedom of the press in order to gain immunity from criticism. The case is attracting wide attention.

Grocers' Convention at Portland.

Portland, Jan. 9.—The retail grocers of Oregon will meet in Portland on the 21st and 22d of this month.

Place Your Surplus Funds With the Farmers and Traders

NATIONAL BANK

Comparative Statement as Made to the Comptroller of the Currency

September 6, 1900.	Deposits,	\$179,324.05
September 30, 1901.	"	156,108.60
September 15, 1902.	"	194,041.94
September 9, 1903.	"	226,904.70
September 6, 1904.	"	184,443.64
June 18, 1905.	"	141,879.65
June 18, 1906.	"	143,225.34
June 21, 1907.	"	218,731.09

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HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon