



BOMBSHELL FALLS IN SPOKANE CAMP

Portland Jobbers Intervene in Case.

ASK READJUSTMENT OF RATES

Eastern Washington Men Are Placed in Tight Box.

FACE ANOTHER CONFLICT

Victory in Present Case Means That City May Be Forced to Relinquish Favors Now Granted to Shippers.

DEVELOPMENTS IN SPOKANE RATE HEARING. Supplemental petition in intervention filed by Coast jobbers may lead to complete revision of rates to Coast from Eastern terminals and back to interior.

Consideration was aroused in the Spokane camp yesterday in the terminal rate hearing before Commissioner Prouty, when an amended and supplemental petition in intervention was filed by J. N. Teal, attorney for Portland jobbing interests, which appears as intervenors in the action.

Spokane attorneys were on their feet in a moment and objected to the presentation of such a document at this stage of the case. It was a case of fighting the devil with fire, for up to now Spokane has been the out-and-out champion of the consumer and against the mercenary jobber.

Commissioner Prouty feared that the petition would introduce a new issue into the hearing, and preferred not to go into a general rate revision at this time.

Two Foes to Fight. These unhappy transportation lines now have two foes to fight. Joining hands with them in opposing the Spokane terminal rates are the jobbers of Portland and the other Coast centers.

The supplemental petition in intervention is signed by Colonel H. D. Loveland, president of the Pacific Coast Jobbers and Manufacturers' Association, and Edmund C. Giltner, acting for the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

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Captain of Police Slover, whose Face Was Cut While Overpowering "Pink Domino" Burglar.

mission as well as are the jobbers of the East and those of the interior. "We on the Coast claim that the tariffs already in evidence, and the testimony we shall present, show the necessity of reduction of the distributive rates from Coast points rather than the carload rates on merchandise to the Coast or interior from the East."

"The interest of the great mass of the people of this Coast is to get their products to market, east or west, as cheaply as possible, not primarily to get Eastern goods into the hands of the interior jobbers at a lower rate. The interest of the great mass of people of this Coast is to get what they consume to them as cheaply as possible, through low distributive rates from their natural Coast market and thus share in the benefits of what is called God's highway, which no nation owns and no corporation can control."

Commissioner Prouty spoke. Commissioner Prouty said he did not see how the question could be passed upon at this hearing.

"You may cut the rates from the coast to the interior and you may put in your evidence of water competition, that is what we came out here to listen to," said he. "I do not think you should introduce the unreasonableness of the Coast rate to the interior."

"I do not see how we can avoid considering the rate to the interior," said Attorney Seth Mann, who appears for the Coast jobbers, "16 per cent of the traffic moving West comes under the combination rate to the Coast and back to the interior."

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"PINK DOMINO" BURGLAR CAUGHT

Terror of City at Last Landed in Jail.

PUTS UP DESPERATE FIGHT

Gives Name Frank Davis and Is Only 19 Years Old.

CRIMES MAKE LONG LIST

Police Believe He Is Man Who Attacked Mrs. Rountree and Among Others Robbed Sherlock Home and Henry Hahn.

Frank Davis, aged 19 years, the notorious "pink domino" burglar, who has created a reign of terror in Portland for two months, was captured in his room at the Cosmos house, Third and Morrison streets, at 2 o'clock this morning by Captain of Police Slover, Headquarters Detective Heliyer and Tom Hammerley, formerly a member of the police force, but now proprietor of the house in which the prisoner was taken.

Davis was trapped in his room just as he was entering it, and when confronted by the three officers drew a revolver and would have fired, but his hand was stayed and the weapon wrested from him. He was handcuffed, but in desperation reached toward his hip pocket and whipped out a second revolver, which was taken from him. With two pairs of handcuffs on him, the prisoner tried to get a third weapon into play, but was defeated in his plans and was unable to injure any one, as he evidently wished to.

Clubbed Into Submission. Davis, not yet willing to surrender, put up one of the most desperate fights in the history of the police department. He smashed Captain Slover's glasses, cutting the officer's nose, and made such a struggle for liberty that it was necessary for the policemen to club him into submission before he would submit to go to headquarters.

The police have no hesitation in branding Davis, the youthful prisoner, as the celebrated "pink domino" burglar, and they declare that evidence is at hand to prove that he is the man who, on March 25, entered the home of N. W. Rountree, 60 Ella street, and so brutally beat and choked Mrs. Nellie Rountree, after she gave him her valuable diamonds, to save herself from bodily harm at his hands. A reward of \$1000 is out for his arrest, that sum having been posted by Mr. Rountree.

Davis is also declared by the police to be the man who has continued to terrorize the residents of the Nob Hill district as no other burglar has for years

succeeded in doing, and they declare him to be the person who visited the home of P. C. Patterson, 771 Everett street, April 2, at which time E. C. Giltner fired several shots at him.

Long List of Sensational Crimes. Another sensational crime charged against him was the daring robbery of Henry Hahn, at the latter's residence at the head of Lovejoy street, two weeks ago, when Mr. Hahn, after submitting to the affair, turned his weapon upon the highwayman and emptied the contents at the feeling criminal.

Numerous crimes, the complete number and particulars as yet unknown, are counted against the youth, but the latest and most sensational of the entire series was the binding, gagging and robbing of J. Z. Dufresne in the



Ex-Senator W. E. Chandler, Who Defends President From Charge That He Was Influenced by Campaign Contributions.

latter's apartment in Moore's photograph gallery at an early hour yesterday morning. He tied the victim's hands and feet with strings, quickly manufactured from lace curtains, which he tore from the window. He escaped from a cordon of police by a hair's breadth.

Stolen Goods in His Room. Davis is also the man, it is declared by the police, who entered the home of William Sherlock, Twenty-third and Washington streets, the night of April 3, and who was confronted by Miss Sherlock at the door of her room, and frightened away by her piercing screams. The intruder in that instance wore the pink domino mask.

Numerous small crimes in the burglary line are said to be at Davis' door. He had jewelry from a Front-street store that was burglarized several nights ago, and a watch that is evidently stolen property. The revolvers are thought to be stolen property also. There were two rifles in his room that were taken from the Portland Hardware Store recently.

Police Effect Clever Capture. Davis was captured through the clever detective instinct of Tom Hammerley, formerly a patrolman on the police force and last year chief of The Oaks police. He kept watch on the youth, who had rooms at the Cosmos, of which Hammerley is proprietor. Hammerley called at police headquarters yesterday and confided his suspicions to the police. The

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BIG CORPORATIONS WILL FIGHT HENRY

Band Together, Headed by Harriman.

HERRIN IS HENRY'S CHIEF MARK

Unlimited Capital Will Fight Graft Prosecutor.

LAWYER TIPS OFF HIS HAND

Southern Pacific Joins Hands With Bribing Corporations in San Francisco—Governor's Ax Suspended Over Wilson's Head.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—(Special.)—A conspiracy which puts into the shade the \$5,000,000 affair that recently aroused the inmates of the White House has evolved from the graft proceedings in San Francisco, and, like the conspiracy in Washington, it has its headquarters in Washington. Moreover, one of the leaders of the \$5,000,000 conspiracy is one of the chief actors in this latest plot.

In short, the big corporations, which have sighted the specter of indictment, have banded together against the common foe. Combined, they represent one of the most powerful forces that America has known, and they are prepared to expend a large share of the unlimited capital they control. The United Railroads, an \$80,000,000 corporation; the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, the Home Telephone Company, and lastly the Southern Pacific Company, have joined hands to fight down the graft prosecution.

Money Will Fight Law. The plot was hatched shortly after the arrival here of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, with his attorney, P. D. Atterbury. Mr. Atterbury has left for New York, and he will manage the defense from that point until his chief is brought to court. It is to be one of the most stupendous legal battles the country has known, and all that money and influence can do will be employed to discredit, intimidate and block Francis J. Henry and his co-workers.

"Your leading citizens are your worst enemies," said Lincoln Stephens, the well-known writer on civic degradation and reform, in addressing the students at Stanford University yesterday, and the people of San Francisco have begun to think that there was some truth in this statement.

Henry Is After Harriman. The head and front of the plot are reputed to be Patrick Calhoun and E. H. Harriman. It is no secret that above all others it is the desire of Mr. Henry to direct the fire of the

prosecution against Calhoun and the men who occupy the seats of the mighty in the councils of the Southern Pacific. Harriman's representative on the Pacific, W. F. Herrin, is one of the chief objects of Mr. Henry's investigation. Mr. Herrin has always refused to come into the open and even now, with public attention centered upon him, he remains in the background.

In a remarkable interview given out just before he left for New York, Mr. Atterbury, the United Railroads attorney, tipped off his hand.

Atterbury Shows His Hand. "This prosecution," he said, "is one of the most amazing things I have ever beheld. It is un-American and unconstitutional. You are exceeding the constitutional limits in these proceedings. It is no longer prosecution. It is persecution. Your people are prejudiced. There is evidently no chance here for a corporation to secure fair play."

The utterances of Mr. Atterbury were almost identical with those of Ruef. It was regarded here as most significant that the representatives of the United Railroads should show such a hostile spirit toward the prosecution before any



Tom Hammerley, Who Unearthed the "Pink Domino" Burglar.

connected with the corporation had been indicted.

Gillett Holds Ax in Reserve. Governor Gillett dropped into town today from Sacramento to be here for the merchants' banquet on April 18, the first anniversary of the big disaster. Mr. Gillett refused to talk of the graft situation. He was asked what he intended to do in the case of Andrew Wilson, who is now a Railroad Commissioner, but who has confessed that, while a member of the Board of Supervisors, he accepted bribes whenever they were offered. It has been learned from an authoritative source, however, that Wilson will be allowed to retain his place for a time. After he takes the witness stand, as he will be compelled to do, and testifies that Ruef paid him bootleg money, he will be instantly ousted by the Governor. Wilson is one of the Southern Pacific pets.

CASS AFRAID OF GRAND JURY. Home Telephone Man Cannot Be Coaxed—United Railroads Next.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—For the second time within a week A. B. Cass, president of the Home Telephone Company, of Los Angeles, and one of the five stockholders of the Empire Construction Company of California, today refused to be examined by the grand jury as to his connection or knowledge of the alleged bribing of the San Francisco Supervisors to award a franchise to the Home Telephone Company, of this city.

A few weeks ago Mr. Cass, under subpoena, appeared before the grand jury and allowed himself to be interrogated by Assistant District Attorney Henry. The latter, to get certain intimate facts, if possible, through the medium of the Los Angeles capitalist, had him again summoned a few days ago. In the meantime Mr. Cass, together with his associates in the Empire Construction Company, engaged the legal services of George A. Knight, who advised Messrs. Cass, Torrance and Phillips to refuse to give any further testimony, on the ground that they were informed the grand jury "meant to indict them anyhow, and to testify might render them liable to prosecution."

Today Mr. Henry called up Mr. Knight and told him that he (Knight) had been subpoenaed as to the intention of the grand jury to indict his clients with or without cause, and he again "extended to Mr. Cass the privilege of going before the inquisitorial body" and "explaining certain suspicious circumstances, if he could explain them and desired to do so."

The grand jury adjourned without returning any indictments, until next Saturday, in order to give the assistant district attorney time, it is understood, to prepare the case against the United Railroads, whose alleged bribing of Supervisors and others is to be probed next week.

An extraordinary incident today was the appearance at Gough and Gery streets of a man and an aged woman, the latter carrying a huge placard rudely lettered with denunciations of Rudolf Spreckels, Mr. Henry, District Attorney Langdon and the grand jury. The man attracted a crowd by standing on the curb opposite Native Sons' Hall and loudly haranguing against those named. Members of the grand jury came to the windows and listened with some show of amusement. A policeman finally arrived and chased the man and his aged comrade off.

The trial of Ruef will be resumed in the Superior Court tomorrow morning.

MORE TOWNS ARE REDUCED TO RUIN

Roll of Destruction in Mexico Grows.

TOTAL OF DEAD IS INCREASING

Great Waves From Ocean Flood Port of Acapulco.

SHOCKS CONTINUE DAILY

Interruption of Telegraph Wires Keeps Back Worst News—Dead Bodies Seen Among Ruins. Fear for Tehuantepec Isthmus.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 16.—Heavy earthquake shocks continued on the west coast until 4 o'clock this morning. Late news of the earthquake shows that the devastation wrought was greater than at first supposed. Beside the destruction of Chilpancingo and Chilapa, it is now said that Tixtla also was leveled. Messengers reaching Chilpancingo say the towns of Ayutla and Ometepe have been wiped out.

The population of Ayutla is small, and it is thought the loss of life there will be insignificant. Ometepe is a town of about 4000 inhabitants and the loss of life probably is large.

Tixtla, near the border line of the state of Oaxaca, is also reported to be wiped out. A report from Chilpancingo says the whole of the west coast from Acapulco south of Salina Cruz has been badly damaged.

Chalapa Totally Destroyed. The damaged places are remote, and news from the stricken district consequently is incomplete. Only one wire is working to Chilpancingo. Through the courtesy of the Federal Telegraph Company the Associated Press was given this wire today at noon while it was working through to Chilpancingo. The operator at Chilpancingo declared that up to that time he knew nothing as to the number of dead beyond the fact that he had seen about a dozen dead bodies and knew of about 30 wounded.

A dispatch to El Pais, the organ of the Catholic Church here, from the Bishop of Chalapa, confirms the report of the total destruction wrought in that neighborhood. Fourteen are reported to have been killed in one house and the number of wounded is given as 269. In Tixtla it is reported that 12 dead

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