

RUEF'S RELEASE MAY BE A TRAP

Bail to Be Reduced One-Half Because of Double Indictments.

MORE AFFIDAVITS FILED

Spreckels Joins in Denial of Immunity Contract—Ruef Moves to Have His Prosecutors Cross-Examined in the Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The release from jail of ex-Mayor Eugene F. Schmitz was followed today by the first step to the release of Abe Ruef by the reduction of his bail. Taking advantage of the admission of F. J. Heney in his affidavit filed yesterday that Ruef had been twice indicted on each offense, except about half a dozen cases, Ruef's attorneys moved in Judge Lawlor's court to a nominal amount on the duplicate indictments or be released on his own recognizance as to them.

Judge Lawlor held that the motion was proper, and Mr. Heney said he would tomorrow designate on which indictments Ruef's bail should be reduced. Ruef's bail aggregates about \$125,000 and the proposed action would reduce it to little over \$60,000, which Ruef says he can furnish the moment he is allowed to withdraw his plea of guilty on the extortion charge.

Blocks Move to Force Trial. By moving to make all the affidavits and proceedings in regard to one of the trolley indictments be made to apply to the 13 others of that series, Henry Ach blocked the attempt to bring Ruef to trial today, for Judge Lawlor took until Monday to deliberate.

An affidavit made by Ruef last night was filed today as the basis for a motion to require Mr. Heney, District Attorney Leighton and W. J. Burns to testify regarding the statements in their affidavits. Ruef states that upon cross-examination he can establish that they made deliberate statements of falsehood; that he expects to show thereby that Heney was employed for political purposes to involve E. H. Harriman, W. F. Herrin and Governor James H. Gilllett; that he expects to force Heney to admit that many of the statements in his affidavit are "deliberate and willful perjuries," and attacks his credibility as a witness, charging that Heney is guilty of homicide. Judge Lawlor will decide this question tomorrow.

More Affidavits Filed. An affidavit by Rudolph Spreckels was added today to those filed by the prosecution. He says that he always understood, believed and insisted that Ruef would be given substantial punishment, and that Mr. Heney always agreed with him in this respect and always declared his intention of sending Ruef to prison. Mr. Spreckels further says that he saw the partial immunity contract or knew its contents until after it was made public on January 19 last. The bulk of the affidavit is given to explicit denials of the affidavit of Ruef and Hattie Kaplan and Nieto.

Late this afternoon another batch of affidavits was filed by the prosecution in Judge Lawlor's court. These consisted of statements by John B. McCarthy, who was a guard during the time Ruef was confined in the Fillmore-street house; George W. Burnell, who was formerly Ruef's teacher; and Mr. Heney. Mr. McCarthy's affidavit details some of the scenes that took place at the Fillmore-street place and denies statements made by the former landlord and a servant in the place.

Mr. Burnell's affidavit alleges that Hattie Nieto told him on one occasion that he would not believe statements made by Ruef. Mr. Heney's affidavit is a brief and specific denial of every allegation made in Ruef's first affidavit.

Should Judge Lawlor decide the immunity question against Ruef, his counsel will probably apply to a higher court for a writ of prohibition. Should he decide in Ruef's favor, the validity of the indictments will be the question, and the fact that Ruef was induced to testify against himself.

FAIL TO LOCATE W. S. TEVIS

Court Overrules Defense and Important Witnesses Testify.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Carroll N. Beal, general manager of the Bay Cities Water Company, who has been on the stand for three days in the libel trial of R. A. Crothers and Fremont Older, finished his testimony this morning and was followed this afternoon by Marsdon Manson, whom the attorneys for the defense declared to have more experience as an expert on water supplies than any other engineer, but whom Assistant District Attorney William Hoff Cook contended was "merely a surveyor."

The attempt on the part of the defense to ascertain the whereabouts of William S. Tevis, president of the Bay Cities Water Company, whose presence is wanted by both sides, by subpoenaing the telegraph and telephone companies to produce all messages and records of communications sent from this city by specified persons within the past 15 days, failed because of the refusal of Judge Dooley to make such an order.

Beal testified that the water rights of the Sierra Water Supply Company, a subsidiary organization of the Bay Cities Water Company, was estimated by engineers to have a value of about \$5,000,000 and that the directors valued the rights, including all necessary improvements, at \$3,000,000. The sum actually paid for the rights was \$235,000.

Manson testified that he was appointed on the Board of Public Works of San Francisco in January, 1906, and afterwards was one of the engineers sent by the city to examine into the Hetch Hetchy water scheme. He said he made a thorough examination and investigation of the source, declared the supply to be large and adequate and the quality good. Its distance from San Francisco is 142 miles, the area of Hetch Hetchy and Lake Elmore watersheds 89 square miles and the reservoir capacity with a 150-foot dam he estimated at 35,000,000 gallons, and with a 200-foot dam at 55,000,000. The supply of water, he stated, was sufficient for a city having a population of 2,000,000.

NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY

Mrs. Dunway Comforted About Aspect of Woman Suffrage.

PORTLAND, March 11.—(To the Editor.)—How I wish the few remaining men of Oregon who expect to violate the women's right of suffrage at the forthcoming June election, on the specious plea that "women do not want it," were all hanged. I have been present and answer my doorbell and telephone yesterday. All day, beginning in the morning until 5 P. M. in sheer exhaustion, I sought the home of a friend, for a little change.

These calls were from women all over the city, who had the evening and morning newspapers and were excited over the report of Louisville resistance to a law made by Attorney-General Crawford, to compel obedience to the law.

To readers my anxious women constituents, and at the same time reach thousands of others, I solicit you to search The Oregonian's columns daily for information, please allow me to say that I have consulted several lawyers, including Attorney Ralph H. Dunway, whose brief in the Keadley case covers the entire constitutional questions involved, concerning both state and national law, and that we have no cause for anxiety. The State Supreme Court cannot be expected, under the evidence before it, to reverse its ruling.

And with the memory of Chief Justice Taney's famous decision in the Dred-Scott case in mind, I confess I do not feel quite so confident as to the final outcome. Although I recall a recent decision of his modern successors in which they agree with Mr. Roosevelt that women should have all the rights of men, plus the right of protection, I point with pride to the initiative petition under which the progressive men of Oregon have secured the present equal suffrage campaign, and feel comforted.

ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNWAY.

THROW OUT SCOTCH BILL

House of Lords Braves Threats of the Government.

LONDON, March 11.—Undismayed by threats of penalties to follow the second rejection of the government's Scottish small holdings bill, the House of Lords this evening, after a debate which lasted for two days, refused to give the measure a second reading by a vote of 153 to 23.

The Scottish clans have not risen in support of the bill since it was rejected by the House of Lords at the last session. During the recess the Ministerial spokesmen threatened freely that if the Upper House again threw out the measure the government would restrict the powers of the hereditary chamber. Since these threats were made, however, considerable difference of opinion has developed. The silence of the Ministers today leads to the belief that the Cabinet is not yet prepared to inaugurate its campaign against the House of Lords.

BRIEF NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

Corona, Cal.—The date deposit here was blown Tuesday, the robbers securing \$250.

New York—George Crocker, son of the late Charles Crocker of San Francisco, is seriously ill of stomach trouble.

Los Angeles—William Wagner, the fifth defendant charged with illegal registration in the recent election case, was found guilty.

New York—At a banquet Tuesday night Nikola Tesla predicted that development of water power would simplify warfare and that aerial warplanes would displace ships.

New York—Constantine Pellegrino, 17 years old, who killed his father, Anselmo Pellegrino, while defending his mother from his father's drunken fury, was discharged Tuesday.

Trenton, Tenn.—Night riders on Tuesday night fired shots into the house of a negro tenant in Gibson County and pushed warning to leave under the doors of their arrests.

Los Angeles—A jury awarded Anna M. Hooper \$2000 damages for the death of her son, Christian Hooper, a drunken driver, who was killed by a car in a collision with a street car in Los Angeles.

Chicago—A band of armed farmers is patrolling the lake shore near Kenosha, Wis., in search of Christian Basmussen, a drunken farmer, who poured boiling water over his two children Tuesday.

Chicago—William Miller, of Ravina, Mass., a college graduate, who was arrested here Saturday, confessed that he had been hunting for more than three years in many cities.

New York—Helen Margaret Beatrice Sacher, the 7-year-old daughter of one-half of the \$100,000 Colton estate, arrived here Tuesday to testify in the contest at Washington.

Manila—Fire destroyed 2000 native shacks in a business district of Manila, on the evening of March 11, doing \$100,000 damage and rendering 15,000 natives homeless. There is no danger of starvation suffering.

Chicago—Fire following an explosion in a building at 151 West Avenue Tuesday night, threatened neighboring buildings and led to several street fires. Several firemen were injured. Loss, \$50,000.

Philadelphia—An automobile in which were riding A. J. Drexel, Jr., H. Newell Guernsey, Benjamin Parker, all of this city, and other men, was struck by a trolley car Wednesday. The three young men named were injured.

ENGLAND SAYS NO ALUM IN FOOD

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DEATH OF PIONEER

R. R. Thompson Made Fortune on Columbia.

STARTED IN EARLY '50'S

Steamboatman Who Founded Oregon Steam Navigation Company With E. F. Coc Passes Away at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Captain R. R. Thompson, founder of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company, and one of the prominent capitalists in the city, died here yesterday at the age of 83 years.

R. R. Thompson was numbered among the pioneer steamboatmen on the Upper Columbia. Early in the '50's he associated himself with E. F. Coc and accumulated a fortune by operating a line of steamers on the Columbia and its branches. Starting with a single boat, the partnership soon built up a small fleet which was subsequently purchased by the Oregon Steam Navigation Company, the property afterwards being absorbed by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company.

The early experiences of Mr. Thompson on the Columbia River seem incredible at this time and serve only to show the remarkable ingenuity and business enterprise of the man. With his partner, Mr. Coc, he first secured a Government contract for carrying freight to Fort Walla Walla, their charges from Celilo to the Government post being as high as \$100 a ton. Later another vessel was built, the business offered for the first time, the Colonel Wright, being more than could be handled. After the firm disposed of its interests, having acquired considerable wealth, Mr. Thompson located in Portland, where he resided until a few years ago, when he went to California, where he remained almost continuously until his death.

REACHES MAGDALENA BAY

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rescued by him on board the Yorktown. On the day of the rescue all vessels were fully dressed and at night the ships will be illuminated.

Admiral Evans has been instructed in connection with the movement of the fleets up the coast to inform the Mayor of Los Angeles of the date of arrival at San Pedro.

CHAMPIONS OF PACIFIC FLEET

Maryland Leads Battleships and Albany Leads Cruisers.

MARE ISLAND, Cal., March 11.—It is learned here that the cruiser Maryland, Captain Chauncey Thomas, will be awarded the trophy for the best showing made by battleship class vessels during the recent practice at Magdalena Bay. All ships of this class made a better showing at Magdalena Bay than at target practice on the Eastern Coast, the Maryland far outdistancing all others. The order of record is as follows: Maryland, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Washington.

In practice with six-inch guns the St. Louis made the highest average, with the Maryland and Charleston making a second record with a tie. In the cruiser class a wonderful record was made by the Albany, Commander Henry T. Mayo. The Albany made a score of 83 per cent with the five-inch guns and it is expected that she will be rewarded by the St. Louis took second place, beating the Charleston. The Yorktown was next, defeating the Milwaukee, although the former had no preliminary practice with the guns.

The Yorktown, now at San Francisco, is expected to come to Mare Island for the installation of wireless telegraphy. It is reported that she will be used as a review ship by Secretary Metcalf upon the arrival of the battleship fleet at San Francisco.

The ship has just reached Mare Island from Washington that all marines will be granted a 50 per cent increase of pay. This action has been taken in order to secure additional men.

WILL DANCE WITH JACKIES

San Francisco Society Matrons to Entertain Sailors.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Society women will dance with the jacksies of the fleet. The ladies of the California Club have accepted the invitation of the committee to the entertainment of enlisted men of the fleet to attend to all the details of the reception and ball to the men. There will be no distinction as to class in this social demonstration in honor of the

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\$12.85 WILL BUY a 6-foot Extension Table in round top and pedestal base; golden or weathered finish. Regular value \$21.00.
\$23.00 WILL BUY a full quarter-sawed oak Pedestal Extension Table, 6 feet long and round top; finished golden or weathered. Regular value \$35.00.
\$15.50 WILL BUY a 6-foot Pedestal Table, with select quarter-sawed oak top and claw feet. Regular value \$26.50.
\$24.00 WILL BUY a 6-foot Extension Table in finest quarter-sawed oak; finished golden or weathered; round pillar pedestal base. Regular value \$42.50.
\$16.75 WILL BUY a 6-foot, 5-leg Extension Table, with quarter-sawed golden oak top and legs. Regular value \$29.00.
\$33.00 WILL BUY a quarter-sawed oak Extension Table, finished weathered or golden; heavy claw feet; pedestal base. Regular value \$55.00.
\$62.50 WILL BUY a 10-foot Extension Table, in quarter-sawed golden oak; has 60-inch top and plain pedestal base. Regular value \$125.00.
\$22.50 WILL BUY a square top and square pedestal 6-foot Extension Table; made of select quartered oak and finished golden or weathered. Regular value \$41.50.
\$34.50 WILL BUY a pedestal Extension Table, with 48-in. top and 8-foot extension; has heavily carved claw feet; golden or weathered oak. Regular value \$56.50.
\$67.50 WILL BUY a 60-inch top 10-foot Extension Table, with heavy pedestal base; made of select quartered oak; finished early English or golden. Regular value \$115.00.

WIRELESS FROM THE FLEET

Acrograms at San Diego Indicate Progress Up Coast.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 11.—The Navy wireless station at San Diego was in direct communication with the battleship Connecticut, off the Mexican Coast, early today, and received and transmitted 20 official dispatches to Washington. The first signals were exchanged before midnight. A total of several hundred words was received in cipher and a large number of messages were transmitted to the Connecticut.

A wireless message received here today stated that the newly armored cruiser South Dakota sailed north from Magdalena last night. This cruiser arrived at Magdalena only Saturday night, and expected to remain a week or ten days at the target.

All the wireless stations along the Pacific Coast have been competing for the honor of the first direct communication with the coming fleet, and the residents of San Diego are much elated over the success of the Point Loma operators. The Georgia was also in communication with Point Loma early today, and transmitted many brief cipher messages.

Falls to Find Modern Crusoe.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The cruiser Yankton reported her arrival at Acapulco today. She also reported that her expedition to Indefatigable Island to find Fred Jeffs, an American seaman, who was abandoned there, had been futile. Jeffs was not found.

Yorktown at Golden Gate.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The gunboat Yorktown has arrived here from La Union, Salvador, putting in at Magdalena Bay for target practice on her way up. The Yorktown will stay here several weeks.

STEVENS GOES UP IN AIR

Balloonist and Passenger Travel Over 43 Miles an Hour.

HAMPTON FALLS, N. H., March 11.—After making an average speed of more than 43 miles an hour for a little more than three hours, the balloon Stevens No. 2, which ascended from Pittsfield, Mass., at 11:09 A. M. today, landed in this town at 2:15 P. M. The landing was made

SAFE AND EASY NEAR THIS VILLAGE, THE SPOT BEING LESS THAN A MILE FROM THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

The occupants of the car were Leo Stevens, of New York, who acted as pilot, and William M. Whitehouse, of New York, as passenger. The entire distance covered by the balloon in three hours and six minutes was about 130 miles. The trip did not establish a new record for speed.

TRYING TO GET TOGETHER

Britain Proposes to Russia Settlement in Macedonia. He Has Sworn Only a Few Were Issued by Him.

VIENNA, March 11.—It is stated here, but not authoritatively, that the Russian government has received Great Britain's proposal for appointment of a governor for Macedonia for a term of years, the governor to be either a Christian or Mohammedan.

Mische Reaches City.

Emil T. Mische, recently employed by the Park Board at a salary of \$208 a month, has reached the city and will today be present at a special meeting of the Board, to be held at 10 A. M. He will supersede Arthur D. Monteith as park keeper. What position Mr. Monteith will fill hereafter has not been decided.

CHECKS SIGNED BY GOODWIN

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LOS ANGELES, March 11.—Dr. David M. Goodwin, on cross-examination before Commissioner Van Dyke today in the Oregon land-fraud cases, stated he had signed only a few checks while acting as president of the Pacific Furture & Lumber Company. Bundle after bundle of checks were then produced and shown Dr. Goodwin, and he acknowledged they bore his signature. The Government, in its seizure of the company's records, obtained possession of nearly 1000 of such checks.

HAFID IS LOSING POWER

PARIS, March 11.—Government advisers received from Morocco indicate that the star of Mulai Hafid, the so-called Sultan of the South, is wanting fast. The repeated victories of the French forces, coupled with the indifferent attitude displayed by Hafid, have created discontent and resentment among his followers.

Amends Vehicle Tax Law.

Councilman Belding, at the Council meeting yesterday afternoon, introduced an ordinance amending the present ordinance fixing a tax on vehicles. This measure is intended to amend the existing law so as to tax pleasure vehicles as well as all others. It was referred to the general license committee for action.