

SUPREME COURT
BLOW STAGGERS

San Francisco Accepts Freeing of Schmitz Because Protest Is Futile.

PROSECUTION ON DEFENSE

Graft Forces Put on Brazen Front. Suggest Investigation of Langdon's Office—Ruef After Detectives Who Got Confession.

BY P. A. SINSHEIMER

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—(Special.)—There has been a general tendency to accept the decision of the Supreme Court freeing Eugene E. Schmitz, partly, no doubt, because of the futility of protest. There is something vague and indefinite in the opinion rendered by the highest tribunal of the state which leaves it doubtful whether the court believed that no crime had been committed or that the indictment had failed to cover the offense in proper manner. Although the decision as recorded was unanimous, a report that appears to emanate from an authentic source has it that Justices Beatty, Sloss and Angellotti signed with reluctance. According to this report, when it appeared that the court believed to three, the decision was recast in certain particulars and the minority agreed to make it unanimous.

Naturally the members of the prosecution are greatly chagrined as are all those who have struggled for the past 18 months to punish the known criminals of the city. It has been a heavy blow to the District Attorney's office, destruction as it did the very foundation upon which it had been able to proceed. There has been no thought of a let up. The prosecutions will be pressed one after the other and there is yet ample ground for the hope that justice may still be done.

Ruef and Schmitz Join Hands.

One of the most disastrous effects of the decision has been the consolidation once more of the entire defense. Schmitz and Ruef had been torn asunder, but have united again. The indicted magnates have then collected from the restaurant proprietors. Against this the three-year statute has run. The second collection was made in January, 1906, and some of the members of the prosecution are eager to bring a new indictment making the corrections mentioned in the Supreme Court decision. These consist of the allegations omitted from the original indictment, that Schmitz was the Mayor of the city and Ruef the political boss, and that the injury as threatened was an unlawful one.

How Did It All Happen?

It is exceedingly difficult for the lay mind to grasp the process of reasoning that invalidated the indictment and conviction. The failure to allege that Schmitz was Mayor of the city, and that the injury threatened the restaurant men could have been a lawful one when considered with the attending circumstances, are matters which appear to overwhelmingly negative in view of the undeniable evidence of guilt that one not schooled in the taut lines of the law is sure to find.

Defendants Become Brazen.

One no longer hears the cry, "It's hurting business." Rather it is changed to, "We're tired of the whole thing" or "They tried to reach too high," or "Their methods have been too high-handed." The objectors have become not so much late and an impression has been created that the anti-prosecution sentiment is larger than ever. Believers any such inference to be untrue. An election tomorrow, there is good reason to believe, would show a majority for the continuation of the prosecutions as large as was revealed at the city election last November.

Socialists Get Counsel

Object to Police Order Stopping Meetings in Philadelphia.

Honors Spanish Queen.

MADRID, March 15.—Prince Kihuyoshi Kuni, a cousin of the Emperor of Japan, today presented to Queen Victoria the insignia of the Order of the Crown, in behalf of the Empress of Japan.

Reply Pleasing to Japan.

TOKYO, March 15.—The final reply from Washington regarding the emigration question has greatly pleased Japan.

MORE MAIL FOR SALE

Oregon Electric May Put on Mail Service in Morning.

WOMEN INSANE AT SEATTLE

Two Become Violent and Are Arrested by the Police.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Charges of insanity were placed against two women today and both were taken to the County Jail to be held until a commission of physicians examines them. Both were taken by force.

Mrs. Louise Lafavre, a patient at the Wayland Emergency Hospital, became violently insane there yesterday afternoon. Before Patrolman Speir and Patrol Driver Keane could reach the hospital in response to a hurry call she scratched two nurses and bit the woman had attacked the older girl was stricken with smallpox. Mrs. Brunn is 42 years old.

BUILD ROAD WITH A RUSH

White Horse & Yukon to Construct Spur to Carry Ore.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 15.—(Special.)—A force of railway engineers has left for Skagway and White Horse to begin surveys and prepare plans for an immediate start on construction of the railway spur which will connect the White Pass & Yukon Route with the copper camp behind White Horse. Already rock men are at work and by the middle of next month building will be in full swing. New terminals will be built from which the loading of ore vessels will be carried on. By the end of July it is expected that White Pass locomotives will be hauling ore from White Horse to tidewater.

TRIES JAILS IN TWO COUNTIES

Robbery Is Committed Nearly on Boundary Between Linn and Lane.

ALBANY, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—Because the theft with which he is charged occurred very close to the boundary line between the counties of Linn and Lane, Johnson, logger, has experienced confinement in the jails of both counties. Johnson is accused of taking \$5 from the trunk of a fellow laborer in the woods near Marcola, and was arrested, taken to Eugene, and indicted at the last term of court by a grand jury in Lane County. After his indictment in Lane County, Johnson was taken to Albany, where he was arrested and placed in the County Jail.

KELSO NOW IN THIRD CLASS

Absorbs Town of Catlin, Across River, at Special Election.

KELSO, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—The election for the annexation of the town of Catlin to the city of Kelso, with the object of making it a part of this municipality, was held in this city and Catlin yesterday and the Common Council immediately take measures necessary to call an election to declare Kelso a city of the third class, with added powers for the governing body of the municipality.

White Salmon Has Boom.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—This town is to have electric lights. The Council, by an almost unanimous vote, granted a 20-year franchise to Shepler & Rogers, two local capitalists. Work on the plant will be begun within 90 days and the system must be installed within a year. The promoters intend to begin work at once. The town also is soon to have an ice plant and other improvements are in progress. The streets are to be graded and sidewalks are to be laid.

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PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—Acting under orders from Director of Public Safety Clay, the police tonight arrested the Socialists and their following by stopping a number of meetings which were scheduled to take place in various sections of the city.

Targets 9000 Yards Distant.

The ranges are to be set first at 1000 yards. They will next be extended to 2000 yards, and then to a maximum of 3000 yards for the smaller target, which is 12x11 feet in size. For the great turret guns—the 12 and 13-inch rifles—the ranges are lengthened to 4000 and 5000 yards, and the targets are increased to 30x40 feet. As one ordnance officer on the battleships expressed it, it is absolutely essential that the gunners should be able to see the target before they can train their sights upon it. At 9000 yards the white canvas object to be shot at appears as only a tiny speck upon the water.

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SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 15.—Chairman Clayton, of the fleet reception committee, received a wireless message to-

Fancy Top Hat Pins

A large assortment in fancy designs and many styles; values to 65c each; special 39c. Beauty Pins. Waist sets of three small pins and one large one. Pearl or turquoise sets, 50c special, the set.... 50c. Collar Pins, horseshoe, crescent, or diamond shape. Rhinestone, turquoise, ruby sets; 39c 65c values.

MAIL ORDERS VERY CAREFULLY FILLED
OLD'S WORTHMAN & KING
FIFTH WASHINGTON—SIXTH STREETS

New Neckwear 25c Up

Novelty Neckpieces in endless array. See the Washington-street window. Clever conceits up from... 25c. Black Taffeta Ribbon, all silk, 5 1/2 inches wide. A very special sale for Monday only, the yard... 23c. Embroidered Batiste Dress Patterns. Sufficient material for entire dress, but waist and skirt are separate and embroidered to match. French 3/4 eyelet embroidery; \$15 values, special \$7.98 sale.



Sale of Dress Nets

Beautiful patterns in filet mesh, Brussels net or point d'esprit effects, a very special purchase of this Spring's designs. Widths 42 to 45 inches, white or ecru colors. The regular values run to \$2 the yard. The savings shown in this sale are so pronounced that the veriest amateur would recognize their unusual merit. If you've a dainty gown or waist in mind, take advantage of this sale and supply your needs.

Nets regularly 75c to \$1.00 the yard, choice at... 69c. Nets regularly \$1.50 to \$2.00 the yard, choice \$1.29.

Sale of Fine Lace Curtains

1000 pairs of Curtains on sale at prices that average nearly 1/4 less than regular. 50 styles to select from, in pleasing patterned Irish Point laces. Home fitters should benefit by this offer for these are draperies you will be proud to own and are priced as follows:

\$4.50 grades selling for \$3.50. \$5.00 grades selling for \$3.95. \$5.50 Curtains now only \$4.35. \$6.50 Curtains now only \$5.15. \$7.50 Curtains now only \$5.95. \$8.50 qualities, special \$6.85. \$10.00 qualities, special \$7.85. \$12.00 qualities, special \$9.50. \$18.00 Curtains for... \$14.00. SMYRNA RUGS—All wool, double faced, size 30x60 inches. Reg. \$2.25 ea., special \$1.49.



Special Sale Muslin Underw'r

Lovely, dainty Lingerie at ridiculously small prices all this week. Nightgowns, Corset Covers and a great lot of White Petticoats here in large numbers for small prices. White Petticoats by the hundreds, in a tremendous three-days' sale. Let every woman in Portland take heed of this announcement and supply her needs in white underskirts for the Summer season. The materials are muslin or cambric. They are made with deep lawn flounces, finished with plain or hemstitched tucks, embroidery and torchon or Valenciennes lace. Dozens of styles—several qualities reduced.

Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 Petticoats, sale price... 98c. Regular \$3.75 and \$4.00 Petticoats, sale price... \$2.65. Regular \$3.25 and \$3.50 Petticoats, sale price... \$2.18. Regular \$5.50 and \$6.00 Petticoats, sale price... \$3.89. Regular \$2.25 and \$2.50 Petticoats, sale price... \$1.59. Regular \$1.75 and \$2.00 Petticoats, sale price... \$1.27. WOMEN'S NIGHTGOWNS of fine cambric or muslin. Neck V-shape or low round effect, long or elbow sleeves; lace or embroidery trimmed; \$1.00 values... 68c. WOMEN'S DRAWERS. Made of cambric; finished with deep lawn ruffles which are trimmed with clusters of fine hemstitched tucks or embroidery edging. Drawers that sell regularly for 75c and 85c each, special... 57c. WOMEN'S CORSET COVERS. Fine nainsook. French full front style. Trimmed with lace or embroidery; 24 models to select from. Regular price 75c, special... 57c. NIGHT GOWNS of fine nainsook or cambric. Low round, V-shape or high necks; elbow or long sleeves. Yoke, neck and sleeves trimmed with lace or embroidery. Reg. \$1.50 values, special... 97c.

GUNS BOOM TODAY

Battleships Begin Target Practice at Sea.

MEN TO GO AFTER RECORD

Effort Will Be Made by Atlantic Squadron Gunners to Equal Mark Set by Men of Pacific Coast Squadron.

SAN DIEGO, March 15.—The American battleship fleet, now at anchor in Magdalena Bay, Lower California, will begin the serious work of record target practice tomorrow morning, according to official wireless dispatches received here, and for the next two or three weeks the usually quiet waters of this out-of-the-way harbor will splash and dance under the rain of shot and shell, and the real work of the cruise to all outside the engine holds and chart rooms will be under way.

The fleet is anchored in the north end of the bay, which is the most sheltered part of this natural haven of a broad expanse of water, nearly 20 miles long, while the width of the bay at the entrance is nearly 13 miles. The targets will be set and the ranges established at the lower end of the bay, where it narrows to an island-pierred channel leading to Almejas Bay, another land-locked harbor, whose natural advantages would stand out strikingly in the search for a naval base in any other part of the world than close proximity to Magdalena.

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The gunners of the Atlantic fleet are conscious of the fact that they have a hard task before them to equal or surpass the records recently made at Magdalena Bay by the armored cruiser guns of the Pacific fleet under command of Rear-Admiral Dexton and Schre. These ships alternately have been at the practice grounds in the Mexican bay for the last two months, and six of them have completed their work. The Maryland outdistanced all of her competitors among the armored cruisers of the station with a percentage of 75.49 hits out of 100 possible, 196 with all classes of guns. The Tennessee came next, with a percentage of 68.34 hits, the Colorado being third with 63.68, the Pennsylvania

was fourth with 57.80, the West Virginia fifth with 55.70, and the Washington last with 55.50.

Using New Ten-Inch Rifles.

The seemingly low score of the Washington was expected, as she is a brand new ship, with new guns and new crew. It was discovered that the more important the splendid record of the Tennessee, Admiral Sebre's flagship, which is just as new as the Washington, and which went to sea under the same conditions as the Tennessee and Washington also for the first time used their 10-inch turret guns, a new weapon for American cruisers, which were put on board these vessels in response to the demand of ordnance officers for heavier guns than the eight-inch rifles of even West Virginia class. The heavier guns and turrets added nearly 1000 tons to the weight of the Tennessee and Washington over the West Virginia, and caused a thinning of the main armor belt from six to five inches. The turret protection was increased, however, from six and one-half inches to nine inches. All of these big armored cruisers are ranked with the battleships in summing up their target records, and it is of unusual interest at this time, when the world-girdling fleet is about to begin its target work.

Big Thirteen-Inch Guns Will Boom

There is a separate system of scoring, however, even among the battleships when it comes to classifying the work of the gunners for promotion and prize money distribution. Some of the ships, for instance, have 12-inch guns of 40 caliber, while others have the same diameter of rifle, but of 45 caliber.

In naval practice, the caliber means the length of the rifle, which, as it increases, permits of heavier shells and powder charges and calls for more accurate shooting. For this reason hits with a 45-caliber rifle do not call for as high an allowance of points as hits with the lower powered guns of smaller caliber. The 12-inch rifles, which are still retained on the Kentucky, Kearsarge, Alabama and Illinois, the oldest vessels of Admiral Evans' fleet, are expected to do even more accurate work than the 12-inch rifles at the same range and target, and the points allowed for their hits are even lower. There is a strong feeling among the ordnance officers, of which there is now one assigned to each of the armored vessels of the Navy, that the 12-inch gun will be replaced by a 13-inch gun, which will welcome the return to the heavier rifle, with its 1130-pound projectile, as against the 870-pound weight of the 12-inch shell.

Prize Money and Promotions.

The Illinois holds the battleship target trophy, won at the Spring practice last year, but in the Fall work the gunners of the Maine and the Louisville accomplished wonderful results. The latter, which is in the same class as the Connecticut, and is armed with the most modern of the 12-inch rifles, won over \$2000 in prize money last Fall and practically all of her gun pointers won promotions varying from \$2 to \$5 increase of pay per month.

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SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 15.—Chairman Clayton, of the fleet reception committee, received a wireless message to-

day from Mayor Forward, at Magdalena Bay, whither, with other representative citizens, the Mayor went to tender San Diego's invitation to Admiral Evans. The message states that Mayor Forward's party leaves on their return trip on the steamer St. Denis at 6:30 this evening, and the fleet will be at San Diego about the 12th to 15th of April.

WASP FLEET IN CANAL ZONE

Officers of Torpedo-Boat Flotilla Entertained at Tivoli Club.

PANAMA, March 15.—Lieutenant H. L. Cook, commander of the American torpedo boat flotilla, and the other officers and men were delighted with their reception here. This morning the destroyers moved up closer to Panama and are now within the zone limits. They will be open to visitors every afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

All of the men of the flotilla are proud of the record which the little boats have made. With the exception of a few minor repairs, the destroyers are in practically the same condition as when they left the United States.

Last evening the officers of the fleet attended a dance at the Tivoli Club, where they met many of the prominent people of the city and Canal zone.

SMALL HOPE FOR SYLVIA

Red Cross Liner Hard and Fast on Reef—Deserted by Crew.

WOODS HOLE, March 15.—The Sylvia, of the Red Cross Line, bound from New York for Halifax and St. John, N. F., which struck on Sows and Pigs Ledge at the entrance to Vineyard Sound just before daylight yesterday morning, remained hard and fast on the reef tonight and the prospects of saving her looked very slight. At sunset, the seas, driven by a south-westerly gale, were making a clean sweep of the steamer. Her crew, who came ashore to spend the night at the Cutty Hunk Life-Saving Station, expressed a fear that she would go in pieces before morning. The passengers, all of whom were taken off the Sylvia yesterday by the revenue cutter Mohawk, remained in New Bedford last night, and today went to Boston, whence they will be sent to their destinations.

FIRE PUTS 300 OUT OF JOB

Colorado Fuel Factory Burns at Sopris, With \$150,000 Loss.

TRINIDAD, Colo., March 15.—Fire, supposed to have been caused by crowded electric wires, destroyed the coke washer, tipples, engine house and chemical laboratory of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company's mine at Sopris, five miles west of here today, entailing a loss estimated at \$150,000 and throwing 300 men out of employment. The flames were first discovered on the third floor of the five-story frame building of the coke washer, spreading rapidly to the other structures. The office building was saved after desperate fighting and liberal use of dynamite.

Reward for Night Riders.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 15.—Governor Wilson tonight offered \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the night riders who took part in the Woodford and Scott County raids.

KILLS, THEN DIES

Man Shoots Ex-Mistress and Drinks Carboic Acid.

WOMAN'S VARIED CAREER

Lives With Murderer in Arkansas, Leaves Him, Comes to Northwest, Conducts Mission With Success. Has Two or Three Husbands.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Determined that the woman he loved should not marry another man, Morley Moore, a mulatto, of this city, this afternoon shot and killed Mrs. Lou McCoy, an attractive woman of 30, and then committed suicide by taking carboic acid.

Many years ago Moore and the woman lived together in Arkansas, and the woman's history is remarkable. She has the appearance of a white woman, but is said to have some negro blood. When she left Moore in Arkansas, she went to Seattle, and later came to Yakima, where she conducted a mission in the Sloan block in this city and her meetings attracted a large number of people. It was while she was preaching in this place that Moore discovered her and a scene was only averted by the woman's presence of mind. She persuaded her everwhite lover to act the part of a convert before the crowd.

Ever since that meeting Moore has been endeavoring to persuade the woman to return to him. A month ago Moore was arrested while intoxicated and admitted he had purchased the gun found on him in order to kill the woman. After being placed in jail he made three attempts to hang himself. He was removed to the County Jail, where he was held until three days ago, when he was released, apparently in his right mind, although it is said he never has shown any signs of insanity. He alleged Mrs. McCoy was his wife, but the officers learned that she two never had been married although Mrs. McCoy has two, if not three husbands living in different parts of the country, and was about to marry a Seattle man, whose name has not been learned. His address is in the hands of the Sheriff's Office.

This afternoon Moore went to the lodging-house on the West Side, kept by the woman and white man with whom she is said to be on intimate terms, and finding her alone in her room shot her. He fired four bullets, three striking her in the head, and killed her instantly. Moore then drank a big dose of carboic acid and ran to the County Jail, where he asked to be arrested. He died almost immediately on his arrival there.

Many Oddfellows Gather.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—About 200 members were present at the first district meeting of the I. O. O. F., held in this city yesterday evening. Five candidates were in waiting to receive the

initiator degree. Teams from the Skookumchuck lodge, of Bucoda, and Centralia lodge competed for the prize for team work, the prize going to Bucoda lodge. Grand Secretary Louis F. Hart, of Tacoma, made a brief talk concerning lodge work, after which a banquet was served by the ladies of the Rebekah lodge.

DEDICATE BAPTIST CHURCH

Albany Has One More Fine New House of Worship.

ALBANY, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—The new First Baptist Church in this city was dedicated today, and practically all of the churches of the city united in the dedication services. The sermon was delivered by Dr. W. T. Jordan, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Portland. The sermon this evening was delivered by Dr. C. A. Woody, of Portland, district secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Society.

The new edifice is one of the finest churches in the city. It was erected at a cost of \$15,000 on the site of the old church. The building committee, which has had charge of all the work and to whose efforts the new structure is in large measure due, consists of W. C. Burkhardt, Dr. J. P. Wallace, Fred Dawson, J. L. Tomlinson and John Fosbury.

New School at Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—By an almost unanimous vote the people of Marshfield at a special election last night decided to issue bonds in the sum of \$50,000 for the erection of a new school house in the south part of the city.

Red Cross shoes at Rosenthal's.

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