

RUEF HOLDS OUT FOR AMNISTY

Refuses to Testify in the Ford Case Unless All Indictments Are Quashed

STANDS ON HIS CONTRACT

Brings Up Agreement With District Attorney—Patrick Calhoun Also Declines to Answer and Is Upheld by the Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Patrick Calhoun and Abraham Ruef were called to the witness stand in the Ford trial today. Both refused to testify on constitutional grounds, and were sustained by Judge Lawlor.

After Calhoun was sworn he was asked by Assistant District Attorney O'Gara: "When did you come to San Francisco after the 15th day of April, 1907?"

Calhoun—I decline to answer. O'Gara—In the month of May, 1906, did you tell Frank A. Leach, superintendent of the Mint, to pay to the defendant, Ford, \$50,000?

Calhoun—I decline to answer. Judge Lawlor ruled that Calhoun should not be required to answer a question which, in the opinion of the court, might serve to connect him, innocently or guiltily, with the alleged crime for which he and Ford have been indicted.

When Ruef was sworn he was asked: "Do you know T. L. Ford?"

Ruef—I decline to answer unless all the indictments against me are dismissed. In accordance with the agreement I had with the District Attorney and the assistant District Attorney, known as the "immunity contract," and on the further additional ground that a man cannot be a witness against himself.

The day closed with an argument on the question of Ford having been once in jeopardy. Thorswell Mullaly, assistant to President Calhoun, this morning could not be found by the process-server from the District Attorney's office. "We have had detectives out looking for Mr. Mullaly," declared Assistant District Attorney O'Gara in court this morning, "but they have been unable to find him. He is not in his usual habitation, despite the fact that I announced in court yesterday that we wanted him as a witness today."

BEHAU IS FIRST WITNESS

Actual Trial of Abraham Ruef for Bribery Is Begun.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Following the denial of the motion of the defense for a change of venue by Judge Maurice T. Doelling this morning, the actual trial of Abraham Ruef on one of more than 100 indictments charging him with bribery and corruption of the Board of Supervisors of the city administration, began this afternoon.

John E. Behau, a deputy clerk for the former Board of Supervisors, was the first witness in the examination. He assumed the entire afternoon session of the court was interrupted for half an hour by the appearance of a deputy sheriff, stating that the actual trial of Ruef on one of more than 100 indictments charging him with bribery and corruption of the Board of Supervisors of the city administration, began this afternoon.

Behau swore that all the records were burned in the great fire, but produced the official newspaper containing a copy of the ordinance which was introduced in evidence by Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney. Henry A. Vich, senior counsel for Ruef, kept up a running fire of objections to the questions put to the witness by Heney.

Almost without exception the objections of the defense were overruled by Judge Doelling. Behau was still upon the stand when court adjourned until morning. At the request of the defense, all witnesses except the one on the stand were excused from the courtroom. Ruef took a lively interest in the proceedings and busied himself with taking notes.

The jury was placed in custody of two deputy sheriffs and will be kept at the big St. Francis Hotel.

In his argument in support of the motion for a change of venue, Frank J. Murphy, for the defense, declared that sentiment against Ruef was so strong in this city, as a result of his denunciation by press and pulp, that it was impossible for him to get a fair trial on the many charges of bribing Supervisors.

Heney in reply denied that there existed any appreciable sentiment or feeling against Ruef in San Francisco; declared that all feeling against him had subsided many months ago, that the public was taking but little interest in the bribery-graft cases at present; asserted that Ruef had a wide acquaintance and many friends in the city who would like to see him go free, and stated that instead of there being a strong sentiment against Ruef, as he had declared in his affidavit, Ruef had stated to him (Heney) that public opinion in the city would approve of his being given full immunity, and that 99 per cent of the people would sign a petition for his pardon.

PORTLAND MAN ROBBED

Otto Neumeyer Loses \$85 to San Francisco Pickpocket.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—(Special.) Otto Neumeyer, a merchant of Portland, went to the desk of the Robbins Hotel to deposit his valuables tonight when he discovered that he had been robbed by a pickpocket of \$85 as he rode up town on a Sutter-street car.

With a party of friends, Neumeyer boarded a Sutter-street car at Sansome street. The car was crowded with passengers and the party was hustled to and fro rather unconsciously by the people aboard.

Neumeyer said tonight that he noticed the shoving on the car, but the thought never entered his mind that he was being jostled by professional thieves who have come to the Coast "to welcome the fleet."

PROTECT BISHOP HARRIS

Federal Officials Warned of Corean Plot to Assassinate Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Warned that a number of Coreans in San Francisco were preparing to assassinate the Rev. Bishop Merriman Gilbert Harris upon his arrival here this morning on the Pacific Mail liner Corea, from the Orient, Surgeon of the Port Woodward, accompanied by a number of other Federal attaches and members of the local police force, met the steamer upon its appearance in port, and placing the minister aboard the revenue cutter Golden Gate, caused his removal to Oakland. The action of the Government officials came in response to a request from Washington.

INCREASE OUT OF ALL PROPORTION

John H. Norris Gives Figures on Cost and Selling Price of Print Paper.

MANN DEEPLY IMPRESSED

Chairman of House Committee Says He Will Probe Discrepancy to Bottom—Arbitrary Methods of Trust Revealed.

Coreans Will Ask Bishop Harris Whether He Said It.

HONOLULU, April 29.—Coreans here have sent a telegram to the Corean League, 322 Austin avenue, San Francisco, asking a purported interview with Bishop Harris, in which he stated that in the occupation of Corea by the Japanese he saw the hand of Providence and that the Japanese were working for the good of Corea.

The cablegram directed the league at San Francisco to see Bishop Harris and ask him regarding the authenticity of the statement and ask whether he was correctly quoted.

TOUCHES POPULAR CHORD

KING MANUEL RECOMMENDS REFORMS FOR PORTUGAL.

Address Opening Cortes a Vigorous and Practical Document—People Cheer New Ruler.

LISBON, April 29.—The Portuguese Cortes reassembled today, the eighty-second anniversary of the establishment of constitutional government in Portugal. King Manuel, who for the late King Carlos and his son was suspended for the occasion, King Manuel was respectfully greeted by the people.

King Manuel presented to the Cortes, accompanied by many dignitaries of the state and escorted by a strong guard of troops. The floor of the chamber was filled with delegates and the galleries were crowded with a brilliant audience. His Majesty slowly mounted the tribune that had been erected for his use. His address, which King Manuel read in full tones, was a most pathetic and at the same time a practical and vigorous discourse, calculated to win the sympathy of the people. He touched upon the tragedy of February 1, when his father and his brother were shot down as "the cruel disappearance of my father and brother."

He begged the country to concentrate all its energies in a supreme effort to attain the realization of the destinies of Portugal. "I wish to work with you," the King said, "in order to bring about the happiness of our country—to which I henceforth dedicate my life and activities."

King Manuel recommended a revision of the Constitution and establishment of individual rights, a new electoral law fixing the rights of suffrage, the reform of the judiciary, the abolition of ex-Premier Franco, and more rigid and careful methods of finance whereby the country could be placed on a more economical basis.

At the conclusion of the King's speech the members of the Cortes broke out into cries of "Long live the King," which were taken up and re-echoed by the people.

BUILDS UP OLIGARCHY

Johnson Wars Against Centralization of Power in America.

DETROIT, Mich., April 29.—Two evils menace America today, said Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, in a lecture tonight on "The Majesty of the Law" before the Alumni Association of the Western High School. They are, he said, the centralization of power in the Federal Government and the centralization of business power in the hands of a few men.

"Executives, too, are frequently governed by expediency," he said. "Expediency is always fraught with danger. The political organization which disregards expediency and sticks to a principle is the one which accomplishes results. America has now a system of centralization. Instead of a government by the people and for the people it seems to be becoming a government by people and for people who have been entrusted by the people to do a quasi public business."

"Some things have happened in the last few years which seem to indicate that a few men are trying to control everything. We have now in this country an oligarchy as great as was the oligarchy of Rome. It is the oligarchy of business. The men who are responsible for making a mistake, they think they will be called to account soon. We are told that the Declaration of Independence has no particular force or effect and that the Constitution is a flexible document, also that we may become a great world power. "I cannot make myself believe that they have ceased to be living, breathing forces."

Kentucky Bank Assigns. OWENSBORO, Ky., April 29.—The Davis County Bank & Trust Company, which declined deposits and suspended payment several days ago, was today taken in charge by Attorney Henry Cline. The bank has a capital stock of \$50,000 and deposits of over \$600,000. Its assignment followed that of the Owensboro Savings Bank & Trust Company, which had a capital stock of \$200,000 and deposits of over \$1,000,000.

May Buy Supplies in Portland. WASHINGTON, April 29.—Quartermaster-General Aleshire stated today that he is now in telegraphic communication with Mr. Baxter, Chief Quartermaster at Vancouver Barracks, with a view to a satisfactory adjustment of the entire matter that supplies be purchased in Portland, as heretofore. Aleshire says an adjustment will be made which will be satisfactory to Portland.

Hall on Retired List. WASHINGTON, April 29.—Major-General Charles B. Hall was placed on the retired list of the Army today on account of age.

WILL FIGHT APPROPRIATION

Cyrus H. Walker Explains Why He Can't Recede From His Position.

ALBANY, Or., April 27.—(To the Editor.)—Your vigorous editorials not long since, getting after me, figuratively speaking, so hit me on the rump that I had to take time to get my breath. Now that I have recovered my "wind" again, I renew the attack.

Although it may seem irrelevant, I feel would quote the language addressed to Jonah: "Doest thou well to be angry?" Jonah 4:4.

Your editorial criticizing my statement that "After nearly 70 years in Oregon, I surely know as well as any one can what are her needs along every line of education, industrial and political would not be confidently put forward as the essence of true wisdom."

Your reference is evidently to the Indians, for they are the only people who were here before I was, now living. If I remember aright it was the vote (as was claimed) of these same people on the Siletz and Grand Ronde reservations who sent one of our Congressmen to Washington by a small margin some years ago.

If these were intelligent enough to vote for a Republican Congressman as against a Populist, why are they not competent to express an opinion as to the needs of Oregon, or even to pass resolutions favoring the University of Oregon?

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There Is a Reason For Results

SUICIDE'S FIRM SUSPENDS

Notice Follows Tragic Death of Charles Coster, Broker.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Following the suicide last night of Charles Coster, a prominent broker and stock market speculator, the firm of Coster, Knapp & Co., of which Mr. Coster was a member, announced its suspension today in the New York Stock Exchange.

The firm was a prominent one and had done an extensive business. Mr. Coster, who was rated as a millionaire, had prepared for his voluntary death with a coolness and thoroughness which proved beyond any doubt that the act was premeditated. He selected the time when Mrs. Coster was at a reception, and after preparing himself for bed telephoned to his family physician that Mrs. Coster had a severe cold and asked him to come to the house at once. Soon after the doctor arrived Coster retired to his room and sent a letter through his head. The shot rang through the house just as Mrs. Coster entered, returning from the reception, and she rushed to her husband's room. At the door of the room she met the family physician who had found her husband dead, with the smoking revolver in his hand.

The relatives of Coster last night were at a loss to account for his act. Today, however, J. M. Knapp, of the failed firm, issued a formal statement in which he declared that Coster had been speculating heavily and that this speculation brought about the suspension of the firm.

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brother, Statement No. 1, consistency demands that I remain firm, he true to the trust imposed upon me by the Linn County Council, Patrons of Husbandry, and the highest interests of my native Oregon.

I have seen her grow from a howling wilderness to one abounding with thousands of happy and prosperous homes, from the little log schoolhouse and wooden benches with teachers hired by subscription funds to our magnificent up-to-date school buildings and grand colleges or universities, most of them founded by the heroic pioneer fathers and mothers, many of whom I knew, whose self-denying labors and gifts wisely laid the foundations for the institutions from which have come forth numbers of our brainiest men, among whom towering in intellectual strength is the editor-in-chief of the Oregonian, a fellow student for a time and with whom I might have been a fellow graduate had I "hoed out my roset" at Pacific University. It was a terrible mistake I made, but may be warning to other young men to press on through college. With all my limitations I gladly devote my remaining days to building up a grander Oregon in ways that in some respects may now seem to some dark and forbidding, but will, in the end bring her, as I believe, into the full blaze of a more glorious statehood.

CYRUS H. WALKER.
WIRELESS COMPANY FAKE
Government Issues Fraud Order Against Oakland, Cal., Concern.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 29.—The Federal authorities have called a halt to the operations of the Oakland Transcontinental Aerial Telephone & Power Company, incorporated, whose office is in the Union Savings Bank building, by causing the arrest of six of its officers. The company recently advertised that it was prepared to give practical demonstration of the wireless telephones between this city and the Ferry building, San Francisco.

The Oakland police reported to the Federal authorities that the scheme was wholly impracticable in its present state and that conversation between the two cities had at no time taken place. Upon this information the Government officials decided that the mails were being used for fraudulent purposes.

Will Be Buried in Ireland.
NEW YORK, April 29.—The property of the millionaire railroad contractor, James Daly, who died on Sunday at his

SUSPECTED OF MURDER

Two Women Held on Suspicion of Crime in Ireland.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The steamer Campanella, from Queenstown, was delayed at quarantine today until detectives from this city, at the cabled request of the Royal Irish Constabulary, had found and questioned Mrs. Margaret Clary and Mrs. Catherine Bowen, of Clare-Morris, County Mayo.

home in Mount Kisco, where he kept a large breeding farm for trotting horses, will be divided between his two children, his son, John W. Daly, also a railroad contractor, and a daughter, who is the wife of Senator Henry M. Willis, of Redlands, Cal.
The body of James Daly will be taken by his son and son-in-law to Ireland to be buried, according to his dying request, in the family plot, near Limerick.