



HUNG JURY MAY SAVE BLAKESLEY

Man Known as Stubborn in Place on Panel.

LONG DELIBERATION IS FUTILE

Further Prosecution to Be Dropped, Is Hint.

DEFENSE ALLEGES PLOT

District Attorney Passes Lie in Closing Argument—State, After Indicting Convict, Calls Him Myth. Blackmail Trial Ended.

BY FRANK J. McGETTIGAN.
ST. HELENS, Or., Oct. 22.—(Staff Correspondence.)—They can't stick me; they won't stick me." Such was the terse statement this afternoon of "Toots" Blakesley, alleged blackmailer of County Treasurer E. E. Quick, after the jury deliberating on his case fled from the courtroom with his fate in their hands. Blakesley's confidence throughout the trial which began last Tuesday has been great. Now it borders on boldness, and resounding about St. Helens is the prediction "the jury will never agree."

Stubborn Juror Again Serving.
Still further indicating that there is great probability of no verdict being rendered against "Toots" Blakesley on the indictment charging attempted blackmail, a well-known physician of Columbia County, a lawyer and several citizens remarked that one of the members of the Blakesley jury is said to have served on two juries which failed to agree after long deliberation.

If a hung jury is the closing incident of the Blakesley trial, it is held today, the alleged blackmailer will not be brought to trial again on the old count, or on four others on which indictments may be returned at any time. "If this case fails," said an attorney identified with the prosecution, the whole business will be dropped, as we deemed this case as irrefutable, and selected it from the other counts, so sure were we of convicting Blakesley.

"Lie," Flings Back Tongue.
That the prosecution of the case of "Toots" Blakesley, tried for attempted extortion of \$300 from County Treasurer Quick, had effectively concealed something the state did not want the people of Columbia County to know was the last say of the defense in the blackmail case. "That's a lie," was the asperion flung back by District Attorney Tongue, "the grand jury is still in session and if the imported Portland attorneys have any plot to prove let them bring on their 'dope.'"

"We will be there," responded Attorney John H. Stevenson, who, with Attorney Bert E. Haney, both of the metropolis, defended Blakesley.

Defendant's Sigh Audible.
Give and take was the order of the day from the moment the case was resumed this morning, the state calling two witnesses before it rested and the defense summoning none. Attorney Haney declaring Blakesley's counsel did not care to present any evidence. This elicited the first sign of emotion on the part of "Toots" Blakesley, who, until the closing arguments faced the Circuit Court for four days maintaining throughout most remarkable nonchalance. When both sides rested he heaved a deep sigh that doubtless reached the jury, for the labored and exhaled breath of the defendant of powerful build was distinctly audible.

Then there was silence. Blakesley, occupying a seat where he had often sat as court bailiff peered into space, an alleged felon who within a few hours would know whether he might again assume power as the king of Republican ring politics of Columbia County, or leave St. Helens, his native town, for Salem for a period ranging from six months to three years, or face a new trial.

Hard Fight Is Concluded.
Both sides made a remarkable fight, the state before announcing it had rested its case examining two witnesses who evidently had been reserved as clinching links of the prosecution's chain, welded principally by the evidence given by handwriting experts, yesterday. The first summoned was Frank B. Prescott, County Treasurer Quick's partner in the abstract business. The witness who rounded out the state's case was Walter G. Pomeroy, of Scappoose, foreman of the grand jury that indicted Blakesley for attempted blackmail.

Prescott testified that shortly before an indictment had been returned against Blakesley he met "Toots" on the street and was asked by him for the loan of "a couple of dollars."

Blakesley Asks for Coin.
"I have that McCarthy money from

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FEMALE JUROR'S HOPES ARE DASHED

COURT DECLARES HER QUALIFIED TO SERVE.

But Lawyers Challenge Peremptorily After Citizenship Is Sustained.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22.—For the second time within a week Mrs. Johanna Engleman today came very near to the distinction of being the first woman in California to sit on a jury, and then at the last moment the honor was snatched from her. The attorney for the defense in the case in which she had been called challenged her peremptorily and she was excused.

Judge Hauser, of the Superior Court, had previously ruled that a woman might sit on a jury in California, after the attorneys had indulged in a long argument, maintaining that the codes did not recognize such a thing as a woman juror and that in one place the code spoke specifically of a "jury of men."

"I find nothing to forbid a woman acting as a juror in California," said Judge Hauser. The attorneys had placed two considerations before the court—first, that she was declared because she was a woman, and second, that she could not serve because she was not a citizen. She testified that she was born in Germany and never been naturalized, although both of her husbands had been. She was declared to be a citizen and thus one of the questions decided was that the naturalization of the husband carried with it the rights of the wife. Later the court ruled that she was qualified to be a juror. She still has a chance to serve.

ANGRY WATERS TAKE TOLL

Daring Miner Loses Life in Trying to Shoot Rapids.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—A harrowing fight for life by four men a hasty unexplored canyon 20 miles above the mouth of the Nass River, into which they were swept on a raft by the fierce current, and the loss of one man, is the story brought down today by George Wilson, one of the men, from the north.

On September 30, while trying to cross the Naas on a raft at a point opposite what is known as Big Canyon, on a prospecting tour, the current whirled the raft away into the canyon, which slopes steeply between sharp walls of rock. After 10 miles of perilous traveling the four men were washed overboard. When the scramble for safety back to the raft was over it was found that Cornelius Murphy, a wealthy resident of Prince Edward Island, was missing. Searchers have since failed to find the body.

Indians of Big Canyon district claim that no white man had ever before ventured into the Big Canyon. Murphy was 57 years old and left a wife and family. He was a well-known mining man.

ICE TRUST HAS TIGHT GRIP

Buyers Out Independents and Binds Them to Stay Out.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Testimony designed to show the existence of a trust arbitrarily controlling New York's supply was introduced at today's hearing of the Metropolitan Ice Company's case. Several bills of sale, showing how the Metropolitan Ice Company had taken over independent concerns, were produced. In one of the bills the covenant, in addition to requiring the seller himself to refrain for 10 years from engaging in the ice business in New York, further bound him not to enter the employ of anyone engaged in the ice business or to assist in the formation of a corporation for that purpose during the time stipulated.

PEONAGE STORIES PROBED

Committee Investigating Lumber Camps of Northern Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 22.—A committee consisting of John C. Elder, Washington, D. C.; Congressman John L. Burnett, of Alabama; and Charles P. Neill, of Chicago, is taking testimony behind closed doors to ascertain whether a condition of peonage exists in the lumber camps of Northern Minnesota. A general investigation of the subject is in progress without regard to any criminal prosecution. The committee left tonight for Fargo, N. D., and then will go on to South Dakota.

BOTH MULTNOMAH MEN WIN

Frank Throws Platt and Miller; Mose Throws Parker.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Both Multnomah Club wrestlers won in their classes tonight at Dreamland Rink. Edgar Frank, 135 pounds, first threw Harry Platt, a former Coast champion, in 3 minutes, 45 seconds, and later disposed of Miller, of the Olympic Club. N. Mose, also of Multnomah, took the best two out of three bouts from Parker, Olympic Club, in the best bout of the evening.

CALCUTTA QUAKE SEVERE

Fatalities Estimated at 136 With 150 Injured.

CALCUTTA, Oct. 22.—The recent earthquake was the worst that has occurred over such a wide area in many years. The fatalities are reported at 136 and 150 persons were injured.

MURPHY TELLS OF HEARST'S PLEDGE

Promise of \$500,000 to Connors Not Kept.

CONNORS LEFT HOLDING SACK

Got "Fingy" Elected Chairman by State Leaders.

TAMMANY BOSS CHUCKLES

Says Hearst's Promise Caused Connors to Run Bills to Total of \$426,000, Which Are Still Awaiting Payment.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—"Fingy" Connors owes his election to the chairmanship of the Democratic State Central Committee to no less a personage than William R. Hearst, Charles P. Murphy today told how Hearst personally obtained the election of Connors over P. E. McCabe, of Albany, who had been promised the position by the state leaders. Hearst got McCabe out of the race by offering to put up \$500,000 as a campaign contribution, Murphy said. He told the story up to a certain point, then dismissed the subject with a chuckle, saying: "Connors will tell you the rest; he knows more about it than I do."

"I knew about a meeting between McCabe and Max Ihmsen in a room in the Iroquois Hotel," said Murphy, in answer to a question, "and McCabe told me later that Mr. Ihmsen on behalf of Mr. Hearst had offered \$500,000 for the expenses of the campaign. "Did Mr. Hearst later pledge himself personally to contribute that amount?" "I understand the arrangement was made between Mr. Hearst and Mr. Connors."

"Was all the money that Mr. Hearst promised put up?" "Connors has since told me he forwarded bills with vouchers to Mr. Hearst amounting to a good many thousand dollars—probably as much as \$426,000. Hearst did not pay them. The last time I saw Connors they had not been settled."

HEARST STILL HAMMERS AWAY

All Three Candidates Busy—Editor Promises Brooklyn Newspaper.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—All three of New York's Mayorality candidates—W. R. Hearst, independent; Otto T. Barnard, Republican; and William J. Gaynor, Democrat, were in the field again tonight, hammering away with campaign speeches, with election but nine days away. Hearst delivered four speeches in Brooklyn, having crossed the East River for the first time since the campaign opened; Barnard addressed seven mass meetings on the East Side, and Gaynor spoke at Long Island City and at Flushing. An attack on Gaynor constituted

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POISONED CANDY TO WIN BACK LOVE

ST. LOUIS WOMAN CONFESSES PLOT AGAINST RIVAL.

Accuses Her of Giving Candy She Had Poisoned and Thereby Retains Husband.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 22.—Mrs. Ninette L. Lillard, who yesterday accused Mrs. Maud Ridley of giving her poisoned candy, today confessed to the police that she had bought the candy and put the poison in it herself. She did so, she said, to turn Mrs. Ridley against her husband, R. W. Lillard, a newspaper reporter.

Mrs. Lillard's confession followed her identification by the clerk who sold her the candy. As she admitted the poisoning plot was her own, Mrs. Lillard fainted. Mrs. Ridley, who said she loved Lillard, was released on bail. She was charged yesterday with attempted murder. Tonight Lillard and his wife said there would be no prosecution of Mrs. Ridley. Mrs. Lillard in a signed statement said she had forgiven Mrs. Ridley. Her motive is expressed in the statement, as follows: "What I wanted and all I wanted was to protect myself from what I believed and still believe was an imminent danger. I believe I have accomplished that object. There is nothing more for me to do."

HENEY WINS ON RECOUNT

Majority of 65—Judge Finds No Evidence of Fraud.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—The recount of votes cast in the recent direct primary election for District Attorney on the Democratic ticket was concluded today and Francis J. Heney declared the party's legal candidate by a majority of 65 votes over Charles Fickett, Republican and union labor nominee for the same office.

Fickett protested the first count of the votes cast, alleging that fraud had been practiced in certain precincts which deprived him of the Democratic nomination.

The recount was ordered by Judge Murasky after a legal battle, and Heney's majority reduced from 88 to 65. Judge Murasky declared after the recount had been completed that there were no evidences of fraud.

DIVERS FIND OHIO'S MAIL

Hundred Seventy-Three Sacks Are Taken From Sunken Ship.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Divers working for the Vancouver Dredging & Salvaging Company this morning recovered the mails of the wrecked steamer Ohio, lying in Carrier's Bay. There were 16 bags of first-class and registered letters and 157 bags of second-class matter recovered, all of which will be turned over to the postal authorities here to take charge of.

Work of salvaging the steamer's cargo is proceeding slowly, but favorably.

JOIN IN NOTE TO RUSSIA

Powers Declare Themselves on Affairs in Manchuria.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 22.—A rumor was in circulation here tonight that the powers have addressed a joint note to Russia with regard to Manchurian affairs.

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MASONIC HONORS OF NOTE GRANTED

Portland Man Is Among Those Raised.

SUPREME COUNCIL ENLARGED

Scottish Rite Delegates From Abroad Received.

SCHISM IN ITALIAN RANKS

Noninterference of Masonry With Religion and Politics Emphasized—Thirty-third Degree Is Conferred on Many.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Interest in today's work of the supreme council for the Southern Jurisdiction, Scottish Rite Masons, centered in the election of four active members to fill vacancies created by death.

Grand Commander Richardson this afternoon in consistorial session conferred upon William Hayes Laird, of Winona, Minn., and Benjamin B. Allen, of Nashville, Tenn., the insignia of the Order of the Grand Cross. This order was conferred for distinguished services in the course of Scottish Rite Masonry.

Enter Royal Order of Scotland.

While the supreme council was in secret session today, Dr. F. J. Woodman, of Washington, D. C., acting junior grand warden of the Royal Order of Scotland, communicated the degree of high degree, Order of eight Masons of the Royal Order, including John W. Howerth, of Dallas, Tex., and Henry L. Poterth, of Portland, Or.

Other Councils Recognized.

Another event of interest was the recognition of representatives of other supreme councils, near the supreme council for the Southern Jurisdiction, all of them 33-degree Masons, active. These representatives of other Scottish Rite bodies were received by the grand commander and asked if they had any messages to present to the council. Mr. Moore, representing Italy, told of an interesting situation among the higher Masonic bodies of that country.

"About one year ago," he said, "there was a schism in the ranks of Italian Masonry, brought about by the action of certain members of the supreme council, who were also members of the Italian Parliament. There was pending in the Parliament a bill providing for non-secular schools and an amendment was offered to the bill. Eight members of the supreme council voted against the amendment and thereupon it was attempted to discipline them for their votes."

No Politics in Masonry.

"This mode of using Masonry in religious and political matters was disputed by the council. Mr. Moore, representing Italy, told of an interesting situation among the higher Masonic bodies of that country."

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BONI AGAIN FIGHTS FOR HIS CHILDREN

ASKS COURT TO SEND THEM TO SCHOOL HE CHOOSES.

Asks Money Penalty for Neglect, but Mother Objects on Grounds of Health.

PARIS, Oct. 22.—Count Boni de Castellane having insisted that his former wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, place the three sons of the Castellane-Gould marriage in a certain boarding-school and the Princess de Sagan having objected on the ground that the health of the children made such a step inadvisable, the case got into court.

The court asked that the Princess be ordered to comply with his wishes and further, that the court provide a penalty for neglect of the order in the shape of a settlement upon the children of \$100 per day for each day that their mother kept them from the school.

The counsel of the Princess said she was willing to place the children in school, as desired, but was prevented from doing so only by the condition of their health. The court promised a decision on October 29.

BACHELOR RENTERS LOSE

Must Marry or Indian Land Acreage Will Be Cut Down.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Hereafter a man who is not married will not be permitted to rent land of the Indians on the Umatilla reservation, according to rules just promulgated by the Department of Indian Affairs.

An exception is made in the case of a young man who resides with his parents on the reservation. Single men who are renters at present will not be ousted, but they must get married before the expiration of their present leases or only be permitted to lease 230 instead of 840 acres.

As an additional premium on matrimony married men with families who actually reside on their leased lands will be permitted to lease as high as 800 acres instead of 640.

Provision is also made for the elimination of grafting, which has prevailed to a great extent. Some of the more wily Indians have been able to reap rich commissions from would-be renters who were willing to pay in order to secure leases on certain lands. Hereafter the renters must make public bids, and anyone found paying commissions to secure leases will be denied the privilege of leasing any land on the reservation.

FLAMES THREATEN WINERY

West & Sons' Plant in Stockton Is Burning to Ground.

STOCKTON, Cal., Oct. 22.—George West & Sons' winery, one of the largest in the West, commenced burning shortly before midnight and at 1 o'clock this morning indications were that little of the plant would be saved, as it has no fire-fighting apparatus.

The fire started in the sherry room and spread to the brandy room, which exploded twice, scattering flaming alcohol and setting fire to buildings rods away. The loss probably will range between \$400,000 to \$600,000. The plant was fully insured. All of the Government records for this year were destroyed, but the bonded warehouse was saved.

HAWAII PEASANTS DREAM

Russians of Siberia Long for Jobs on Island Plantations.

HONOLULU, Oct. 22.—W. A. Perelstrov, the immigration agent who accompanied Immigration Commissioner A. L. Atkinson to Manchuria in his search for Russian immigrants, declares that over 100,000 Russian peasants want to come to Hawaii.

When the Russians who arrived here on the Siberia were listed hundreds of families pleaded for a chance to come. Great destitution exists among the families brought here by the Siberia. Some of the immigrants are veterans of the late war between Japan and Russia.

DOMINICAN REBELS GAIN

Capture Town After Bloody Fight and Land Many Guns.

CAPE HAYTIAN, Oct. 22.—The revolutionary movement in San Domingo continues to spread, according to delayed dispatches. The plans were fully executed. A sanguinary engagement at Villa Lobo has been fought between the insurgents and the government forces. The dispatches state that the insurgents attacked the town and took it after a severe engagement.

It is reported that General Desidero Alvarez has landed a thousand guns and ammunition between Monte Cristi and Fort Limberto.

BATTLE OPENS IN CHICAGO

Cummins and Aldrich to Speak. Iowa Man to Answer Cannon.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Senator Nelson W. Aldrich and Senator Albert B. Cummins are to speak simultaneously in Chicago the night of November 6.

Senator Aldrich will be the guest of the Commercial Club and will speak of the work of the monetary commission and is expected to outline indirectly what currency legislation Congress should enact.

Senator Cummins will speak before the Marquette Club and has announced that he will answer recent charges of Speaker Cannon.

JEFF JUST PINES FOR JOB AT BLACK

Nearly Fit, But Will Be Fitter.

BIG FELLOW READY FOR FRAY

Referee, Stakeholder, Place Only Questions Left.

FORMAL BIDS IN ORDER

Fight Goes to One Who Offers Biggest Purse—Theatrical Engagements Will Not Interfere With Presence at Ring.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—"Fight Johnson," repeated Jim Jeffries tonight when asked concerning his match with the negro. "Why, that's what I'm here for. Whatever Berger has signed up for goes. I don't know what it is but it goes."

"The division of the purse has been agreed on," put in Sam Berger, Jeffries' manager. "Johnson has conceded to us. That leaves only three points to settle: "First, the selection of a stakeholder. "Second, the referee. "Third, a place and time for the reception of bids."

"That's all there is to it. The fight will go to the highest bidder. There is no wrangle about that. Various tentative offers have been received, of course, but no formal bids.

"We ought to have a couple of weeks to get them all in, I should say, and then decision on them will fall automatically to the best responsible bidder."

"Will Jeffries consider any theatrical engagements?" "Nothing is going to interfere with our being on the spot when the time comes," responded Berger. "He might pick up a little expense money, but he will sign for no extensive tour and any engagement he does make will contain a release clause, guaranteeing his presence in the ring."

"How soon will he fight?" "That depends on the other fellow," said Berger. "Jeffries is pretty near it now, but he will be absolutely fit before he puts the gloves on."

After Jeffries had left, a little group of

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