SCOPE IS WIDENING

Millionaire Wall Street Magnates Implicated With Ruef.

INDICTMENTS ISSUE IN SHEAVES

Heney and Burns Assert That They Have Only Begun—Ruef Expected to Confess.

San Francisco, March 21.—Sixty-five indictments were filed by the grand jury today against Abe Ruef and 10 against T. V. Halsey, of the Pacific States Telephone company. They all charge bribery. Assistant District Attorney Heney and Federal Agent Burns assert that it is only a beginning.

The total amount represented in the indictments is $218,750. When to this is added the amount which went to Ruef and Schmitz, the total will reach $1,000,000 in five deals exposed today.

There are more deals of which the public has small conception. They include not only local magnates, but men who have mansions in New York, who have trafficked for special private gains in San Francisco for their corporations. It is understood that a power in Wall street who recently testified before the Interstate Commerce commission will be given an opportunity to defend himself.

Tonight Ruef and Schmitz are abject and forlorn. The entire board of supervisors has confessed. Schmitz is ready to do the same. Ruef is awakening rapidly. By the end of next week the indictments which will confront him will be mountain high. By that time it is expected that Ruef will offer to confess.

PUTER TELLS STORY.

Admits of Deals With Hermann to Steal Land.

Washington, March 21.—Oregon convicts occupied the limelight in the trial of Binger Hermann today, while men under indictment played minor roles. S. A. D. Puter, the government's heavyweight witness, was put on the stand this afternoon and began the narration of his relations with Hermann in connection with land operations that have subsequently turned out to be fraudulent.

Puter was preceded by Dan W. Tarpley, who told in considerable detail the manner in which he, Horace G. McKinley and F. P. Mays attempted to "get rich quick" through the absorption of land in the Blue mountain forest reserve.

The stories told by Puter and Tarpley did not throw any new light on either the Blue mountain or the 11-7 land fraud cases, which were threshed out in Portland. But the stories of both men were retold today to show their relations with Hermann and to aid the government in its efforts to show Hermann's motive for destroying the fateful letterpress copybooks.

STREETS ARE FLOODED.

All Business in Stockton Suspended by High Water.

Stockton, Cal., March 21.—Water is running through the streets of this city like a millrace. In some places it is six feet deep, while in others it varies from one to three feet, the latter being the mean average. All business is suspended, as most of the business houses are flooded and the people in many parts of the city are afraid to leave their homes.

No portion of the town escaped. Main, the principal business street of the city, is the high point, and even here the water averages nearly a foot in depth. All the cellars and many of the first floors of the business houses were submerged and the loss in the city alone will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Roadbed Torn Up by Slide.

Ashland, Or., March 21.—The continued rains of the past four days have badly demoralized the main Portland-San Francisco line of the Southern Pacific for a distance of 50 miles through the upper Sacramento canyon region in Northern California. The country most severely affected lies between Sisson on the north and Redding on the south. In this section the Sacramento river has played havoc with the railroad roadbed at various points, while at other places slides of serious proportions have added to the difficulties.

Prefers Federal Control.

New York, March 21.—Asked if he thought the conference between the railroad and the government would be beneficial, John D. Rockefeller said: "I cannot say. It is my idea that Federal control would be better for the roads. They would then understand the laws and plan ahead intelligently without one state's suddenly demanding one thing and another state being equally insistent on something entirely different."

State Will Pay Their Fare.

Concord, N. H., March 21.—A bill forbidding state officers to use or solicit free passes on the railroads passed both houses of the legislature today under suspension of the rules, following a report from the judiciary committee. By the bill the governor is authorized to contract for railroad transportation for members of the legislature and house of congress as needed.

FARMS UNDER WATER.

Sacramento River Never Known to Be So High Before.

Sacramento, Cal., March 22.—From all down-river points come alarming news that the Sacramento river is higher than ever known, and that the situation all along the levees is appalling. There is already suffering and every able-bodied man is assisting in the fight against the water that is pouring into the breaches and inundating thousands of acres of the finest farming land in the state.

Special dispatches to the Union from Freeport, Courtland, Walnut Grove and Franklin state that the river has reached the highest stage ever recorded, and it is predicted that the terrible scenes witnessed during the tremendous floods of 1904 will be surpassed.

Standing on the levee near Courtland one may see for 60 miles to the southeast across an unbroken sea of water which extends clear to Stockton.

Thousands of cattle are being sheltered on top of the levees, as there is no other place for them, and if the water does not fall soon an indescribable condition of disaster is considered inevitable.

This morning the blockade on the Southern Pacific lines was made complete, when the line to the East was made helpless by a washout of 200 feet of track at Applegate, but during the afternoon the situation changed for the better when, with the report that the Applegate washout had been repaired, came another stating that it was expected the track would soon be open through to Stockton.

A trestle was placed in the gap at the Applegate washout this afternoon and more trains were dispatched East. One of these, a Portland train, will be sent to Utah and via the Oregon Short Line. The Placerville line is in full commission again, but no trains are operated on the Marysville branch further than Wheatland.

On the Portland line no trains are running beyond Redding, the tracks being out at Keswick, Campbell and Kennett, and it is not expected that travel can be resumed beyond Redding for at least ten days.

ADDITIONAL TRAIN SERVICE.

Canadian Pacific to Enter Portland on O. R. & N. Tracks.

Portland, March 22.—Canadian Pacific trains will be running into Portland May 1.

Contracts were signed up here yesterday by traffic officials of the Canadian road with R. B. Miller, general freight agent for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, allowing the use of the tracks from Spokane to Portland. The Canadian Pacific now reaches Spokane by the Spokane International railway from the C. P. R.'s main line at the Canadian boundary.

Freight service from Portland to all points in Canada, as well as to the Atlantic seaboard, will be started May 1 by the new traffic arrangement. Passenger trains will be put on at a later date. Through passenger service is promised from Portland to St. Paul.

The use of the O. R. & N. tracks by Canadian Pacific equipment was arranged for recently at a conference between President G. M. Bosworth, of the Canadian line and Traffic Director J. C. Stubbs, of the Harriman system.

This meeting was held in Chicago a short time ago.

Historic Fort Swept Away.

San Francisco, March 22.—It is reported here that all reclamaion districts in Sutter county have been flooded. Near Meridian the water is in the second stories of the houses. Many families are said to be in want. Efforts will be made to send them relief. Probably all the stock in these districts has been drowned. The people of Yuba county district, above Marysville, are reported safe.

Near Tudor a break has occurred close to an Indian mound which was situated near the old iron fort brought from the East in sections by General John A. Sutter in the days before gold was discovered. The fort is reported to have been swept away.

More Steel Men Strike at Hammond.

Hammond, Ind., March 22. — The strike situation at East Chicago was intensified today when 3,500 men employed by the Inland Steel company, walked out. The reason for the walkout was the demand of the laborers for an increase of 25c per day. Six hundred men struck yesterday at the Interstate Steel company and 1,200 at the Republic Iron & Steel company, and the walkout today brings the total number of strikers up to more than 5,000 men. Some rioting occurred today and one of the strikers was beaten.

Austria Guards Frontier.

Vienna, March 22.—The Austrian minister of the interior has ordered a considerable increase in the number of gendarmes upon the Roumanian frontier in order to prevent riotous peasants from crossing the frontier and starting disturbances in Austria. The opinion is expressed at the foreign office that unless the Roumanian government promptly suppresses the agrarian movement in Roumania it is liable to soon get beyond control.

Giving Away Sage Money.

New York, March 22.—Announcement was made today that Mrs. Russell Sage has donated $150,000 to the American Seamen's Friend society, to be used by that body in the erection of a proposed sailors' home and institute. Mrs. Sage has also given $75,000 to the Syrian Protestant college, of Beirut, Syria.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FINE CROP OUTLOOK.

Eastern Oregon Farmers Rejoicing Over Recent Rain.

The Dalles—The rain and snow which fell here last week aggregated one inch moisture. Showers still continue and the snow on high elevations, which varied from four to six inches in depth, is gradually disappearing.

This will further retard plowing and seeding, which, owing to the miry condition of the soil, had but fairly begun throughout the country. When this last storm fell, farmers from the Tygh ridge wheat belt reported that the conditions for spring grain have not been as favorable in many years as now, because of the heavy freezing which loosened the ground to a depth of 18 inches, and the thorough soaking from the deep snow and heavy rain.

Owing to the long drouth and the lateness of fall rains, there is less acreage in winter wheat than usual, but under the present favorable conditions for spring seeding, there will be about the usual annual acreage in grain. The fruitgrowers regard the late snow storm as most beneficial, since it checks the budding until danger of killing frosts is past. No loss of sheep is feared, since lambing on the sheep ranges of the county has not yet begun.

Electric Line at Milton.

Milton—The Walla Walla Valley Traction company now has its tracks laid down to the head of Main street in this city, and it will be only a few days when there will be hourly service between this city and Walla Walla, Wash. This will be a great benefit to Milton and vicinity, and will materially aid the already rapid growth of Milton. This city is now in a very prosperous condition; all the principal streets are being brought to proper grade, and many changes for the better have recently taken place. There will soon be a $15,000 hotel erected.

Rate on Logs Will Stand.

Salem—The state railroad commission made public the result of the hearing at Dallas, in the case of the people of Falls City against the Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad company, protesting against the raising of rates by the road on logs and lumber. After an impartial hearing and investigation of the matter, and there being no further remonstrance against the rate being increased after it was thoroughly understood and had met the approval of the commissioners, it was decided to allow the railroad company to make the increase.

Abandon River Surveys.

Salem—Because the state legislature did not co-operate with the state legislature in appropriating more money for the work of the state geological survey in connection with the reclamation of arid lands throughout the state, District Hydrographer J. C. Stevens, of the United States geological survey, announces that part of the work will have to be abandoned and a number of the stations cut out for lack of funds to carry on the work.

Conference Proposal Received.

Washington, March 21.—President Roosevelt has received from governor Johnson, of Minnesota, the letter recently sent by him bearing on the subject of a national conference with a view to reaching a common understanding as to the powers to be exercised by the states in the event of an extension of Federal authority in railroad regulation. The president has discussed the queston and expects to promptly reply to Governor Johnston's suggestion.

La Grande Settlers Rejoice.

La Grande—Two thousand entrymen in this district, who have been waiting for a month to two years for patents from the government, will be affected by the president's recent instructions to the general land office to expedite the issuance of patents. The local land office is six months behind in the work here, a great majority of papers being held up in Washington.

Large Sums in Short Time.

Marshfield—Prominent business men of North Bend subscribed $70,000 in two hours at a special meeting for the purpose of establishing a building and loan association in that city. The capital stock of the association will be $100,000. It has been established for the purpose of aiding in the upbuilding of North Bend and Coos Bay.

Big Orchards in Jackson.

Medford—According to the report of Horticultural Commissioner Carson, of the Third district, 350,000 fruit trees have been added to the orchard wealth of Jackson county during the past year. The acreage reported exceeds 7,000, and of this amount, the larger portion has been devoted to Comice pears and Spitzenbergs.

Tax Money Received.

Oregon City—Sheriff Beatie has collected up to date about $190,000 in taxes. The time for the granting of rebates for prompt payment is over, and all the big taxpayers of the county have paid in.

Local Insurance at Eugene.

Eugene—The Merchants' Protective association has decided definitely to form a local mutual fire insurance organization, and a special meeting will be called within a few days for that purpose.

PRIZES FOR ESSAYS.

Sons of American Revolution Want Essays From Pupils of Oregon.

The Oregon society of the Sons of American Revolution offers prizes to the pupils of the public schools of the state of Oregon, for essays on subjects connected with our war for independence. Prizes of $30 and $20 will be given for the first and second best essay respectively, written on any of the following subjects: "Joseph Brant and the Indians of the Revolution," "Public Schools as a Means of Americanizing the Children of Aliens," "Separation of Church and State in America."

The essays are limited to three thousand words each, must be written in the student's own handwriting on one side only of the paper, and accompanied by a certificate of the writer's teacher, stating that the writer is a pupil in a designated class, and that the teacher believes the essay to be the pupil's own unaided work. The essay must be signed by the writer, giving also his or her postoffice address. They should be forwarded to Mr. A. M. Smith, Fenton building, Portland, Oregon, and should reach their destination not later than the 25th of May, 1907.

In awarding these prizes the committee will be governed by considerations of: Originality, accuracy of statement, manner of treatment, orthography, syntax and punctuation. These prizes are offered to encourage love of our country and the study of its history.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to General Thomas M. Anderson, care of The Bucknghan, Portland, Oregon.

Office Short of Clerks

Roseburg—The local land office says that there are from 500 to 600 final proofs awaiting action. Delay has been due to lack of clerical assistance, rather than to the president's former order, though action on some proofs was delayed to some extent by that order. Many of these cases have been pending since 1904, but most of them have accumulated since the reopening of this office, January 8, 1906, after a suspension of one year.

Ross Demands Inquiry.

Washington, March 20.—Reclamation Engineer D. W. Ross, in charge of government irrigation projects in Idaho, today telegraphed a demand for an immediate investigation of his work in Idaho, satisfied that a fair investigation will clear him of charges made by Special Inspector Greene. The reclamation service is unable to act, as Secretary Garfield has taken no action on Mr. Greene's report and has not even called for an explanation.

New Bank Examiner Chosen.

Salem—James Steele, of Portland, has been appointed state bank examiner. He is a brother of State Treasurer Steele and was one of the founders of the First National bank at Portland in 1868, and later was connected with the Merchant's National bank of that city.

Oregon Middy Graduate.

Washington—Ernest Durr, of Baker City, will graduate from Annapolis Naval academy this year, being the only midshipman from the Northwest to graduate this season, except Albert T. Church, of Boise. Church stands 12 in a class of 106.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 72c; bluestem, 74c; valley, 70c; red, 71c.

Oats—No. 1 white, $29@30; gray, $28@29.

Barley—Feed, $22.50 per ton; brewing, $23; rolled, $23.50@24.50.

Rye—$1.45@1.50 per cwt.

Corn—Whole, $24.50; cracked, $22.50 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, $15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $17@18; clover, $9; cheat, $9; grain hay, $9@10; alfalfa, $14.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32½@35c per pound.

Butter Fat—First grade cream 33½c per pound second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 15c per pound; mixed chickens, 14c; spring, fryers and broilers, 20@22½c; old roosters, 10@12c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 13@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18¾@20c; geese, live, 8c; ducks, 16@18c.

Eggs — Oregon ranch, 19½c per dozen.

Apples—Common, 75c@$1.25 per box; choice $1 50@2.00.

Vegetables—Turnips $1@1.25 per sack; carrots, $1@1.25 per sack; beets, $1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 7@8c per pound; cauliflower, $2.50 per crate; celery, $3.50@4 per crate; lettuce, head, 35@45c per dozen; onions, 10@12½c per dozen; sprouts, 9c per pound; radishes, 30c per dozen; asparagus, 10c per pound; rhubarb, $2@2.25 per box.

Onions—Oregon, 75@90c per hundred.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, fancy, $1.35@1.50; No. 1 choice, $1.10@1.25; common, 75c@$1.

Veal—Dressed, 5½@9c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 3@3½c per pound; cows, 5@6c; country steers, 6@7c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10@10½c per pound; ordinary, 8@9c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@9c per pound.

Hops—9@12c per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best 13@18c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@23c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 28@29c.

AFTER BIG ONES.

Mayor Schmitz and Boss Ruef May Go Free if They Tell All.

San Francisco, March 20.—Following the wholesale confession of members of the board of supervisors before the grand jury yesterday, there was a scramble today of bribetakers and bribegivers to get from under. The rush to Heney's office began with dawn and continued far into the night.

The greater part of the volunteer army was turned away, but a few who were able to throw new light on some of the bribery scandals were allowed to pour forth their tales of degradation.

It may be stated at the outset in positive terms that District Attorney Langdon and Assistant District Attorney Heney will grant immunity to those supervisors who have confessed. It may also be stated that every member of the original board, with possibly two exceptions, have confessed.

With equal positiveness it may be stated that the ultimate object of the prosecution is not the conviction of Mayor Schmitz and Abe Ruef. If Schmitz and Ruef will reveal the full details of their nefarious transactions and make conviction of the millionaire bribegivers doubly sure, they will either be pardoned after conviction or will be allowed to go free.

Should they refuse to confess the evidence at hand will be used against them, and it is sufficient to send them both to jail for the rest of their lives. Convictions can be obtained against Ruef which will result in a total penalty of 300 years. Each time Ruef birbed a supervisor he laid the foundation for a fresh indictment, and he bribed 15 of them time and time again.

AMERICANS IN PERIL.

Nicaraguans Threaten to Loot Captured Cities of Honduras.

Puerto Cortez, Honduars, March 16, via New Orleans, March 20.—A turn of sinister significance was given to the Central American war today by the finding on the persons of captured Nicaraguan soldiers proclamations promising them loot of the first cities which they can capture in both Honduras and Salvador.

Americans in Puerto Cortez are anxious, because American residents are the principal property holders of most of the Honduran cities. Any doubt as to the completeness of such a loot is dispelled not only by the wording of the proclamations, but by the experience had in 1894 by some of the persons not living at Puerto Cortez, who were present at the looting of Choluteca, Honduras.

LOST BRIDGES STOP TRAFFIC.

Child Drowned in Creek—Fruit Crop May Be Ruined.

San Jose, Cal., March 20.—More damage has been done by floods in the creeks in the last 24 hours than in the past 15 years. The washing out of bridges, notably the Southern Pacific on the Almaden branch, will stop all traffic from San Jose to Los Gatos by way of Campbell for weeks. The damage in the vicinity of the latter town will reach many thousand dollars.

Fruit farmers generally are of the opinion that there will be light crops this year, if some do not prove utter failures. The rains are believed to have washed out much of the pollen, which will prevent the blooms maturing into fruit.

At San Martin, Harold Bole, the 5-year old son of a well known rancher, fell into the swollen Lagas creek and was drowned. At Santa Clara several families were driven from their homes by the overflow of the Guadaloupe creek.

Unwilling to Presecute Fencers.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 20.—The announcement was made today that B. M. Auhserman, of Evanston, recently appointed United States district attorney for Wyoming by President Roosevelt, had declined to qualify for the office caused surprise in local political circles. It is reported here that the intention of the administration to insist upon criminal rather than civil prosecutions in the cases of illegal fencing of the public range had a bearing upon the decision of Mr. Ausherman. A new selection will be made.

Salt Lake is Isolated.

Salt Lake City, March 20.—Washouts on the Southern Pacific and on the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake roads, have isolated Salt Lake City temporarily from the Pacific coast. The iron bridge at Verdi, 20 miles west of Reno, Nevada, is out and a wagon bridge over the Truckee river at the same point is also down. No trains have arrived in this city or in Ogden from the coast since yesterday morning.

More Floods in Ohio Valley

Pittsburg, March 20.—The Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers are rising rapidly on account of heavy rains throughout Western Pennsylvania. Many small streams in this vicinity are already overflowing their banks. Forecaster Penny forecasts a 24-foot rise by tomorrow noon.

Suit for Kingston Insurance.

Kingston, March 20.—The first suit against the insurance companies to recover for losses sustained in the earthquake was filed yesterday. The Yorkshire company is the defendant. Other companies will soon be sued.

Successful Train Holdup.

Yekaterinoslav, Russia, March 20.—Ten armed men held up a train on the outskirts of this town today and secured $7,500 in cash, with which they made their escape.

SCHMITZ WEAKENING

Offered Terms to Heney Which Are Promptly Rejected.

COMPLETE SURRENDER EXPECTED

Heney as Dictator of the City Will Impeach and Remove the Mayor.

San Francisco, March 23.—This was by far the most sensational day in the local graft situation. Mayor Schmitz sent an emissary to Assistant District Attorney Heney and Detective Burns and asked for terms. When no proposals were forthcoming the agents of the mayor made a definite proposition.

They offered a confession from the mayor for complete immunity and his continuance in office until the expiration of his term on January 1 of next year. The offer was rejected with more speed than it was made and the negotiations came to a quick end. The mayor's emissaries are expected to return. It is not thought that they seriously believed that the prosecution would consent to the continuance of Schmitz in office. But it was simply to create a point on which they could yield in future negotiations.

Second only in importance to the overtures from the mayor were the revelation that 13 indictments had been voted against Abraham K. Detwiler, a capitalist from Ohio, who visited the Pacific coast last April in the interest of the Home Telephone company.

Plans for the future government of the city were evolved today by Mr. Heney District Attorney Langdon and Rudolph Spreckels. With graft reaching into almost every branch of the city affairs, the functions of government have broken down completely. Instead of an organized form of administration, Francis J. Heney is practically dictator of the city and county of San Francisco. The people are content to let him and his associates work out the problem. The plan is to keep the boodling supervispors in office for a time. They will obey Mr. Heney's orders. Of this there is no doubt. Should they refuse, indictment, trial and conviction and imprisonment would follow.

While the supervisors remain in office summary impeachment proceedings will be brought against the mayor, and he will be removed by a judge of the Superior court after a hearing, which will not occupy more than a few hours. Schmitz will be given a chance to resign to avoid dismissal.

After the ejection of Schmitz from the office the board of supervisors will be ordered to elect as his successor some man to be chosen by Mr. Heney, probably District Attorney Langdon. After the new mayor assumes office, Mr. Heney will order the 16 boodling supervisors to resign and they will resign.

FIGHT FOR PHILIPPINES

Senator Stone Says We Must If We Fight Japan.

Kansas City, March 23. — United States Senator William A. Stone, in the course of a speech here last night at the monthly dinner of the Knife and Fork club, said:

"If we are to have serious trouble with any nation, it will be with Japan. Japan wants the Philippines. I am not sure whether it would not be best for all concerned if she should get them, but one thing is certain, and that is, she will never get them with our consent. But we may have trouble in keeping them.

"Japan would seize the archipelago, and in a week. We could only send over a big enough fleet to wipe Japan from the sea. That would be a huge and costly task."

Trown Off Express Car.

Palestine, Tex., March 23.—As train No. 4 of the International Great Northern, north bound, was leaving Elkhart, 12 miles below here, last night, Express Messenger Winsley Womack of the Pacific Express company, was attacked and thrown out of the car. He was not missed from the train until Palestine was reached and a little later a telephone message was received from him at Elkhart, stating that he had been assaulted by robbers. The safe in the car was open when the train reached Palestine.

Brownsville is Furious.

Brownsville, Tex., March 23.—At a mass meeting of Brownsville citizens tonight resolutions were adopted expressing indignation because of what is termed an attempt being made both before the court martial at Fort Houston and before the senate committee at Washington "to clear the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth infantry of the crime committed against Brownsville on August 13 last by fastening the infamy on the town people themselves."

Great Fire in Navy-Yard.

Pensalcola, Fla., March 23.—Fire last night destroyed building No. 1 at the Pensacola navy yard, entailing a loss of $175,000. In addition to this loss the machinery and equipment for the gunboats Gloucester and and Isle de Luzon were destroyed.