



SCHMITZ INDICTED

Abe Ruef Also Caught by the Grand Jury.

EXTORTION CHARGED

Ruef is Arrested and Admitted to Bail in Sum of \$5,000.

SEVERAL INDICTMENTS FOUND

Mayor Schmitz Will Be Arrested as Soon as He Returns from His European Trip, Probably Next Week.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—The grand jury which has been in session the past week in San Francisco, under the tuition of Francis J. Heney, this afternoon found separate indictments against Mayor Eugene Schmitz and Abraham Ruef on charges of extortion. The first alleged crime was committed in connection with the Poodle Dog restaurant, and the indictment recites that Abe Ruef and Mayor Schmitz demanded money from Tony Bianco, proprietor of the restaurant, and his business would be closed unless he complied with the demand. As this demand, it is stated, was made on two occasions, two indictments were returned.

Extortion is also declared to have been practiced upon Ed Marchand, proprietor of the Marchand restaurant, and the demand was made twice and two indictments were returned. Demands were also made upon Joe Malfanti, another restauranter, and were made frequently, and for this attempt, fifty indictments were returned. After reading the indictments Ruef was arrested and arraigned before Judge Muraski, who fixed his bail at \$10,000, or \$5,000 cash. As soon as Mayor Schmitz returns from his European trip, probably next week, he will be met at the train by the sheriff and arrested.

The grand jury are still continuing their investigations of graft against Ruef and Schmitz and it is anticipated that over one hundred indictments will be returned. The grand jury are taking an interest in the graft scandal and will probe every charge to the bottom.

At 7 o'clock this evening Abe Ruef proceeded in an automobile to the home of Superior Judge Muraski, where he surrendered himself to Sheriff O'Neil, who met Ruef by appointment. Representatives of a surety company accompanied Ruef to Judge Muraski's home and qualified on Ruef's bonds, which amount on five counts, to \$50,000. An order to release him from custody was then made by the judge. When asked for a statement, Ruef said: "John D. Rockefeller was indicted yesterday and I am indicted today. The matter is too absurd to be worth a statement from me. All I ask is an immediate trial on the charges on which I have been indicted by the grand jury."

In the presentation of the indictments against Schmitz and Ruef, Assistant District Attorney Heney has fulfilled his promises that the first action taken by the grand jury would be to accuse Ruef with felony. This prophecy was made in open court two weeks ago, but nothing was said then that the mayor would be drawn into the scandal. The indictment of Ruef was expected by the public, but the people were not prepared for immediate action against the city's chief magistrate, who is now on the Atlantic, returning from a visit to Europe. There has been great complaint against these restauraters during the past two years from pulpit and press, the accusation being made that they were immoral and a menace to the

welfare of the public. So-called restaurants were combinations of eating houses, lodging-houses and liquor resorts. They were destroyed by fire in April. They were suppressed two years ago, but later were reopened with "some restrictions." Soon they were running again along the same old lines. Some of the newspapers made charges at the time that a fund had been collected amounting to thousands of dollars to induce the officers to lift the embargo. The accusations further allege that a monetary tax of \$5,000 was paid by the restauraters for protection. It has never been directly charged that the mayor was connected with the payment of the so-called corruption fund, but no hesitancy was used in connecting Ruef's name with obtaining the illegal money.

FRISCO GRAFTERS.

Large Sum of Relief Money Unaccounted For.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—James D. Phelan, former mayor of San Francisco, has been elected president of the California branch of the American Red Cross society. He has made a strong defense of the relief methods following the fire. The total subscriptions were fixed at about \$9,000,000. Of this, only about \$6,000,000 was received and a trifle more than \$4,000,000 expended. The puzzling deficit between these figures and the glowing estimates of \$20,000,000 sent out when the money was being collected apparently will not be straightened out.

FORGED CHECKS.

Two Young Girls Secure Money From Seattle Firm.

EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 15.—The managers of two Everett business houses are anxious to learn of the whereabouts of two pretty and stylishly dressed young women who worked them to a frazzle yesterday. The young women succeeded in passing two forged checks on Mann Bros. for \$68. When pursued they fled to the brush on the outskirts of the city and effected an escape.

STORMING IN IDAHO

Big Warehouse Blown Down at Napa by Severe Wind.

THREE MEN ARE INJURED

Water is Three Feet Deep in Wallace, Idaho, Trees Uprooted and a Number of Small Residences Demolished.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 15.—A brief dispatch today reports a windstorm of unusual severity at Napa, Idaho, where the big warehouse belonging to the Western Idaho Sugar company, craved in at both ends and was unroofed. Three men were painfully injured. Telegraphic communication with Napa and Boise is cut off. Wires between Glenn's Ferry and Mountain Home are down. The storm is believed to be general in Snake river valley and western Idaho.

A telephone message to Missoula from Wallace, Idaho, says that the water is three feet deep in the streets of the city, the rain having been falling for the past three days and was accompanied by a terrific windstorm this morning. Trees were uprooted and considerable damage done to small buildings, several being demolished.

BOYS PLEAD GUILTY.

Murdered William Powell Near Cottage Grove.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 15.—Thomas Reeves and Hugh Saxon, of Portland, who killed William Powell, an aged peddler, near Cottage Grove, one night last August, were brought into court again yesterday and their plea of not guilty to the charge of murder in the second degree was withdrawn and they entered a plea of guilty to the charge of manslaughter. They will be sentenced Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

TOWN OF CATLIN SWEEPED OUT OF EXISTENCE

Two Saw Mills and Store and Every Building is Swept by the Flood.

FORTY FARMERS MAROONED ON COWLITZ ISLAND

Train Traffic Between Tacoma and Portland Entirely Suspended and Passenger Trains Reach Castle Rock and are Compelled to Return to Portland With All the Passengers.

RESIDENTS OF CATLIN RECEIVE WARNING AND FLY TO HILLS

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WIRES ARE DOWN IN EVERY DIRECTION—STORM RAGING IN EASTERN WASHINGTON AND CITIES AND TOWNS INUNDATED, WHILE RIVERS ARE CONSTANTLY RISING.

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—Several lives are reported lost; forty persons said to be marooned on an island in the Cowlitz river, Washington; the town of Catlin is entirely swept away by the same river; railroad traffic between Puget Sound and Portland is at a standstill and entirely suspended. The railroads of western and northwestern Washington are in the same condition. The O. R. & N. company is temporarily blockaded by mud slides at Dodson. The telegraph and telephone between here and Seattle are out of commission and wire traffic to eastern Oregon and Washington is almost at a standstill. Hundreds of thousands of dollars damage has been caused in the districts back of the Sound country. In Yakima county the damage will run up into the thousands. In southwestern Washington much damage has been done to the logging interests. Up to tonight it is impossible to estimate the damages wrought by streams and creeks of Washington which are thundering torrents as the result of the great torrential downpour of the past three or four days. On the Cowlitz, which tonight is the most serious menace, the town of Catlin has been washed away. Happily in this case, the inhabitants had sufficient warning to get to the highlands. In this same district there is a rumor that forty farmers who have taken refuge on an island are in serious danger, unless the Cowlitz stops its raise.

Regarding storm conditions in eastern Washington, Wire Chief Wingate of the Western Union, says a portion of the state is not suffering from the effects of the storm except by loss of train and telegraph service: "I have received a report from Wenatchee in central Washington, that the railroad and county bridge are all gone and the lowlands are flooded along the Wenatchee river. Trains arrived in Spokane today practically on time except the Seattle trains. I have heard no reports of trouble north of Walla Walla."

According to statements made by passengers who arrived here today from Tacoma, the Cowlitz valley is a vast inland ocean for miles, the railroad grade stretching like a ribbon across it, being the only land in sight. These passengers state that at Seattle little or no damage has been done by the storm, it being in the rural districts to the east and south where the storm has wrought the most havoc. According to a telegram from Saturday until Wednesday, since which there has been no communication with the Sound, the rain poured down as if shot through a pipe. Accompanied by heavy winds, made it hazardous for people to venture out. They give the Northern Pacific railroad high praise for the efforts to keep its traffic moving. Passengers are brought from Tacoma by boat and from there brought to Portland over the normal route. Even this is no longer possible since the bridges at Olega and Kelso have been swept away.

The north bound passengers which left here on these roads were unable to get by Castle Rock and most of them returned to Portland. On the O. R. & N. railroad a mud slide at Dodson today threatened to tie up traffic indefinitely, but reports tonight are that its size is greatly exaggerated, and the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific will leave here on time tomorrow. The telegraph and telephone lines north of Portland are prostrated, there being no communication whatever with any point further than Kalama. This afternoon apparently a serious break occurred in the Western Union wires east of Umatilla and Spokane, where it is understood are cut off from communication east, and are threatened with complete isolation. This evening the wires were recovered with fair prospects of normal conditions obtaining within a few hours.

According to District Forecaster Beals of the Weather Bureau, the center of the storm has passed the Rocky Mountain range and it is the after effects which are now doing the damage. The forecast for the district for tomorrow is occasional rains, with much lower temperature, which portends a speedy cessation of the floods. At Vancouver, Wash., the Columbia river has raised four feet during the past twenty-four hours.

WIND AT EUGENE.

Trees and Fences Blown Down—River High—Little Rain.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 15.—A heavy wind storm occurred early this morning, but no great damage resulted. Several windmills, trees and fences were blown down. The river is eight feet above low water mark, the highest this year, caused by the warm weather of the past few days melting the snow in the mountains. But little rain has fallen here.

TANNER FILES ANSWER.

Claims President's Pardon Releases Him from Disbarment.

SALEM, Nov. 15.—In his answer to the disbarment proceedings against him before the supreme court this morning, which was received by mail, Judge A. H. Tanner, by his counsel, W. W. Cotton and C. E. S. Wood, admits the principal allegation in the complaint, but denies that the plea of guilty amounts to a conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude, and that no indictment was ever entered against him on the charge of perjury.

That he was granted an unconditional pardon by the President of the United States, June 26, 1906, which exonerated him of crime and exempted him from disbarment proceedings. That the perjury occurred before the grand jury, as a citizen, and not in his professional capacity. He then recites the history of the case and the part he took in the celebrated Mitchell conspiracy case.

GENEROUS BAKER.

Will Make State a Present of Printing Plant.

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—Frank C. Baker, ex-state printer of Oregon, will, at the coming session of the legislature, make the state a present of his printing plant at Salem, used by the state since 1886, when Baker was elected state printer for the first time. He states in his announcement of the fact that he can well afford to make the present to the people, since they, by his election, gave him the opportunity to make the value of the plant many times over. He says that for eight years during his incumbency of the office he made \$25,000 a year net out of the plant and that recently he offered Willis S. Duniway, incoming state printer, \$20,000 a year for the state printing and the offer was refused.

CASE DISMISSED.

Tillamook Tollgate Case Thrown Out of Court.

TILLAMOOK, Nov. 15.—The only criminal case that came up this term of the Circuit Court was that of the parties who destroyed the Wilson River toll-gate. Indictments were returned against J. F. Reher, W. Dillingsworth, Will Hadley, Earl Stanley, and Ernest Belitz by District Attorney McNary for this offense. The case was thrown out of court on a demurrer to the complaint, Judge Bennett claiming that the gate was real property and not personal property, as alleged in the complaint. So the case was dismissed against the accused.

POOR PITTSBURG.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 15.—With detections from neighboring states here in the hope of finding crooks of international reputation, there has been no apparent cessation in the crimes that have stirred Pittsburg, within the last two weeks.

During last night and early this morning scores of people were arrested on the streets as suspicious characters.

NEGRO HARRIS SHOT

Man Who Killed Two Asheville Policemen Killed.

TOOK REFUGE IN A BARN

One Hundred Men Surrounded the Barn and Opened Fire Upon the Negro Who Attempted to Escape the Posses.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 15.—Will Harris, the negro, who killed two Asheville policemen and three negroes Tuesday night, was shot by a posse today near Fletcher, about ten miles south of here. At 8 o'clock this morning, word was received that the negro had been discovered in a barn near Fletcher and aid was requested. One hundred men left Asheville and upon arriving at the place surrounded the barn. Fire was opened by the posse upon the negro, who attempted to escape several times, returning the fire, until he was finally killed. He was a desperate character and has been a terror to this vicinity for several months, and there was a large reward for him, dead or alive.

"IDES OF NOVEMBER."

Hon. Bourke Cochran to Trot in Double Harness.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The marriage of Miss Anna Ide, the eldest daughter of Governor General Henry E. Ide, of the Philippine Islands, to Congressman Bourke Cochran, is to take place today at the Hotel St. Regis. Miss Ide's trousseau is said to be unusually beautiful. The gowns are all from Paris and made by the best dressmakers in the French capitol.

Mr. and Mrs. Cochran will start immediately after the marriage for a prolonged honeymoon abroad. They will take a trip up the Nile, Paris and London will be visited on the way back to this country.

FISHERMEN RESCUED

Men on Cowlitz Island Rescued by Steamer.

KELSO UNDER WATER

Towns of Castle Rock, Lexington and Ostrander are Submerged by Water.

BUSINESS IS ALL SUSPENDED

Greatest Danger to Life Was in the Town of Lexington, Where One Hundred Inhabitants Had a Very Narrow Escape.

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—A special to the Oregonian from Kelso tonight states that eight families of fishermen, living in houseboats at the junction of the Cowlitz and Columbia rivers, who were reported today as being marooned and in serious danger of being swept away by the raging torrents, were rescued this evening by the steamer Burton, which had been sent from Portland for that purpose.

Another special from Kelso filed at nine o'clock tonight, states that the towns of Castle Rock, Ostrander and Lexington are submerged by water, and most of the inhabitants have fled to the hills. Every bridge in that part of the country has been swept out. At Kelso, the water is over twenty feet above low water mark, and is rising at the rate of half an inch an hour. Business of all kinds is entirely suspended, the people being engaged in trying to save their household property and moving it to places of safety.

The greatest danger to life was at Lexington, which is at the junction of the Cowlitz and Columbia rivers. The town was submerged during the afternoon and about one hundred inhabitants were in considerable danger. Boats were sent to their rescue by people from the surrounding settlements. Lexington tonight is under seven feet of water. There is not a single person in the town. Buildings and stores have been swept away and the damage to the four towns will amount to a quarter of a million dollars.

NEW EXPRESS COMPANY.

North American Company Controlled by the Rock Island.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The Tribune says the North American Express company, which was incorporated in Maine, with an authorized capital of \$25,000,000 has been organized by the Rock Island interests, it is now learned, and designed to operate on the lines of the Rock Island system, as well as to carry on a general express business. The United States Express company and Wells, Fargo & Company, handle most of the express business of the Rock Island and its controlled roads.

It is said that in deciding to organize their own express company the Rock Island management has taken the ground that the handling of express matter is highly profitable, is as logically a part of the business of a railway as is the handling of freight traffic. The Gould lines and the Hill roads have their own express companies.

FINE STEAMER BURNED.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 15.—A special to the Detroit News says: The Canadian steamer Strathmore was burned November 8 at Michipicoten Island, Lake Superior. The crew was saved.