ABE RUEF TO TELL

GRAFT OPERATIONS

Former Boss of San Francisco

WILL WRITE OF PARTS

Stung to Quick by Editorials

in Which He Is Referred

to as "Hyena,"

(Un)ted Press Lessed Wire.)

San Francisco, April 6,--Stung to se-

orisal by a recent editorial in a Ham

Francisco morning paper, in which he

was described as a "human hyena" and

a "acriy, cunning, cyntral rogue," whose

arole from San Quentin prison would

lose for the city the respect of rep-

utable men the world over," Abraham Ruef, once all powerful political boss

of San Francisco, today in the San Fran-cisco liulietin, publishes a partial state-

ment of his connection with the graft which made his name notorious.

Is to Make Autobiographi-

cal Statement of Events of

PLAYED BY OTHERS

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His Life.

1 If St. Francis Dyke Breaks Thousands of Acres of Tillable Land in Two States Will Be Inundated.

ENGINEERS GIVE UP ALL HOPE OF STOPPING FLOOD

Practically All of Eastern Part of Arkansas Is Covered With Backwater.

(United Press Leased Wirk.) Memphis, April 6 -All hope of saving the St. Francis levee and the St. Francis basin was abandoned today by government officials and engineers. A lozen weak spots were reported simulaneously shortly before noon in the Bt Francis levee, and it appears corain that the dykes will soon go out.

This means that thousands of acres of thinkle soil in Tennessee and Mississippi will be inundated. It is feared that a break in the St. Francis levue will destroy the \$5,000,000 railroad bridge here. The crest of the flood is not expected before Sunday and with the bursting of the levee it is not be-lieved the structure will be able to withstand the terrific pressure which will be placed upon it.

rartically the entire eastern part of Arkansas is covered with the back water from the flood. Thousands of refugees are arriving from the low-lying districts. They are being tem-porarily quartered in the public buildings and private homes. The situation in the surrounding country is growing worse Lourly. It is conservatively eslimated that 20,000 persons are home-

Five hundred refugees, who arrived here today from Tiptonville, Tenn., re-ported that every house in Lake county, Tenn., was completely submerged. The sudden break of the levee yesterday is said to have left many persons stranded on Lousetops and trees. Mayor Crump of Memphis, today "shanghated" 586 tion to stop a break in the leves there

St. Louis, April 8,-The break in the icree below Hickman, Ky., is 360 feet wide and no attempt has been made to stop up the gap, according to an of-ficial report received here today from the weather bureau at Cairo, III.

The river has fallen three inches at Hickman and a foot at the break," said the report.

One report save:

Conditions at Columbus, Ky., are terrible. People who were perched on top trees were floated away on the flood waters. A common danger among the flood victims is the fear that some relative has disappeared and they refuse to leave threatened territory until they receive assurances that other relatives are safe. "As I was leaving Columbus I saw i

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NEW PROSECUTION OF PHILLIPS URGED UPON DEPOSITORS

Committee's Report Roasts Cruel and Inhuman Treatment Governor Hay for Failure to Remove Bank Examiner-Alleged Swindles Recited.

(Special to The Journal.)
Vancouver, Wash., April 6.—Deposttors of the defunct Commercial bank day, April 13, at 1 o'cfock The meeting was called to order by

Attorney R. C. Sugg read the report ust, his absence of several months, and the depositors' committee. In explanation while reading, Sugg said:
"At the time the bank closed W. C. "At the time the bank closed W. C. Miller owed something like \$7000 in personal notes. He had a contract for a piece of land and in some manner had immediately. Presiding Judge A piece of land and in some manner had immediately. Presiding Judge Mrs. J. R. Harvey, who held title to the land, deeded it directly to the Comclaint the woman's complaint was sufhand, deeded it directly to the Com-mercial bank in December, 1910. Mo-hundro, state bank examiner, and the lank officials deeded it back to Miller, but he never recorded the deed. Rebut he never recorded the deed. Re-ceiver Kles held the deed to the bank and in January, 1911, crowded Miller to settle or he would sell the land to pay the claim, whereupon Miller took the deed from his pocket and said, I guess you will not, moreover, I going to mortgage that land.'

Fowed \$2000 on it, paying the bank to July, 1911, she alleged Kruse conthe other \$2000 in his pocket. He later ceeded the land back to the bank, subject to the mortgage.
This transaction was known to Mo-

hundro and when Dr. Chalmers and my-self told Governor Hay, he said: "If that he true I will fire Mohundra." "This is what we refer to as the notorious Miller deal."

To the Depositors of the Commercial Bank-Your committee wishes to report to you as follows:

"We believe we have made a careful investigation into the affairs of the de- into contracts to furnish and take funct institution. We desire here to charge of the Carlton hotel, carrying

Miss Eather Mercy, a former student of Chicago university, sued Dean Marion Talbot for \$100,000 for alleged defamation of character. Miss Mercy claimed she was expelled because she accepted a \$250 hat from her flance, a divorced Chicago business man.



DIVORCE GRANTED MRS. KRUSE, WIFE OF HOTEL KEEPER

Charged; Recent Disappearance One Cause; Property Settlement Made.

A divorce was granted yesterday afclosed to Marie E. Kruse from Theoat 10 o'clock this morning and dore Kruse, proprietor of the Louvre after the report of the committee was grill and Belvicere hotel, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. One of the chief forms of cruelty, alleged the woman, was his sudden and mysterious Dr. J. M. P. Chalmers, chairman, and disappearance from Portland last Aug-

While yesterday was the regular court ficient to grant her the decree and restoration of her former name, Marie

Attorney Thomas G. Greene represented the woman, while Attorneys E. E. Coovert and W. A. LaRoche appeared for Kruse.

Says He Plirted.

In the complaint it is set forth they were married September, 1909, at Gearhart. During the months of January to July, 1911, she alleged Kruse consisting chiefly of treating her with contempt around the Belviders hotel and Louvre, this treatment in the presence and observation of friends and guests. Such treatment was greatly hu-miliating and injurious to her health. said the woman. She also charged he often flirted with female guests and customers, which action was noted and commented upon by the employes and

friends. In the spring of 1911, Kruse entered funct institution. We desire here to report the results of our investigation as fully as possible.

Rew Prosecution Is Urged.

"We find upon investigation that the officers of the bank were guilty of fraudulent entries in its books. This was afew days weeks after his disappearance, alleged the plaintiff, Kruse wrote har from

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WILSON IS HAILED AS EXPONENT OF TRUE DEMOCRACY

One Hundred of Leading Democrats of Oregon Stand Up and Cheer When C. E. S. Wood Lauds Candidate.

One hundred and more of the first erhoon shortly before the circut court Democrats of Oregon gathered at the meeting of the Jackson club in the Medical building last night, rose to their feet and cheered with the spontaneous fervor of men who espouse a patriotic cause when Colonel C. E. S. Wood, in what might be termed the keynote speech of the Democratic primary campaign, halled Woodrow Wilson as the candidate of the plain people, the choice of true democracy, and the foe to the end of special privilege

and the 'big interests."

It was a meeting of rare spirit. In striking indication of the deep interest in the coming battle, so many Democrats crowded into the meeting hall that every seat was taken.

More chairs were brought in, but they didn't half go around. Finally some of the younger men commandeered the president's desk and the secretary's table, shoved them against the wall, and in a twinkling a fozen smiling Democrats had perched upon them. But even at that, many who couldn't get any kind of a seat stood along the walls. too eager to hear to mind the incon venlence.

Points Way to Victory. Colonel Wood, speaker of the even-ing, launched into his subject with

vigor. In the course of his speech he took up each Democratic candidate and his record in detail, pointed out the objections and good points, then told why Woodrow Wilson was the man of all to lead the way to victory.

A great opportunity, he said, was be-fore the Democratic party, but he emphasized especially that Wilson was not a man for Democrats alone, but for the Democracy of the country, regardless of party name. He was frequently interrupted with enthusiasctic applause. Colonel Wood said in part:

"In the first place, I think we Democrats will miss the whole point of the campaign, and the whole issue, if we think that this is a great effort only for the Democratic party as a party It is, in my opinion, the great opportunity in a generation for Democracy, and the Democratic party will only avail (Continued opprage Three.)

Expelled Co-Ed Wins Damage Suit GIRL WITH \$250 HAT IS AWARDED DAMAGES AGAINST DEAN TALBOT

> Chicago Jury Cuts Down the Amount Demanded by Esther Mercy, Student.

Chicago, April 6 - Dean Marton Talbot of the Chicago University must pay Miss Esther Mercy \$2100 damages. This. at least, is the amount awarded Miss. Mercy by a jury today to her suit for \$190,000 damages brought against Dean Taibot on charges that she had attacked her character. Mine Mercy, a co-ed at the university, was expelled by Dean Taibot, and the jury ruled that she had assailed Miss Mercy's character, when, in dismissing her, she said.

"Go I consider you no better than woman of the streets.

Several hundred university students and co-eds who had gathered in the porridors cheered when the vardict was Mins Mercy said she was entirely satisfied with the result of the trial, declaring she sought vindication rather than financial gain

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS NOT STRATEGIC IN WAR

Washington, April 6 - "America must center its strength in defending Hawaii, ian Francisco and Alaska. Let the Phil ippines go without a struggle."

This was the advice given the senate finance committee by Brigadier General recling it was of no use to deny that Cinrence Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, when he discussed before it the possibility of a war centering in the Pacific.

any power decided to selse the cried out, 'Hullo' Philippines," said General Edwards, would let it do so. But the ownership

TWO DEAD IN TEXAS AFTER PISTOL -DUEL

Beaumont, Texas, April 6.-- M. A. Knight and W. C. Whitney, building contractors and leading citizens of Besumont, are both dead today as a result of a pistol duel. They had quarreled over work. Both men leave widows and families.

FATHER BUYS BACK DISCARDED FAMILY NAG

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Pomona, Cal., April 6.—A. H. Wittman gave a youth \$5 to shoot his derepit family horse. Yesterday he purchased a new animal at Chico and drove "Oh, pa," shricked son Thomas, "that's old Nell." It was.

But He Saw the Ball Game.

(United Press Leared Wire.)

"Alameda, Cal., April 6.—"I just can't mirs that ball game," sighed S. A. Hagy as he saw a thief leap from a park bound street car with his wallet and \$100 in valuables. He rode on to the game while the thief escaped.

Jack Roberts, Ex-Convict. Held in Auto Tragedy, Is Identified as Man - Who Slept Near Scene of Crime.

SHOTGUN AND CLOTHES SAME, SAYS GARDENER

Sheriffs Confident They Are Nearing Climax in Investigation of Case.

Still another hitch was taken this torning in the evidence that is fast gathering around Jack Roberts, ex-conict, as the man suspected of murder ing George Hantings and Donald Stew-art on the Whitebouse road a week ago Carl Rusnets, an old gardener working at Riverdale, identified Roberts as a man he had kept all night and fed on the Sunday before the crime. The identification took place at litter-date where Sheriff Stevens, with Dep-uty Archie Leonard and Sheriff Mass f Clarckamas county, had taken Rob-ite in an automobile. It was complete, iven Roberts himself helped to draw he not tighter around himself, as if Ruenetz knew him

As the old gurdener approached the automobile to look closer at the suspect Roberts, who had been watching him,

This identification is considered of great importance by Sheriff Stevens, of the 'slands would be one of the for it establishes beyond a doubt that things to be considered after the war Roberts had been staying near where the closed. The important points to be gained in a Pacific war would be beforehand. It is regarded as more than a coincidence that his sudden departure took place the same night that Stewart and Hastings were killed. Ruenetz told Sheriff Stevens an ineresting story of his experience with

Roberts. It was on Sunday night, just Ruenetz said that he wore the same poculiar pea jacket and the same slouch hat, and carried the same double barreled shotgun that he had on the day he was arrested. He had a black moustasche then, however, the gardener said, and Educating heartily graced at the same slouch hat a same double barreled shotgun that he had on the day he was arrested. He had a black moustasche then, however, the gardener said, and Educating heartily graced at refuse to testify against Perman Report to the formula of the companion of the same shouch has a result of the same shouch hat he had on the day he was arrested. He had a black moustasche then, however, the gardener said. The appearance of a heavily armed each stop. He closed the day with a man at that time of night—it was meeting at the Auditorium here. nearly 9 o'clock-and Roberts' general appearance aroused Ruenetz's suspi-

cions, but he said nothing. Sleeps in Log Cabin.

breakfast.

up eight years ago by a man named structive statesman." Thompson.

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AVIATION PROGRESS



Boss to "Peach"

Ruef, who will write : tory of life, telling of his connection with San Francisco grafting.

LA FOLLETTE MAKES REMARKABLE RECORD IN NEBRASKAN TOUR

Progressive Candidate Delivers 22 Addresses Before 15,000 People in a Day.

Lincoln, Neb., April 6.—Traveling 200 miles and making 22 spesches to 15,000 persons is the remarkable record with two weeks ago, that Roberts appeared the said making 23 speeches to 15,000 at Ruenetz's bome on Falastine Hill persons is the remarkable record with and asked to be put up for the night. which Senator Robert M. La Follette

meeting at the Auditorium here,

The section around Omaha is the Wisconsin man's field today, with Omaha his objective point tonight. Monday and Tuesday will be spent in western New What Ruef will tell when the He told Roberts he might sleep in a little log cabin, used as a playhouse by the children near the house, and Roberts immediately will depart for the Pacific coast Wednesday evening.

Boberts immediately went over there and turned in. He slept there until 2 o'clock the next morning, when he appeared at the house and asked for the initiative and referendum and trust

La Foliette predicted that he will carry Nebraska, Utah, Oregon and Cal-

"It had been intended by Ruef," the Bulletin says in a foreword, "to tell the whole story of how public officials are

orrupted and the public itself exploited because private interests are per-mitted to own the people's necessities and to make millions overnight by capitalizing privileges that have been secured from the people's representatives through bribery."

In Dread of Indictments. This plan, the paper says, was abandoned because many indictments still hanging over Ruef might be used to make the former boss suffer bitterly for giving offense to the powerful ene-

nies his story would expose. The Bulletin directly mentions the names of Patrick Calboun of the United Railroads, William F. Herrin of the Southern Pacific and Frank Drum of the San Francisco Gas company as men who have moved heaven and earth to pro-Eugene E. Schmitz at his recent trial here, and declares that Drum, through Garret McEnerney, his counsel, made

Makes Signed Statement. What Ruef will tell when the indiet! ments against him are dismissed-as has already been advised by District Attorney Fickert-is set forth in a

be profound. Solitude, restraint, con-Ruenetz invited him in and engaged him in conversation while they ate. Roberts was very talkative. In the course of his speech here La Foliette declared that "Roosevelt does thought. Since the heavy doors of the conversation, the gardener remarked toat he had been held up eight years are by a many wears a and influences which ended so igno-miniously a life full of hope. I have reflected; I have studied; I have con-sidered the causes, the effect, the sur-(Continued on Page Three.)

SAILING VESSEL HAS ROUGH VOYAGE, 144 DAYS AROUND HORN

Mutiny and Disaster Mark the Journey of the William P. Frye, Philadephia to Frisco.

San Francisco, April 6.—After a haz-ardous voyage of 144 days, marked by mutiny, disaster in storms and death, the sailing vessel William P. Frye is in port here from Philadelphia.

Trouble started almost before the

vessel, with a crew of green hands, left the Delaware river November 13. free for all fight started among a num-ber of drink crazed sailors, with the ber of drink crazed sanors, with the result that three jumped overboard and two were drowned. In December the ship fought a gale lasting a week off Cape St, Rogue, and was saved just as the crew were about to abandon her in despair. For three days in January she rode out a sou'wester off Cape Horn that shifted her cargo. One of the sailors had a leg broken during the storm.
Finally after further rough weather. when all hands thought the voyage was about to end, adverse winds or no winds at all kept the ship drifting about in the open sea within a few miles of port for many days, unable to make the har-

MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK LAST DAYS FOR REGISTERING

Monday and Tuesday of next week are the only days left for registration after today. There will unquestionably be a rish of the tarly ones on these days, and all who can do so should visit the court house this atternoon or this evening, as the books will be held open until \$0'clock.

Today's registration will carly the figures beyond the 48.000 thank, and the drighted externes of 48.000 will not fall far should of the mark. The total stoud

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