

# PRESIDENT WILL STICK TO HENEY

## Refuses to Interfere in Prosecution of San Francisco Grafters.

**Deep Scheme is Reported—Calhoun Said to Be Fomenting Dissension—Confers With Associates on Attempt to Gain Complete Control in Bay City.**

San Francisco, May 23.—Reports are current that President Calhoun of the United Railways has engaged in a deep-laid plot to defeat Francis J. Heney, seize the reins of the municipal government under the guise of a law and order movement, and go any length in order both to save himself from conviction and imprisonment under the charges brought by the graft prosecution, and to the advantage of himself in his fight with the carmen.

Calhoun has been working for several days in a desperate effort to consolidate in aid of this movement all the more important financial interests affected by the graft disclosures. Men high in financial circles were seen going in and out of his office throughout the day and it is alleged that other conferences were held in the business center of the city. It is stated that, foiled in their attempt to get into touch with the prosecution, through intervention of the Committee of Seven, Calhoun and his associates, some of whom know they are fighting to save themselves from San Quentin, have planned a new stroke by which they hope to place themselves in control of affairs to such a degree that they will be able to block the efforts of Spreckels, Burns and Heney.

Their scheme as outlined in these reports, is to form a new committee as a successor to the one which has just resigned under fire, which will be prepared to resort to extreme measures. Grasping the opportunity of the carmen's strike and the riots and disturbances in the streets of the city, the reported plan is for a mass meeting to be called under the pretext of a law and order measure. From this meeting those who have been active in the graft prosecution will be excluded on the ground that they have already refused to have anything to do with a committee which had been appointed to straighten out the tangle of municipal government.

At this meeting a committee on law and order will be appointed, which will go first to Chief of Police Dinan and request his resignation in the name of the citizens of San Francisco. If Dinan refuses to turn over the control of the police department to them the members of this committee will, it is claimed, immediately declare that the conditions in the city are so serious that the only solution is a vigilance committee and, acting as such, they will assume control of the city. A part of the plan is alleged to be an attempt to persuade the governor to act in concert with this vigilance committee, using the carmen's strike as an argument to induce the governor to issue a call for troops, and possibly to bring about the intervention of federal authorities.

### WANT TO BE AMERICANS.

#### Japanese File First Citizenship Papers at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, May 23.—Joseph Felsou Wada and Manji Suski, Japanese photographers and residents of this city for eight years past, today filed declarations of intention to become American citizens. These were the first applications of that kind ever accepted in this county. Since the decision of the District Attorney that under the existing laws of the United States there is nothing to bar the naturalization of Japanese as citizens, the County Clerk has decided to accept applications against which no specific objection is made. All applications so made will be held pending a decision of the Federal authorities at Washington, which is expected to arrive at any time.

### Tacoma After Standard Oil.

Tacoma, May 23.—The city council will throw a gaff into the Standard Oil Company by endeavoring to pass an ordinance requiring the company to sink its big tanks into the ground. This would be a very costly proceeding and the company is preparing to fight the ordinance to the last ditch. The trouble came about through the company's building its plant too near the Carsten packing house on the tide flats, violating an ordinance that the plant should not be within 500 feet of any inflammable building.

### Heads Off of 52.

Frankfort, Ky., May 23.—The court of appeals rendered a decision today invalidating the election in Louisville and in Jefferson county in 1905, thus removing 52 officials. The court declared that the election was not "free and equal" within the meaning of the constitution and that there was much fraud and violence. The court holds that the governor has the right to make appointments to fill the vacancies.

### Linemen of Four State Strike.

Helena, Mont., May 23.—All of the linemen of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company in this state went on strike today, demanding an increase in wages of 50 cents a day. About 150 men are affected. The linemen state the strike is general also over Utah, Wyoming and Idaho.

## TIMBER FRAUDS IN MANY STATES

### Two Senators Implicated in Biggest Land Conspiracy Yet.

Chicago, May 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, D. C., says:

"Amazing revelations of a conspiracy to defraud the United States of millions of dollars worth of mineral and timber lands will be laid before the grand juries of half a dozen states within a few days. The frauds, it is alleged, will involve in criminal charges the names of men high in business and political circles. They include:

"One United States Senator, one ex-United States Senator, a man reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in the world; a railroad man known from the Atlantic to the Pacific; two of the wealthiest lumber barons in the United States; numerous smaller fry, including railroad officials, coal operators, and men at the head of fuel companies.

These men, whose names cannot be made public before the grand jury acts, it is declared here, will surely be indicted by the evidence which is now in the hands of the United States District Attorneys in half a dozen Western states.

These frauds, it was declared yesterday in an official quarter, extend into a number of states, including California, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Much of the evidence in these frauds was obtained by Detective Burns, who is engaged in the municipal graft prosecution in San Francisco, and by Francis J. Heney, who is prosecuting the same San Francisco grafters. Upon the conclusion of their work in San Francisco, Mr. Heney and Mr. Burns are expected to return to the government service for the prosecution of the timber and mineral land thieves. Some of the grafters in San Francisco are also said to be implicated in the frauds.

### FIVE WORKMEN KILLED.

#### Bursting Ammonia Pipe Fills Packing Plant With Deadly Fumes.

Chicago, May 24.—Five workmen were killed and several others seriously injured this afternoon when an ammonia pipe exploded in the beef-killing department of Armour & Co's plant at the stockyards. The building was full of workmen at the time, and the deadly fumes, escaping from under high pressure, penetrated through every department of the building in such a short time that 20 of the men were overcome before they could make their escape to the fresh air. All but five of these men were dragged from the place by their companions in such a serious condition that it was necessary to take them to a nearby hospital.

An ineffectual effort to search for dead in the interior of the building was made by employees wearing safety masks, but they were driven back by the fumes, and it was not until six hours after the explosion that the first body, that of an unidentified man, burned beyond recognition, was taken from the fourth floor. A few minutes later four other bodies were found, all of them having been burned in a horrible manner.

### MRS. MCKINLEY NEAR DEATH.

#### May Live a Day or Two, but Cannot Recover.

Canton, Ohio, May 24.—After a consultation yesterday afternoon at the McKinley home with Dr. Portman, the family physician of Mrs. McKinley, and Dr. E. J. Eymann, superintendent of the Massillon State Hospital and a physician of wide repute, a statement was issued that there is no indication that Mrs. McKinley could long survive the attack of apoplexy from which she is suffering. The doctors say, however, that they think dissolution will not come for a day or two. Mrs. McKinley is in a comatose condition, and it is stated that there are no grounds for hope of a better turn.

Surgeon-General Rixey reached here at 6:45 o'clock this morning.

### Strikers Are Active.

San Francisco, May 24.—In consequence of increased violence attending the extension of service by the United Railroads to several new lines yesterday, Thornwell Mullallay, assistant to President Calhoun, made a demand upon Chief of Police Dinan for better protection by the police for the company's property and employees. Shortly after 5 o'clock about 200 strike sympathizers mobbed an Eighth-street car at Eighth and Bryant streets. The strikebreaking crew operating the car, were badly beaten.

### \$200,000 a Year for Singing.

London, May 24.—In an interview with a representative of the Tribune Enrico Caruso confirmed his statement that Director Corried, of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, had entered into a contract with him for four years at a yearly salary of \$200,000. Caruso, on his part, agrees to be at Corried's disposal for nine months each year and to make eight appearances in each of the nine months whenever Corried appoints.

### Spain and England Getting Thicker.

London, May 24.—The Madrid correspondent of the Telegraph says that the relations between the Spanish and British royal families are becoming closer daily. Members of the British Royal family propose henceforth to spend much of their holiday time in Spain.

# HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

## SAW BROWNSVILLE SHOOTING.

### Editor of Mexico Paper Saw Negroes Kill Bartender Natrous.

Washington, May 23.—Paulino D. Preciado, editor of a Mexican newspaper in Brownsville, Tex., and an eye-witness to the shooting of Frank Natrous, the only man killed in the affray there, was on the stand today before the Senate committee on military affairs. Dramatically telling his story in Spanish and having it interpreted for the committee, he proved to be the most important witness during the present hearing.

When the shooting began, Preciado was sitting in the court in the rear of Tillman's saloon. According to his story today, Mr. Crixell, who conducts a saloon across the street from Tillman's place, rushed in excitedly and reported that the "negroes were out." The doors to Tillman's saloon were immediately closed and barred and Natrous, the bartender, started across the court to bar the gate which connected the court with the alley. Preciado followed, but before he had emerged from the saloon in the court he saw five or six negro soldiers in uniform enter the gate. They fired several shots, and Natrous threw up his arms and, exclaiming in Spanish, "Oh, my God," fell on his back. He was killed instantly. Another bullet grazed Preciado's hand and it bled profusely. Still another bullet passed through Preciado's coat and near the left breast pocket and broke his glasses, which were in a case in the pocket. The men immediately proceeded down the alley, shooting as they went.

He swore positively the men were negro soldiers.

## FORAKER CONFUSES POLICE.

### Accuses Witness of Telling Different Stories Than Before.

Washington, May 22.—Three members of the Brownsville, Tex., police force were questioned today in the investigation being conducted by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. All testified concerning the incidents attending the Brownsville affray and all became somewhat confused under cross-examination by Senator Foraker when he called attention to discrepancies between their stories today and those told on the stand on a previous occasion.

Policeman Victoriano Fernandez testified that he heard the shooting, and as he ran downtown from his home he was summoned to the Tillman saloon, where he found the bartender lying dead. He gave it as his opinion that the man had been killed by negro soldiers. He said he had seen no soldiers that night, as most of the shooting was over before he got down town.

Senator Foraker called attention to the testimony before the citizens' committee in Brownsville two days after the affray, when Fernandez told a vivid story of having been chased by two negro soldiers, who fired several shots at him.

## Manufacturers Want Tariff Revision.

New York, May 23.—The National Association of Manufacturers of the United States went on record as in favor of a revision of the tariff and the negotiation of more treaties. Some debating preceded this vote on the report of the committee on tariff and reciprocity. The committee based its recommendations on a poll of the 3,000 members of the association. Of the total number replying 55 per cent declared for immediate revision, while 20 per cent expressed a "stand-pat" sentiment. Eight per cent believed that the time for revision had not arrived.

## Stevens Don't Want Railroad Job.

Washington, May 23.—According to Mrs. John F. Stevens her husband has not been offered the presidency of the Northern Pacific Railway by James J. Hill or by anybody else. She stated tonight that the report that Mr. Stevens was to become the head of that railway system originated in Wall street. Mrs. Stevens says Mr. Stevens now has three offers under consideration but none of them has any relation to the presidency of the Northern Pacific.

## Pugilist Pardoned by President.

Washington, May 23.—The Department of Justice today prepared and transmitted to the White House for the President's signature, when he returns from his outing in Virginia, a warrant for the pardon of John L. Lennon, the marine corps private who is serving one year's imprisonment at Governor's Island, N. Y., for desertion. Lennon is a nephew of John L. Sullivan, the former pugilist, whose intercession with the president resulted in clemency.

## "Woman in Blue" Arrested.

Washington, May 25.—Mrs. Isabella A. Case, who attracted some attention as "The Woman in Blue," who tried to see the President at Oyster Bay last summer, and who has since sought to see the President was arrested here last night on a charge of insanity and taken to the House of Detention pending examination. She is 40 years old.

## Coal Production in 1908.

Washington, May 21.—The total production of coal in the United States in 1906 was 414,039,581 short tons of 2,000 pounds, valued at \$512,610,744. Pennsylvania contributed 200,546,084 short tons. West Virginia has supplanted Illinois as the second coal producing state.

## President Returns Home.

Washington, May 24.—The President and Mrs. Roosevelt, who have been enjoying six days' vacation at Pine Knot, the country home of Mrs. Roosevelt, arrived in this city at 8:45 Wednesday night.

## ACT ON HARRIMAN MERGER.

### Commission Will Decide Suit Regardless of Court.

Washington, May 24.—It is not the intention of the Interstate Commerce Commission to await the result of the proceedings to compel E. H. Harriman to answer certain inquiries that were put to him in the New York investigation before taking action on the general subject of the investigation.

In the opinion of members of the Commission, it may be a year or more before a final decision can be reached regarding the refusal of Mr. Harriman to answer questions. The proceedings will be instituted in New York the latter part of this month, or the first of next month. It is expected that, if the court upholds the Commission, Mr. Harriman will carry the case to higher courts. Should the lower courts be adverse to the Commission, it is probable that it will carry the matter up, inasmuch as a right of the Commission is involved.

The case would have been brought earlier, but the attorneys of the Commission have been engaged on other work. Arguments in the Standard Oil cases, which are to take place in St. Paul, will occupy the attention of Messrs. Kellogg and Severance, and they will not be able to take up the Harriman matter until after these are finished. Without reference, however, to the determination of that question, the Commission will consider the merits of the general inquiry into the Harriman lines and reach its conclusion on the facts presented. The indications are that a determination of the case will be reached in a few weeks.

## CANNOT FINISH CRUISERS.

### Labor Union Troubles in San Francisco Responsible.

Washington, May 22.—The Union Iron Works has just given up the task of completing the cruiser California, as also building the South Dakota, a cruiser of similar type. The South Dakota is now 97.4 per cent completed and work on her is being carried on. It is regarded as the Navy Department that in view of the labor troubles, the completion of these two cruisers marks the end of naval construction at San Francisco for some time.

The reports to the Navy Department from San Francisco show the California to be 99.6 per cent completed. All that remains to be done is a little work in the turrets, considerable painting and finishing up of odds and ends. The California is a sister ship to the West Virginia, which is now the flagship of the Pacific Coast fleet. The contract price of the California is \$3,800,000. Her keel was laid May 7, 1902, and she was launched April 28, 1904.

## Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 26.—Postmaster appointments.

Oregon—Mayville, Laura E. McConnell, vice M. S. Thomas, removed; Placer, Ruth W. Scovill, vice Molly Irwin, resigned.

Washington—Columbus, Milan Robinson, vice K. T. Stark, resigned; Pe-Ell, George H. Dodge, vice J. G. Dunlap, resigned; Piedmont, John J. Cunnea, vice N. N. Bell, resigned.

## Relief of Greek Refugees.

Washington, May 25.—The State Department received the following dispatch today:

"Owing to great numbers of refugees arriving in Greece from Bulgaria and elsewhere in Turkey in Europe, the Greek Chamber of Deputies before adjourning for the Easter holidays, authorized a loan of 10,000,000 francs for the purpose of furnishing these refugees with the necessaries, etc., necessary to enable them to begin life in their new homes."

## O'Brien Succeeds Wright.

Washington, May 21.—It was announced at the State department today that Thomas J. O'Brien, of Michigan, United States minister to Copenhagen, will become ambassador to Japan in September upon the retirement of Luke E. Wright, who has given notice to the department that he wishes to leave the service at that date. A successor to O'Brien has not yet been selected.

## Rates on Petroleum Too High.

Washington, May 23.—Freight rates on petroleum and its products from Ohio and Pennsylvania to St. Paul, Omaha, Sioux City and Sioux Falls constituted the subject of a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The complaint is that the tariffs in force are excessive and unreasonable.

## Two Deaths From Plague.

Washington, May 23.—A cablegram from Honolulu to the Marine Hospital Service in this city, reports two deaths yesterday from plague and one new case of that disease.

## PERISH IN SIGHT OF RESCUE.

### Four Men Meet Awful Death on Burning Lake Steamer

Grand Haven, Mich., May 22.—Five lives were lost and 75 people had a perilous escape from death when the steamer Naomi, of the Crosby Transportation Company, burned early today in the middle of Lake Michigan, while on her night trip from here to Milwaukee. Four of the victims were coal passers, perished down in the forecastle by the flames, where many of the rescued passengers from the decks of the freighter Kerr and the steamer Kansas saw them at the portholes, vainly imploring for help.

J. M. Rhodes, a passenger from Detroit, was the fifth victim. He was terribly burned in his berth and died soon after reaching the hospital at Grand Rapids.

Fifty passengers and all of the crew except four coal passers were taken off in small boats by the steamer Stratford and the Kansas, which was en route from Milwaukee to Grand Haven. The loss to the Naomi, which was in command of Captain Trull, is estimated at \$225,000. The fire started in the vicinity of the kitchen, between decks, and spread so rapidly that the whole ship was a seething furnace before the crew could get the fire apparatus working. Fire swept the whole length of the ship and the upper works burned like tinder. It is considered miraculous that the passengers were taken off in their night clothes, while scarcely any one was more than partly clad.

Captain Thomas Trull was the last man to leave the steamer alive, and his clothing was almost burned off him.

Sol Waterman, of New York, said: "Never will I forget the picture of those poor fellows in the forecastle who were burned. The ship was a mass of flames. Suddenly the four men were taken off in the forecastle and thrust their heads from the portholes and called for help. The captain of the freight steamer ordered a lifeboat to go to their aid. The boat went, but the men were unable to squeeze their bodies through the portholes. We could hear them calling pitifully for help and see them through the flames, but the lifeboat crew came back and reported it could not reach them. The captain ordered the boat to return and get the names of the men. Then we could hear the questions and answers as the men told their names and residences. Finally one man called out, 'Good bye; I'm gone,' and fell back into the flames."

## KUROKI HEARS YALE YELL.

Japanese General Sees Where Many of His Soldiers Studied.

New Haven, Conn., May 22.—The visit to Yale University of General Kuroki today was brought about by the desire of the distinguished soldier to see the institution in which a portion of his education. Many of these officers served with distinction at Port Arthur and the battles on Manchurian soil. General Kuroki's party included General O. W. Wood, United States Army, retired, and Major Lynch, of the general staff.

## SENDING ARMY SOUTH.

### Nexico Preparing for Trouble With Republic of Guatemala.

City of Mexico, May 21.—Mexican troops are being moved to the Guatemalan frontier over the Pan-American Railroad, according to advices received yesterday. In what numbers or for what purpose these soldiers are being moved southward is not known outside official circles.

It was also learned that the War Department had countermanded the order dispatching the Mexican gunboat Tampico to the port of San Jose de Guatemala and there take on board Senor Gamboa, the Mexican Minister to Guatemala, who was to have gone to San Salvador. The Tampico is still in the harbor at Salina Cruz, but the Mexican Minister is still in Guatemala City.

An American business man now in the city, who arrived from San Salvador a few hours ago, says it is only a question of time when President Figueroa of Salvador will be confronted with a formidable revolution. An authority says conditions in the latter Republic are rapidly approaching the chaotic stage now existing in Guatemala. Open war prevails in Honduras among political factions, each led by a Presidential aspirant.

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The official investigation of the trouble with the Santiago police appears to have developed the fact that Brislin was drinking with the sailors, which would doubtless have resulted in his being court-martialed. Brislin entered Annapolis Naval Academy from Pennsylvania in 1899 and graduated in 1903. He was born in Idaho.

## Reduced Rates Withdrawn.

Tacoma, May 21.—Reduced rates over the Northern Pacific Railway to Middle Western cities which were to have been made have been withdrawn because the Interstate Commerce Commission has refused to approve the lower fare. It is not known whether the cheap tickets have been taken off the market temporarily or for the entire summer. Agents of the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific assert that they are instructed to sell transportation on the basis of one fare plus \$10 for the round trip to all Middle Western points.

## Congratulate the Czar.

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## Will Not Nurse Her Royal Babe.

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## Turks Whip Bulgarians.

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# CRISIS REACHED IN SAN FRANCISCO

## Contractors Talk of Suspension Till Strikes Are Settled.

**Money Market Tightens—All Building May Cease and 50,000 Workers Become Idle if Conflict Continues—Heney is City's Chief Hope for Peace.**

San Francisco, May 21.—A meeting of the Builders' Exchange has been called for Wednesday, at which time the contractors of the city who are erecting the structures now rising in the ruins will discuss the question of stopping work until normal conditions are resumed. In case such action is taken 50,000 men will be thrown out of employment.

The car strike, the other labor troubles, and a tightening money market have brought the present situation about. The financial and industrial situation at the present moment is graver than it has been since the big disaster. Every attempt will be made to induce the builders to continue work, but President Kent, of the exchange, stated last night that many of the members of the association had expressed themselves in favor of stopping work until the situation could again be restored to the normal. Loans are being called in and the interest rate has been advanced from 5 and 6 to 7 and 8 per cent.

A statement has been promised today from Heney and Spreckels, and this may serve to clarify the situation. The resignation of the committee of seven when Heney and Spreckels made their final refusal to co-operate has served to complicate matters.

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