

INSIST ON IMMUNITY

Ruef Rests on His Contract With District Attorney.

REFUSES TO TESTIFY IN COURT

Patrick Calhoun Also Declines to Answer Questions and Is Upheld by Court.

San Francisco, April 30.—Patrick Calhoun and Abraham Ruef were called to the witness stand in the Ford trial today. Both refused to testify on constitutional grounds and were sustained by Judge Lawlor.

After Calhoun was sworn he was asked by Assistant District Attorney O'Gara:

"When did you come to San Francisco after the 18th day of April, 1906?"

Calhoun—I decline to answer. O'Gara—In the month of May, 1906, did you tell Frank A. Leach, superintendent of the Mint, to pay to the defendant, Ford, \$50,000?"

Calhoun—I decline to answer. Judge Lawlor ruled that Calhoun should not be required to answer any question which, in the opinion of the court, might serve to connect him, innocently or guiltily, with the alleged crime for which he and Ford have been indicted.

When Ruef was sworn he was asked:

"Do you know Tiley L. Ford?"

Ruef—I decline to answer unless all the indictments against me are dismissed, in accordance with the agreement I had with the District Attorney and the Assistant District Attorney, known as the "immunity contract," and on the further additional ground that a man cannot be a witness against himself.

TOUCHES POPULAR CHORD.

King Manuel Recommends Reforms and People Cheer.

Lisbon, April 30.—The Portuguese Cortes reassembled today, the eighty-second anniversary of the establishment of constitutional government in Portugal. The royal mourning for the late King Carlos and his son was suspended for the occasion. King Manuel was respectfully greeted by the people.

King Manuel proceeded to the Cortes, accompanied by many dignitaries of the state and escorted by a strong guard of troops. The floor of the chamber was filled with deputies and the galleries were crowded with a brilliant audience.

His Majesty slowly mounted the tribune that had been erected for his use. His address, which he read in strong and full tones, was a most pathetic and at the same time a practical and vigorous discourse, calculated to win the sympathy of the people. He touched upon the tragedy of February 1, when his father and his brother were shot down as "the cruel disappearance of my father and brother."

Many Cities Will Be Represented.

Portland, Ore., April 30.—Great interest has been aroused throughout Oregon, Washington, and in fact the entire Northwest, to be held here the first week of June. The following cities of Oregon, through their commercial organizations or business men's clubs, have arranged to have floats in one or more of the parades: Astoria, Seaside, The Dalles, Hood River, Vancouver, Wash., McMinnville, Dallas, Albany, Salem, Eugene, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass. Medford, Roseburg, Independence, Hillsboro, St. Johns and a number of others are still considering the matter. Lewiston, Idaho, will send a beautiful float, so will Dawson, Y. T. while Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and any number of other communities will be represented by decorated automobiles and vehicles.

These cities and towns have each raised anywhere from \$500 to \$1000 to defray the cost of their respective floats, and these pieces will be typical of the principal industries of the communities represented.

British Destroyer Sunk.

Harwich, England, April 30.—The British torpedo destroyer *Gala* was cut in two and sunk early today off Kentish Knock, in the North Sea, by the scout *Attentive*. The torpedo-boat-destroyer *Ribble* also was involved in the collision and returned to Sheerness with two compartments full of water. The flotilla was engaged in night maneuvers when the accident occurred. Engineer Lieutenant Frank A. Fletcher, of the *Gala*, who was in his bunk at the point where the destroyer was struck went down with the vessel.

Rebels Set Fires.

Victoria, B. C., April 30.—News was brought by the *Empress* of India today of a series of disastrous conflagrations at Pekin, involving a loss of many lives and due to incendiarism. Nine fires took place in as many days at the end of March and early in April. Dynastic rebels were considered responsible, and wholesale arrests were made.

BOIL FOUR SACKS OF CASH.

Bold Robbers Hold Up Train Close to Pittsburg

Pittsburg, May 1.—Two train-robbers, who evidently boarded the New York and St. Louis express, on the Panhandle railroad of the Pennsylvania system, at the Union Station in this city, when that train left at 10:50 tonight, ten minutes late, overpowered the express messenger and got away with four bags of currency, containing an amount of money as yet unknown. The robbery was committed near Walker's Station, a particularly lonely and isolated spot in a rough section of country about 11 miles west of the city.

The train, one of the fastest on the road, which is not scheduled to stop between here and Stouenville, O., was brought to a sudden halt by an emergency signal from the bell cord, and when William Lafferty, the conductor, went forward to learn the trouble he found N. Roshen, the Adams Express messenger, bound and gagged in the express car and so frightened that he could not give any connected report of what had happened. Except that both of the robbers were white, the express messenger is unable to give an identification that would aid the secret service forces of the railroad companies and the city and county detective force, all of whom have been called out to work on the case.

ACCUSES LEISCHMAN.

No Attempt Made to Prosecute Turk Who Murdered American.

New York, May 1.—On board the steamer *Koenig Albert*, which arrived here today, was the body of Bernard Warkentin, president of the Kansas State bank, of Newton, Kas., who was shot and killed near Damascus early in April, while riding on a railroad train. Mrs. Warkentin and her son Carl accompanied the body.

The cable dispatches announcing the shooting, said that it was done by a Syrian who occupied a compartment on the train adjoining that in which Mr. Warkentin was seated. The Syrian said he was examining his revolver and that it went off by mistake. Ambassador Leishman, at Constantinople, reported the shooting to the state department. He said assurance had been given him that the Syrian would be brought to justice if the act proved to be one of murder.

Carl Warkentin said today that the man who killed his father was a Turkish Prince and that Mr. Leishman told his mother that it would be impossible to prosecute him and advised her to say no more about the matter.

WARSHIP BLOWN UP.

Powder Magazine Explodes, Killing 240 Japanese.

Tokio, May 1.—Admiral Yoshi-matsu, commander of the training squadron, reports that an explosion occurred in the stern magazine of the cruiser *Matsushima* at 4:08 o'clock this morning while anchoring at Makang, a harbor on the Pescadore Islands. The *Matsushima* immediately sank until only the bridge was visible. Efforts at rescue by boats from the cruisers *Hashidate* and *Itakushima* continued until 9 a. m., saving the lives of 141 men, including some officers. The majority of the officers were saved, and at the time of the Admiral's report the cadets numbered 58 out of a complement of 300.

The sons of Baron Chinda, viceroy of the foreign office, and of Prince Oyama, field marshal, are among the cadets who it is feared are lost; also Captains Name, Yoshimori and Yashiro. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Washington, May 1.—Commander Taniguchi, the naval attaché of the Japanese Embassy, said today that the regular complement of the *Matsushima* was about 325 men and that on her cruise she had about 50 cadets aboard, making a total of 415. His cablegram, he said, indicates that about 175 were saved, which would make the loss of officers and men about 240.

Strikers Attack Funeral

Seattle, Wash., May 1.—Bringing word of the arrest of Treadwell of 20 strikers for breaking up a funeral and attempting to make away with the corpse, the steamship *Dolphin* arrived in port this morning. A popular young man among the strikebreakers was accidentally killed recently. The funeral procession extended for many blocks, making a formidable showing of the strikebreakers. Notwithstanding this display, the strikers attacked the procession in force and nearly captured the body.

Siamese Revolt.

Paris, May 1.—The Temps today publishes a special dispatch from Batambang, a town of Siam, in the French sphere of influence, saying that the town is at the mercy of the natives, who have risen in revolt and are threatening the European residents. The troops are insufficient to insure protection.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

IDEAL CONDITIONS. TO HANDLE THE APPLES.

Lake County Has Open Winter and Early Spring.

Lakeview—After the most open winter that southeastern Oregon has ever experienced this section is now enjoying a spring that insures wealth to her people. At no time during the past winter did the thermometer in Lake county register a temperature below zero, and most of the time balmy spring-like weather prevailed. There were but few flurries of snow, and these melted away before a warm sun. The result was that but little feeding was required, stock generally finding excellent range during the entire winter, and the end of winter finds sufficient feed on hand to tide the stock interests through a hard winter, even if no hay should be put up this season.

On the desert sheep men have reported an ideal winter, with just enough snow to furnish water for stock, and with plenty of feed to put sheep in excellent condition. As the vast desert lying east of Goose Lake Valley is the feeding-ground for the thousands of head of sheep that constitute a large portion of the wealth of Lake county, a winter like the one just ended means an addition to the profit column.

Since the new year began there has been but little rain and practically no snow. Crops of every kind were put in early, and already there is an excellent growth in everything that depends upon spring weather.

SHIPPING STEELHEAD EGGS.

Small Run in Rogue River Causes Investigation.

Grants Pass—Two million steelhead trout eggs were brought in from the Oldenberg hatchery on the Illinois river, and were expressed to Buenos Ayres, South America, in care of the agricultural department. The eggs were closely encased in ice-boxes for the long journey.

The fishing season on Rogue river so far has been unprofitable, the run of fish being exceedingly light and at present the local Fishermen's Union is devoting its time to investigating the river from here to the mouth for the reason of such shortage, as at this time last year thousands of pounds were being shipped away daily. The officers for this year are: President, Henry Hudson; secretary, A. Auberry.

Oregon City-Rose Show.

Oregon City—Arrangements are well under way for holding the second annual show of the Oregon City Rose and Carnation Society, which will take place in this city during the latter part of May or early in June. Committees have been appointed to take charge of the event, and strawberry-growers have been asked to make exhibits, providing the berries are ripe when the roses are in full bloom. The official color of the society is mission pink, adapted from the color of the Mission rose, the first to be brought to Oregon. Local business men have been exceedingly liberal in donations of premiums. The show will probably be held in the armory.

Must Ballast Track

Salem—The Oregon Railroad Commission is prodding the Oregon Electric Company for the purpose of inducing that company to hasten the ballasting of its line between Portland and Salem. The commission has written the company a letter saying that it is informed that the work of ballasting has been discontinued and that in its present condition the road endangers the lives of passengers. "What are you going to do about it?" is the question propounded to the Oregon Electric management. The tone of the letter indicates that the commission will do something very promptly if the company does not.

Saloon Issue in Marion

Salem—County Clerk E. D. Allen today completed checking upon the signatures on the Marion County local option petition and found the petition to be in due form and signed by several hundred more voters than the law requires. The saloon question will therefore be submitted to the voters of Marion county June 1. As there will be no fight on any of the county offices and there is no interest in any of the state contests except that for senator, it is certain that the saloon question will be the center of much attention.

Umatilla Short of Teachers

Pendleton—Umatilla county schools are facing a teacher famine. Despite the fact that nearly every district in the county has been forced to raise the salary of its teachers from \$5 to \$10 per month, it is difficult to secure instructors for the spring terms. The boards are now vying with each other in their efforts to make contracts this far in advance for the fall terms.

New Mill for Albany

Albany—Work is progressing rapidly on the new planing mill of M. J. Cameron & Son, at the foot of Ferry street. It will be in operation in three weeks. In addition to planing apparatus, the mill will be equipped with woodworking machinery.

AIDS DEPOSITORS.

Convicted Banker Tells Where Securities Are Hidden

San Francisco, April 29.—J. Dazell Brown, vice president and manager of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company, who is under sentence of 18 months in San Quentin for embezzling securities held in trust by the Trust Company, today gave information to E. J. Le Breton, receiver of the bank, which will add \$1,000,000 to the fund for the depositors. He also told facts to the receiver and to Assistant District Attorney Hoff Cook, which had the effect of causing Le Breton to decide to keep the El Dorado Lumber Company, the Carnegie Brick Works and the glass works at Stockton going at a profit for the benefit of the depositors.

That Brown's information relating to the whereabouts of securities which will give \$1,000,000 more to the depositors is believed to be correct was vouched for by Cook and by Hiram Johnson, attorney for Brown. They expressed themselves as sanguine that the receiver would secure possession of the property, which is Western Pacific stock of the value of \$1,000,000 at par, and in another year or 18 months the stock will have a definite market value.

Brown also gave up the cipher code book used by himself, Walter J. Hartnett and John and James Treadwell. This code was secret and original, each of its owners having a copy. Cook said unhesitatingly that it contained the key to letters which had been in possession of Brown, to whom they were written by Hartnett and the Treadwells. The letters are now in the safe of the District Attorney's office.

SAILORS DANCE.

Chief Amusement for Navy While at Santa Barbara.

Santa Barbara, Cal., April 29.—There were no fixed features on Santa Barbara's entertainment program in honor of the Atlantic battleship fleet today, the officers and men being largely allowed to pursue their own ways. Many of the latter went to Los Angeles to spend the day, and will over-stay their leaves, which expire at 1 a. m.

The amusements offered the blue-jackets in Santa Barbara are naturally rather meager, owing to the size of the city, and consist largely of flying horses, shooting galleries and a large variety of catch-penny affairs, brought here for the occasion. Dancing on the canvas-covered asphalt, the ocean boulevard, each evening, is the only picturesque feature of the bluejackets' entertainment. They seem to enjoy it hugely, however, and when the available supply of eligible girls gives out they dance with each other. It is no easy task to provide partners for 1000 or more dancing sailors.

WRECKAGE ASHORE.

Large Sailing Vessel Probably Lost Off Northwest Coast.

Victoria, B. C., April 29.—The steamer *Tees*, from the Vancouver Island coast, brings further information concerning the wreckage recently washed ashore near Carmanah. Roby Daykin, who investigated the wreckage, was among the passengers of the steamer. He says there is no doubt that the wreckage found is new. There was neither slime nor barnacles, nothing of the growth which soon accumulates.

Since the finding of the wreckage previously reported, a large amount of empty cases, whisky cases and others, have been found in the vicinity of Nitinah. Stanley Wood, a timber cruiser who came from the vicinity of Nitinah, said there was an unusual amount of these cases recently washed ashore.

Daykin says the wreckage seemed positively to indicate that some large sailing vessel, a ship or a bark had met with disaster.

Three trunks found on the rocks westward of Carmanah Point were of the usual American pattern, wood covered with tin. They were broken and empty.

Jury Still Incomplete.

San Francisco, April 29.—The beginning of the fourth week in the work of selecting 12 men to try Abraham Ruef on one of the 117 indictments returned against him by the grand jury, charging the former political boss of San Francisco with bribery, finds the jury still incomplete with nine men in the box accepted and sworn. One of the veniremen examined today did not know what the word *acomplisse* meant, while another was challenged by Mr. Honey on the ground that his moral character was such that he was not fit to be a juror.

Go to Work to Save Mine

Johnstown, Pa., April 29.—Under orders from Patrick G'Iday, president of district No. 2, several hundred striking miners of the South Fork Coal Company returned to work today in an effort to save the mines from heavy losses from water and a probable permanent suspension.

TRAIN IS DYNAMITED

Burlington Express Wrecked at Butte, Montana.

MAIL CAR IS BADLY SHATTERED

Engineer Killed and Fireman Terribly Scalded—Probably Vengeful Work of Hoboes.

Butte, Mont., May 2.—Eastbound Burlington train No. 6, due in Butte at 11:30 o'clock tonight, was dynamited about a mile west of the Northern Pacific station at 11:37 o'clock. The explosion caused the first or helper engine to leave the rails, but it plowed along for a few hundred feet without turning over. The second engine crashed into the bank south of the track a few car-lengths from where the explosion occurred.

Every person on the train has been accounted for excepting Engineer Bussey, of the second engine, who is supposed to be buried under his locomotive. Carl Mange, who was riding on the blind baggage, had to be taken from the mass of timbers under which he was buried. His arm and leg were broken. Fireman George Ehle, of the second engine, was badly scalded.

Both were hurried to the hospital in the police patrol, which was at the scene of the wreck, as quickly as possible after the men were received in the city. Locomotive No. 2100, in charge of Engineer Bussey and Fireman Ehle, is lying on its side south of the track.

The mail car, which was right behind it, was hurled on its side and badly wrecked. A cold storage fish car was next to the mail car, and was smashed into kindling wood. Following the fish car was the express car. Only the front trucks of the express car left the rails. The baggage car also remained on the track.

The general theory of the explosion is that the dynamite was placed directly on the rails, but it is impossible to say whether a time fuse or some sort of percussion cap was attached to the explosive. Those who saw the flash agree it came from the south side of the track.

The dynamiting is believed by the officers to be the work of some hobo seeking revenge for being ejected from a train.

Express Messenger J. B. Valentine was seriously bruised, being badly cut by a flying grenade. His escape from death in his car is considered miraculous.

The force of the explosion was terrific. According to the crew of the first engine the engine was lifted bodily off the track.

SHIELDED BIG SINNERS.

Attorney Jerome Charged With Favoring High Financiers.

New York, May 2.—Before Commissioner Hand, who is hearing evidence on charges against District Attorney Jerome, Franklin Pierce, counsel for the complainants, today called for the evidence taken by a grand jury in the Wall and Cortland street ferries cases, in which Thomas F. Ryan and H. H. Vreeland testified.

"We contend," said Mr. Pierce, "that Mr. Jerome could have gone before the grand jury with the evidence that he had and secured indictments. Instead he called Mr. Ryan before the grand jury and forever barred the road to prosecution."

Mr. Jerome agreed to submit the evidence privately to the Commissioner, with the understanding that Mr. Pierce shall not be allowed to read it.

Mr. Pierce asked for an adjournment until Monday, when he promised to take up Mr. Jerome's investigation of the American Ice Company. He said Mr. Jerome investigated the company for half a day and then turned the investigation against three or four small independent ice companies that the American Ice Co. wanted to smash, and that he advised that indictments be returned against them.

Snow in New York

Buffalo, May 2.—Seven inches of snow fell here yesterday. Today the sun shined and the snow is rapidly disappearing. At Jamestown the depth was reported at 10 inches.