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## TRYING TO INFLUENCE EUROPE

### State Completes Its Case Against Thaw Today

#### SAN FRANCISCO GRAFTER WILL LEARN FATE TODAY

Judge Will Decide Whether Reuf Shall Stay In Jail or Be Admitted to Bail

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Jan. 13.—The fate of Reuf and the future policy of the graft prosecution will be determined today at a conference to be held between the former boss and District Attorney Langdon. Reuf will be in Judge Dunne's court in connection with some of the bribery cases, after which he will demand an understanding with the prosecution, and it will be confronted with the most momentous question which it has had to consider since it undertook its investigation.  
Whether Reuf is to remain in the county jail until the remittance of the opinion of the district court of appeals goes down to Judge Dunne's court, or whether he will be released at once on the extortion charges, and admitted to bail on the bribery

charges is an alternative that the prosecution will have to decide. The prosecution of Reuf on the bribery charge is another matter that must be determined.  
San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Judge Dunne this morning denied the motion of the attorneys for ex-Mayor Schmitz that their client be admitted to bail. The court held that until the remittance comes down from the appellate court which must be within 30 days, he has no judicial knowledge of the decision of the higher court, setting aside the conviction of the ex-mayor. Attorney Drew, for Schmitz, immediately upon the opening of court, made the following motion:  
"If your honor, please, I move that

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#### THAW TRIAL OPENS AGAIN THIS MORNING

Will Be Much Shorter Than the First Trial and Will Probably End in Two Weeks

New York, Jan. 13.—Assistant District Attorney Garvin opened and closed his statement to the jury in the Thaw murder trial this morning, and immediately following the conclusion of the brief remarks Walter H. V. Vilkening was called as the first witness.  
Garvin simply made a plain statement of facts concerning the firing of the fatal shot. Vilkening was asked nothing, and said nothing of much interest outside of identifying the plans of the Madison Square Garden.

Mrs. Thaw, mother of the defendant, is expected here Thursday. It is not improbable that she will be called to the stand on Friday.  
James Clinch Smith followed Vilkening to the stand, after all the other witnesses had been ordered from the room. Evelyn Thaw and the medical experts were allowed to remain.  
In cross-questioning Smith Attorney Littleton brought out the fact that White and the witness never enjoyed close relations. However, the defense gained little in its attempt to break down Smith's testimony.  
New York, Jan. 13.—The state rested its case at 3:19 o'clock this afternoon.

#### STORM IS RAGING IN MIDDLE WEST

Telegraph and Railroad Service Crippled, Chicago the Center of Terrific Blizzard

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Chicago and all cities and towns within a radius of 80 to 100 miles are in the clutch of the fiercest blizzard of the season, which began Saturday night and has raged ever since, with slowly diminishing fury. All telegraph lines are either crippled or paralyzed. The Postal Telegraph Company has no

lines out of Chicago, but the Western Union has a feeble wire into New York by a circuitous route.  
Milwaukee and other cities report flooded conduits and basements, street cars stalled and much suffering. The police fear there have been deaths. All trains are delayed, and many are abandoned.

#### TEXAS AUTO RAGES RESULT IN DEATH

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Houston, Texas, Jan. 13.—In an endurance run in which about 16 automobiles participated over country roads an accident occurred on the final run in which John Trentem,

sporting editor of the Houston Post, was killed by a collision with a street car. Brown Botts was injured internally and Ray Weiss, general sales agent of the Kirby Lumber Company was badly bruised by another car turning over.

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The Store That Does the Business

**TO THE PUBLIC** On and after January 15 the banking hours for all Salem banks will be from 10 o'clock a. m. to 3 o'clock p. m.

## JAPAN SPENDS MONEY TO INFLUENCE PRESS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, Jan. 13.—That Japan is spending 200,000 yen with corruptible European newspapers for prejudicing public opinion against America is asserted in newspaper circles here.

The report is unsupported by evidence, but there is no doubt that journalists here generally attribute many pro-Japanese articles published here and at other capitals to this cause.

A large part of the French press is nevertheless friendly to the United States and the government is doing all in its power to encourage this feeling.

In every recent public speech from an official source on which international relations have been touched on the assertion has been made that nothing can shake France and her friendship toward the Uni-

ted States, and that contrary assertions are false.

#### An Ass From Missouri.

St. Louis, Jan. 13.—Claude H. Wetmore, broke, authority on naval affairs and auditor of marine stores, has addressed an open letter to the President, in which he urges that Evans' fleet be sent around the horn instead of by way of the Straits of Magellan.

Wetmore declares that the officers of the navy fear Japanese treachery, and also says that emissaries of the Mikado have been in this country for years, seeking information of use to them in the event of war.

There is reason believe that even now, he says, Japan may have sent a swift cruiser with sealed orders to line the straits of Magellan with torpedoes, which will cause at least the destruction of some of our greatest vessels.

## See the PASSION PLAY LIFE OF CHRIST NOW ON AT THE VAUDETTE

#### JUGGED THE AUDITOR.

Popped in Jail Because He Refused to Let Mexican Family Ride.  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
City of Mexico, Jan. 13.—J. S. Conger, train auditor of the Mexican Central railroad, has been placed in prison at Jimenez, Mexico, on complaint of a Mexican passenger who boarded the train with his wife and four children and only two tickets, and was put off when he declared he had no money to pay for the others. Conger is a brother of the late former United States Ambassador Conger. The railroad company sustains the auditor in his action and its officials are trying to secure his release from prison.

#### Used Coal Oil for Kindling.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 13.—Miss Susan Hagan, aged 24, poured coal oil on a blazing fire last night. The can burst and the young woman was so badly burned she died in a hospital five hours later. Her hair was burned off and the flesh on her face was burned to the bone.

#### Lipton May Challenge.

London, Jan. 13.—Sir Thomas Lipton has not abandoned the idea of challenging American yachtsmen for another race, according to report received from Ceylon, where Lipton is visiting. The report says that formal notice for a challenge for a contest in 1909 will be sent the New York Yacht Club in the near future.

#### BRYANS DOUBLE IS OUT OF IT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 13.—Charles K. Wolf, well-known as the double of Bryan, died of heart disease at his home in this city yesterday. He was sick less than ten minutes. Wolf's physical, facial and vocal resemblance of Bryan was so remarkable that he frequently was mistaken for the Nebraska statesman, and often made catchy short speeches that added to the deception. He practiced this to a notable extent at the national meeting of Elks at Philadelphia last July.

#### PLANTER KILLED THREE NEGROES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 13.—James Jones, a cotton planter, living 40 miles northwest of Dallas, yesterday became involved in a business controversy with a party of negro laborers and opened fire on them, killing three and wounding one.

When taken before a justice, Jones pleaded self-defense. He was held in \$9000 bail, which he furnished and was released from custody.

#### NEVADA HAS SPECIAL SESSION

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Carson, Nev., Jan. 13.—Members of the Nevada legislature are arriving in this city. The body is to meet in special session tomorrow, at the call of Governor Sparks. Lieutenant-Governor Dickerson is among the arrivals.

Congressman Bartlett is also in this city, and will remain during the session.  
The governor said he could not state the time that would be occupied by the extra session, but he hoped to see all the work done in two weeks.

#### RUEF WILL NOT TESTIFY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—That Abe Ruef will refuse to give one word of testimony against the "higher ups," even on the promise of complete immunity, was the report in circulation this morning, and the person credited with starting the report is none other than one of Ruef's most intimate friends.

Since the appellate court set aside the Schmitz conviction in the French restaurant cases Ruef's confidence in his ability to not only get himself out of trouble, but to save the bigger fish as well, has grown with leaps and bounds, and when the fallen boss appeared in court this morning, he wore an air of supreme satisfaction and cock-sureness.

District Attorney Langdon was late in arriving from Modesto and when Ruef learned that a conference with Langdon could not be held until this afternoon he began to chafe under the delay, evidently being anxious to have the battle begin with Langdon as quickly as possible.

Ruef, it is said, has been advised not only by his own attorneys, but by other eminent counsel as well, that his conviction on any one of the 117 indictments pending against him is impossible, and it has further been intimated to the prisoner that it is only a matter of a short time when he will be released on bail, if not by Judge Dunne, which is not likely, then by the supreme court.

#### Will Delay Trials.

Portland, Jan. 13.—A motion for a special trial, made by John Hall over two years ago, before the late Judge Bellinger, and a motion for a plea in abatement made by Franklin P. Mays, at the same time, were found on the docket this morning by Judge Hunt, and will have to be disposed of before Francis J. Heney can get down to real work of trying Hall on the charge of conspiracy and land fraud. The motions in both cases had been forgotten by both sides. Judge Bellinger died before he ruled upon them, and the cases had dragged ever since that time. Both Hall and Mays took until tomorrow morning to decide what steps they would take in regard to the motions.