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## MAY ASK STEAMER LINE 'FRISCO TO PANAMA

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Pledges of financial support poured in today to the executive committee appointed by the California shippers, who are protesting against the proposed advance in railroad freight rates by transcontinental lines in this state.

As a result of the meetings held throughout the state yesterday by the growers, merchants and manufacturers the agricultural and commercial interests of California are now united in a common cause and promises of aid have been received from all sections of the state.

It is possible action will be taken by the shippers to enjoin the change in rates before Saturday, the date the rate increase goes into effect.

Resolutions at many of the meetings yesterday recommended that legal steps be taken to prevent the raise. The more conservative shippers and parties interested, however, are averse to such drastic action. They believe injunction proceedings, if instituted, would ultimately do the protestants as much harm as the railroads.

The resolutions adopted by the various meetings are very similar. The shippers of the state determined at their meetings to request the legislature and the government to inquire into the transportation conditions in California, with a view to securing a better relation of common carriers in the state, and decided to call the attention of the legislature, congress, the President and the Interstate Commerce Commission to the protest being made.

Here, and at some other places, it was recommended the attention of the national administration be called to the fact that the Panama Railway Company is apparently basing its rate upon a certain proportion of the transcontinental rail tariff and that, instead of giving the relief to the California shippers which the road has given in the past, it is in the anomalous condition of having its rate determined by the transcontinental railroads.

Sentiment is rapidly crystallizing in favor of the proposal to petition for a government steamship service between here and Panama.

## KAUFMAN BEATS BARRY IN SCIENCELESS FIGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—What either Sam Langford or Jack Johnson would do to Jim Barry or Al Kaufman certainly would be a shame, if their fight Wednesday night was any criterion of the pair's ability. Hopelessly beaten Barry gave up in the 29th round, when his second tossed in the sponge.

The fight was a good deal of a repetition, one round being like the preceding affair. Neither man scored a knockdown until the 37th round, when Barry took a terrific right swing flush on the jaw and went to the mat. From that time on the big Chicago battler had little chance, other than for a stray blow. After the knockdown he came back and fought gamely, but everyone could see that the end was not far off.

When the end came, Barry was a long way from being out, and seemed well able to continue fighting. Teddy Murphy, his manager, explained that Barry had broken both his hands in the 26th round, and, as he had no chance to win, Murphy did not see the use of letting Barry stand up and be punished.

Kaufman made anything but a good showing. He seemed awkward and clumsy and allowed Barry to fight rings around him. Repeatedly Jim would wade into Kaufman, letting loose rights and lefts that landed with great force, and compelled Kaufman to back away. Kaufman took a good many wallops in the eighth round, when Barry timed his blows and reached Kaufman's face with telling effect, having the awkward San Francisco boy going before the bell sounded. It was only a momentary flash, however, and Barry then settled down to his old style of rushing Kaufman, and then letting fly with both hands. The battle was slow, and demonstrated that the fans do not like the distance routes as well as they do shorter affairs. After the first 15 rounds it was simply a repetition of what had gone before.

Muggsy Mullins, a longshoreman from one of the beach towns, ran in to Jack O'Keefe in the first and only preliminary, and took a six-round beating. He had the most weird assortment of punches ever seen in the ring.

## PUT BILLARD BALL IN HIS MOUTH, BUT REGRETS IT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Oakland, Cal., Dec. 31.—John Robbins, of Fruitvale, has proved to the world that he is such a "game sport" that he can put a billiard ball in his mouth, but he is minus several teeth, half dead from nervous shock and has a big doctor's bill as a New Year's greeting, not to mention what the dentist will have to say. But he won \$2.50 and nobody will deny he's a "game sport," so he is satisfied.

He was playing billiards at Melrose yesterday, when a friend said: "I'll bet you \$2.50 you can't pocket a billiard ball in your mouth."

"You're on," said Robbins without hesitation. With great difficulty he forced the ball into his mouth. Then the trouble came. Dr. J. H. Callan was summoned, but found it impossible to remove the ball until several of Robbins' teeth had to be extracted, and even then he had to be almost choked to death, and suffered great agony.

## FINCH FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER, FIRST DEGREE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Portland, Or., Dec. 31.—"Well, if they succeed in getting me to the gallows I'll die game, anyway," today declared J. A. Finch, the lawyer, who late yesterday was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing Ralph Fisher, prosecutor for the Oregon Bar Association, in the latter's office a few weeks ago.

Finch's plea was self-defense, but he could not convince the jury that he shot and killed Fisher to save his life. The verdict of guilty was announced after 30 minutes' deliberation.

The convicted man, who had been drinking, was angry at Fisher because the latter had him suspended from the Bar Association for a year for misconduct as a lawyer. Finch says he will carry the case to the United States supreme court.

The Giraffe's Neck. Lamarek thought that the giraffe obtained its long neck by transmission of parental stretching to reach the leaves of trees and that each new generation literally "began where the last left off." I say literally be-

cause the young giraffe was conceived, so as to speak, as continuing at the branches which its parents could just reach and then stretching its neck to reach leaves inaccessible to the parents. So to say, it began eating where the parents left off.—Pall Mall Gazette.

## ANNIS CASE DRAGS LAW GOOD FOR BOTH PARTIES

(United Press Leased Wire.) Flushing, L. I., Dec. 31.—The events preceding the shooting of William E. Annis by Captain Peter C. Hains and following the return of the captain from San Francisco to his home, were related today by Major Hains, brother of the captain and of Thornton Jenkins, now on trial for participation in the shooting.

Major Hains testified that the captain told him that when he reached Fort Hamilton his wife was angry, and demanded to know why he hurried across the continent. He said the captain told him that he had heard gossip affecting her name.

According to the witness, Mrs. Hains said there was nothing in the stories, and that the captain was relieved that he asked her to "phone Annis," in order to show him that there was nothing in the gossip.

Major Hains explained that the captain told him that next day he found his wife at the telephone talking excitedly to Annis, and that the captain took the telephone away from his wife and invited Annis to dinner.

The major testified that the captain related the circumstances of an automobile ride taken by himself and Mrs. Hains with Annis. He said that Captain Hains told him of meeting with their father, General Hains, in the Hotel Astor, where the general told the captain that Claudia Hains had been absent for a week, and that he did not know her whereabouts.

The witness said that the captain remarked to him that he guessed he might as well confess all, that Claudia was in love with Annis, and that instead of being away with relatives, as she had led him to believe, she was with Annis in New York, and had an operation performed.

The major corroborated the story of the alleged confession of Claudia Hains of improper relations with Annis, and added that the actions of the captain indicated insanity.

Made Auxiliary Bishop. Washington, Dec. 31.—The papal legation today was notified officially that the pope has appointed the Right Rev. Dennis O'Connell, rector of the Catholic university here to be auxiliary bishop of California.

Bishop O'Connell will become auxiliary bishop of California instead of co-adjutor to the metropolitan archbishop Riordan, as previously reported.

The difference consists in the right of the co-adjutor to succeed to the archiepiscopal see in the event of the archbishop's death, whereas an auxiliary bishop is not entitled to succession, the appointment of a successor being left to the discretion of the pope.

B. F. Emmert returned to his home in Hubbard last night, after transacting business in the city.

## TAFT PULLS OUT OF SENATORIAL FIGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Charles Taft, brother of the President-elect, today announced officially his withdrawal from the Ohio senatorial contest. Politicians say that this means he will succeed Senator Dick two years hence.

Representative Theodore Burton, of Cleveland, now is almost certain to succeed Foraker. The whole Hamilton county delegation, including the Cincinnati delegates, will be solidly for Burton. Thorne Baker, who was scheduled to present Taft's name, will second the nomination of Burton. Taft says he withdrew in the cause of harmony.

## SYRUP COMPANY'S PLANT DESTROYED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Efforts are being made today to discover the origin of the fire which last night destroyed the local plant of the Pacific Syrup Company. The property loss is estimated today at \$150,000 and about \$50,000 insurance was carried.

B. A. Garrison, manager of the factory, said that, while he could not speak authoritatively, he believed the plant would be rebuilt.

The Pacific Coast Syrup Company is one of the oldest concerns in Los Angeles. The capital which controls it, of which E. B. Berger is president; E. P. Baker, vice-president, and R. R. Myrick, secretary, has plants in San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle.

## FOUR YEARS IN PEN FOR TRYING TO BRIBE JUROR

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 31.—E. A. S. Blake, a contractor, who was convicted a month ago of offering a bribe to John Martin Kelly, a prospective juror, was sentenced by Judge Dunne today to serve four years in the state penitentiary. District Attorney William H. Langdon personally appeared to the court for clemency, representing that Blake had been of service to the prosecution. Following his conviction, Blake

confessed that he had been approached by A. S. Newburgh and J. Murphy, Ruef's attorneys, who, he said declared that would be money in it for him if a Ruef juror could be "fixed."

Murphy was placed on trial on a similar charge, but acquitted. The trial of Newburgh is expected to begin soon.

### Consul Doubles Estimate.

Manchester, England, Dec. 31.—The Italian consul here estimates the number of dead as the result of the earthquake in Calabria and Sicily to be 240,000. Unofficial messages received by him from government officials at Rome say that the exact number of the dead can never be known. The consul bases his estimate upon dispatches he has received and his personal knowledge of the cities affected.

### Corroborate Consul's Figures.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 31.—Dispatches from the naval offices at Messina today place the number of dead in that city at 135,000. Similar dispatches say that the total number of dead at Messina and Reggio at 175,000. The messages did not state on what the estimates were based.

### A "Lady" Bootlegger.

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Paula Marcus, known to the government agents as "Queen of the Bootleggers," is under arrest here today accused of selling liquors to Indians. Mrs. Marcus put up a savage fight when surprised caching liquor in a gulch. Drawing a revolver, she sprang behind a tree but was overpowered by one of the officers before she could discharge the weapon.

### Senator Foraker Withdraws.

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Senator Joseph B. Foraker announced his withdrawal from the senatorial contest today one hour after a similar announcement had been made by Charles P. Taft. This leaves Theodore E. Burton practically a clear field.

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