

MAYOR SCHMITZ AGAIN INDICTED

Nine True Bills Returned Against Him, Calhoun of United Railroads and Others.

CRIME CHARGED IS BRIBERY.

Bail Fixed in Heavy Amounts—Foreman of Grand Jury Reports That More Indictments May Follow.

San Francisco, May 24.—The speculation that has been rife for weeks as to what the grand jury would do in the matter of indicting high corporation officials and municipal officers for alleged bribery in connection with the granting of the overhead trolley franchise to the United Railroads ended tonight, when the inquisitorial body returned 19 indictments of 89 counts, charging the crimes of giving and accepting bribes and naming as guilty the following persons:

Mayor Eugene Schmitz, Abraham Ruef, President Patrick Calhoun and Assistant to the President Thornwell Mullally of the United Railroads, and Atty. Tracy L. Ford and William M. Abbott of that corporation, and also President Louis Glass and former Agent Theodore B. Halsey of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, the last named indictments being in connection with an alleged deal by which the established telephone corporation sought to prevent the granting of a competitive franchise to the Home Telephone company.

Fourteen indictments, containing

84 counts, were returned jointly against Schmitz, Ruef, Calhoun, Mullally, Ford and Abbott, whom the grand jury accused of bribing 14 supervisors in amounts ranging from \$4,000 to \$15,000 each, to vote the change in the franchise of the United Railroads by which that corporation immediately after the fire gained authority to electrify its 250 miles of street railway system in San Francisco.

Two additional indictments were returned against Schmitz, the one charging that he sought and accepted from Ford and Ruef a bribe of \$50,000 for his co-operation in the trolley deal, the other charging that he sought and received from Frank G. Dwyer, a bribe of \$3,250 to approve the vote of the supervisory board fixing the public gas rate for 1906 at 85 instead of 75 cents at the highest on the San Francisco Gas & Electric company.

Two indictments were returned against Louis Glass charging him with the bribery of two supervisors who refused to vote a franchise competitive with that held by the Pacific States Telephone company. These indictments are additions to the nine others returned against him several weeks ago in the same connection. The indictment returned today against Halsey is identical with those returned against Glass and with 11 previously voted against Halsey himself.

It was after 5 o'clock when the grand jury adjourned from its regular meeting place in the Native Sons hall and went in automobiles to Judge Coffey's department of the superior court at California and Webster streets to enter the 19 true bills. Atty. A. A. Moors of the United Railroads' legal staff and Atty. Earl Rogers of Los Angeles, who has been especially engaged for the defense of President Calhoun and his associates, appeared for the railway corporation. Other than a few lawyers, several newspapermen, and 17 of the 19 members of the grand jury, there was no audience present. Judge Coffey announced, after running his eyes over the indictments, that he would fix bail in the sum of \$10,000 on each of the 89 counts. He gave the accused until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning to furnish bonds, and remarked that he would accept in lieu thereof cash bail of \$1,000 on each count. Assurance was given that pending the arrangement of bail no arrests will be made by the prosecution, so the nine men accused of the giving or taking of bribes are at liberty on their own cognizance until tomorrow.

The failure of Jurors Sonntag and Young to accompany the grand jury to Judge Coffey's court was not explained, though their absence was formally noted. The fact that Mr. Sonntag and Mr. Young followed each other in that order from the grand jury chamber shortly before the body started for court, and that they appeared to be laboring under excitement and anger, gave rise to a report that the voting of the 19 indictments was not accomplished without friction.

No confirmation of this could be obtained.

The statement was made unofficially that all but \$140,000 of the entire amount of bonds of \$300,000 will be forthcoming at the appointed hour tomorrow. The United Railroads alone will have to put up for its president, assistant to the president and two attorneys \$50,000 in securities, or \$250,000 in cash. Schmitz, in addition, to \$50,000 security he has already given to secure his liberty pending the trial of the five counts of extortion brought against him and Ruef jointly, will have to put up \$100,000 in bonds. Ruef will have to put up \$150,000—but inasmuch as he now is and for more than two months has been a prisoner, without any immediate hope of release, it is understood that he will make no attempt to give bail. It is said, indeed, that under the circumstances, and in view of the fact that he turned state's evidence, he prefers to remain the prisoner of Ellsler Biggy.

President Glass of the telephone company already has given bonds in the sum of \$50,000. He will have to put up \$20,000 more to retain his liberty. Theodore Halsey has put up \$110,000 in bonds, covering the 11 indictments previously found against him. He will have to put up \$10,000 additional tomorrow.

When Foreman Oliver of the grand jury filed the 19 indictments in court, he stated that these were "only a partial report from the grand jury." This is taken to mean that more indictments are to follow.

CALHOUN'S STATEMENT.

San Francisco, May 24.—Patrick Calhoun late tonight issued a lengthy statement addressed to the American people, in which he says the returning of indictments against himself and associates is another step in the program to gain political control of this city by Rudolph Spreckels and others

for selfish purposes through a combination with the labor union party, continuing, Mr. Calhoun says:

"The evidence is now complete that confessed criminals have been retained in the board of supervisors to do the bidding of Spreckels and his fellows. In the language of one of the prosecutors they are merely good dogs. Their evidence has been purchased, and their services secured through immunity contracts.

"I charge that the motives of Mr. Spreckels and his associates are base and malicious, that his plans are selfish and injurious to the welfare of this community, that they seek through the assassination of character to injure the United Railroads and further their own financial plans, and that inspired strikes, violence, destruction of property, boycotts and other indignities are each a part of Spreckels' plans to confiscate the property of the United Railroads to replace our street railroads by lines owned by Spreckels, and to that end to control the politics of San Francisco. I would be surprised that any body of American citizens could be induced to find these indictments if I did not know the methods which have been pursued by Spreckels' corps of hired detectives and his constant access to the members of the grand jury who have been misled by his professions of virtue.

"To my friends throughout the country I give the assurance that these indictments are not founded upon facts, that there is no evidence that could justify them and that my associate and I will be fully vindicated."

MULLALLY SAYS HE'S INNOCENT.

Thornwell Mullally said: "I am absolutely innocent of any of the charges made against me. This will be clearly shown as soon as the opportunity offers, which I hope will be immediately afforded me. I ask the fullest and most thorough investigation. The charges against me are as malicious an outrage as could possibly be perpetrated against any man. The souls of the men responsible for them are tonight more burdened than mine. In spite of the attacks upon me, my character remains unchanged, and when it shall appear as it surely will, that there is no evidence whatever against me, my reputation will not be impaired in the slightest degree by the great wrong that has been done me. I ask that my friends and the public believe me."

BUTTE POLICE WAR REACHES ACUTE STAGE.

Butte, Mont., May 24.—The police war reached an acute stage here today, when Mayor Corby's appointees to the force brought quo warranto proceedings in the district court against the hold-over policemen from the last municipal administration. The hold-overs refuse to resign until the council confirms Mayor Corby's men and the council refuses to confirm anybody named by Mayor Corby. Butte thus has two police forces, neither recognizing the other, and each demanding salary. Meanwhile, criminals arrested by either may contest the legality of the arrest, until the issue between the policemen is settled. The mix-up has attracted thugs of every description to the city. The council is Democratic and Mayor Corby is a Republican, and the dispute is purely partisan.

THE MRS. EDDY CASE.

Arguments Finished and Decision Will Be Rendered Probably Tuesday.

Concord, N. H., May 24.—Arguments were completed in the Merrimack county superior court today on the motion of the trustees of the estate of Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, to intervene and be substituted as plaintiffs in the suit brought by her son, George W. Glover, and others to compel an accounting of her property. Judge R. N. Chamberlain, the presiding justice, issued an order that all affidavits and all citations in the case be filed by next Tuesday, and his decision on the motion will be given later.

CABRERA'S ASSASSINATION.

Nineteen Men Charged With Complicity in It Sentenced to Death.

City of Mexico, May 24.—News was received here today of the imprisonment and sentencing to death of 19 men charged with complicity in the recent attempt to assassinate President Cervera of Guatemala. The following telegram has been received from Dr. Rodriguez Parra, Mexican consul at Guatemala City, who is

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acting as charge d'affaires since the departure of Minister Gamboa.

"The authors of the plot to assassinate Cabrera committed suicide day before yesterday while the Guatemalan officials were in the act of arresting them. Despite this fact, the council of war yesterday passed upon a testimony against 19 persons charged with being suspected accomplices in the crime and sentenced them all to death. "Among the doomed are two Italians, one Spaniard, one Belgian and two Mexicans. The diplomatic corps met today and decided that each minister accredited to the Guatemalan government should ask President Cabrera for an annulment of the sentences, which, they allege, were the result of irregularities and false testimony, and if this action on their part does not bring immediate results, the diplomatic corps will direct a collective note to President Cabrera tomorrow. All the members of the corps were in accord with the decision, there being not a single dissenting voice."

ORDERED TO LEAVE PRUSSIA.

Berlin, May 24.—Of the 10 Russian students arrested here yesterday, six have been ordered to leave Prussian territory within 48 hours, on the ground that they are obnoxious foreigners, and two others will be prosecuted for belonging to a secret association.

BROWNSVILLE INQUIRY.

Senator Pettus Says That Senate Has No Business to Go Into It.

Washington, May 24.—"Dammum absque injuria," said Senator Pettus of Alabama at the White House today, in reference to the Brownsville investigation. Senator Pettus is a member of the committee investigating the subject. The senator continued:

SILVER PURCHASES.

Washington, May 24.—The government today purchased 100,000 ounces of silver for delivery at Philadelphia at 67.46 cents per fine ounce.

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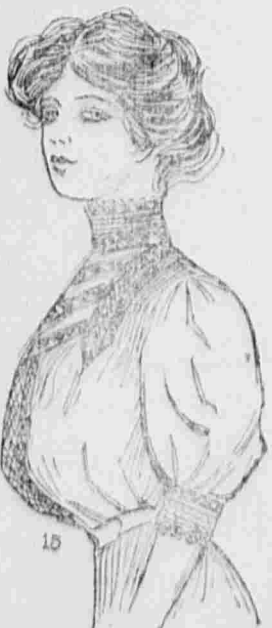
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