

## RUEF TELLS MUCH BUT NOT EVERYTHING

Just What He Told Grand Jury Is Not Divulged to the Public.

PURPOSE TO EXPOSE GUILTY.

It said He Was Only Questioned About Alleged Bribe of Schmitz and Supervisors by United Railroads.

San Francisco, May 16.—Abraham Ruef today made good his declaration of yesterday that he would, following his change of plea to guilty in the extortion case against him, turn state's evidence and assist the bribery-graft prosecution in its campaign against municipal corruption. Ruef, obeying a subpoena from the grand jury, served upon him at the Fillmore street prison house shortly before 2 o'clock, went in the charge of Special Agent Burns, Elmer Biggy and another guard to the grand jury chamber in Native Sons' hall, where he took the witness stand, and submitted to an examination that lasted from 3:20 o'clock until after 5 p. m.

When the ordeal was over he called the newspaper men around him and said that he had promised the grand jury to divulge nothing. Dist. Atty. Langdon and Asst. Dist. Atty. Henry refused to make any statement whatever. From Special agent Burns it was learned that the only matter on which Ruef was questioned was the alleged bribe of Mayor Schmitz and his supervisors by the United railroads to grant that corporation a change in its franchise, allowing the electrifying of its 256 miles of street railway system in this city.

If Burns' understanding of Ruef's testimony is correct, the fallen boss told the grand jury that President Patrick Calhoun, Asst. Pres. Theron Wall, Chief Counsel T. L. Ford and Asst. Counsel William M. Abbott of the United railroads, paid or caused to be paid the sum of \$200,000 for the privilege named, that \$10,000 of this amount was Ruef's "fee," that \$50,000 went into the pocket of Mayor Schmitz, and that the remaining \$80,000 was handed to the supervisors, 16 of them receiving \$4,000 each, another demanding and getting \$10,000, and Chairman Gallagher of the finance committee being paid \$15,000 for acting as go-between.

After the examination of Ruef was concluded the grand jury remained in executive session until 6:30 o'clock. Subsequently the statement was made, but not officially confirmed, that indictments had been voted against four high officials of the United railroads, and Schmitz, as predicted by an officer of the prosecution two weeks ago. Seen in his prison room tonight, Ruef said, regarding the ordeal through which he had passed:

"I was received and treated by the grand jury with a consideration that touched me deeply. When I entered the room every one of the 17 jurors present arose and took me by the hand. When I finished my testimony every one of them got up and bade me good night with a hearty hand-clasp. No disposition was displayed to 'grill' me. The trying task I had voluntarily set for myself was made as easy by kindness as I could have hoped. I do not know when I shall be called to testify. Perhaps tomorrow. I shall be ready."

"The report published locally today that it is my intention to tell everything I know, no matter who may be dragged down into shame and disgrace, is untrue and unwarranted. I stand by the statement made yesterday that my purpose is to expose only those who entered knowingly and willingly into corruption. I must not discuss the United railroads, for I am bound to silence by my promise to the grand jury. But you will recall that I told you yesterday, after my act in court, that there was no necessity for the offering of bribe money by the United railroads; that the permit would have been granted as a matter of course by the supervisors if it had been merely and customarily asked for."

The understanding is that the carrying out of the sentence to be imposed upon Ruef two weeks hence by Judge Dunne will be indefinitely suspended, in order that when the former municipal dictator and ally of Mayor Schmitz takes the stand in court against "those higher up," his testimony shall not be that of a convict. Detective Burns is authority for the statement that it is the purpose of the prosecution to send Ruef, eventually, to San Quentin penitentiary, but the trial of corporation officials who have been indicted, and of others who have not yet been formally charged, will, it is thought, take so long

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that Ruef's incarceration in a penitentiary will be delayed for at least a year. No move has been made for his admittance to bail. It is said that he himself prefers to remain in the custody of Elmer Biggy for the present at least.

Mayor Schmitz, both yesterday and today, denied himself to newspaper men. "I have nothing to say, no statement of any kind or character to make," was the statement he sent out.

According to Burns, Ruef "will tell everything he knows," despite his own declaration that he will not expose or testify against "those who were dragged into corruption by the force of overwhelming circumstances and against their will."

Ruef claims that Mayor Schmitz "knew all about the supervisors' dirty deals." Ruef declares he himself has lost money in politics—more money than he made.

It is understood that Ruef will be recalled by the grand jury tomorrow. Ruef today made the following statement to the Associated Press: "I am informed that many persons are censuring Mr. Ash and Mr. Shortridge for their action in retiring from my case yesterday. I wish to say that I expressly approve their course and that from their standpoint they could not consistently have taken any other. I am grateful to both of these gentlemen for their valuable services and I appreciate and value their continuing friendship, the warmth of which has been in no manner affected by the action of yesterday."

"They took the position that I was not guilty of the charge and I was not guilty of the charge and I ended so to state to the court, they could not, as my attorneys, tolerate a plea of guilty which had no basis and was against facts."

It is the sentiment of Mr. Ruef that no more loyal advocates or friends and no more able and faithful men ever conducted an important case in this city.

### BUTTE ELECTION.

Seals of Sacks Containing Ballots Found to Have Been Broken.

Butte, Mont., May 16.—When the sacks containing the ballots cast at the last municipal election were taken from the city vaults to be carried into court as evidence in the mayoralty contest instituted by J. H. Mahoney, the Democratic candidate, against Mayor Corby, it was found that the seals upon a number of the sacks were broken. J. M. Kennedy, the retiring city clerk, could not explain how access had been obtained to the vaults. The mayoralty contest was very close, Corby winning by less than 100 votes. The broken seals will complicate the contest, as a difference of a few votes in each sack would change the result.

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## STRONG EVIDENCE AGAINST SOLDIERS

Police Lieut. Dominguez Saw Them, and Heard Them Say, "Give Him H—."

THEY DID. SHOOTING HIM.

Absolutely Positive Men He Saw Were Negro Soldiers—Senator Foraker Could Not Shake His Story.

Washington, May 16.—F. A. B. Sanborn, manager of the Western Union Telegraph company at Brownsville, today, testified in the Brownsville investigation before the senate committee on military affairs, that he saw a negro soldier carrying a gun, enter the post at about the time firing ceased on the night of Aug. 13.

Sanborn was somewhat confused as to the incidents of the night, because of fright, and, as he was occupying a room directly across the road from the main gate of the post, many of the occurrences over which there is no conflict of testimony whatever, escaped him. Sanborn, who occupied a room in the rear of the telegraph rooms, with one window facing the garrison, said he was awakened by heavy firing very near him. It appeared to come from between the telegraph office and the garrison. He saw nothing prior to the passing of the soldiers down the garrison road and his entrance to the post near the main gate.

Sanborn said the firing had entirely ceased before the officers of the regiment arrived upon the scene, which testimony was in conflict with the stories previously told. On this point, Senator Foraker obtained the admission that he probably did not "get out from under cover" until all the firing was over.

Dr. Charles H. Thorne, a dentist in Brownsville, the lives about a square from the garrison, testified that he was awakened by a sound of heavy firing. As it came nearer he recognized the shooting as proceeding from high-power rifles. "He heard men coming

down the alley which runs from the garrison. He went to his back window and there heard voices which he judged to be negroes. Almost under his window he heard some of the men say:

"There they go," followed by loud voices. Lieut. Dominguez, of the Brownsville police, whose right arm below the elbow is missing as the result of the Brownsville affray, told his story of his experiences. Witness said he saw the soldiers moving down the alley toward the Miller hotel, and saying they would shoot up the hotel, as they crossed the alley leading from the post, four soldiers on one side and four upon the other. He heard them say:

"Give him h—," and then a volley was fired. He rode down the street, giving the alarm, and the men shot at him as he rode. A bullet struck his arm, then his horse stumbled and fell. By the time he had gotten clear of his horse, he said the soldiers had disappeared down the alley, still shooting, but witness lost consciousness soon after going to the home of a druggist to get his arm bandaged. Dominguez asserted positively that the men he saw were negro soldiers, and that there were 15 or 20 of them.

A Senator Foraker cross-examined the police lieutenant, but his story was not shaken.

### EXPLOSION SPREADS DEATH AND DISASTER.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 16.—The explosion of powder at the foot of Look-out mountain today caused the following damage:

Killed three trainmen. Probably fatally injured three railroad employees.

Wounded two laborers. Blew up a railroad bridge.

Three freight trains of 11 cars into Chattanooga creek.

Destroyed three houses. Wrecked a plover.

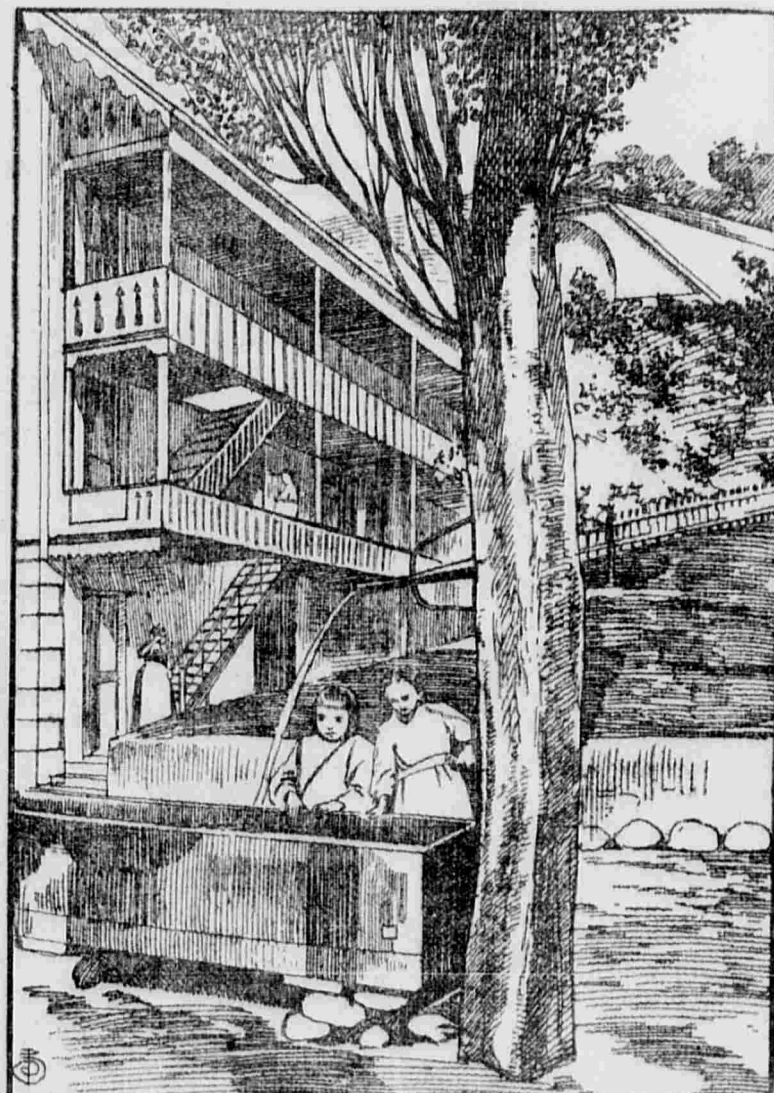
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The bridge was crushed in by several tons of rock hurled by the blast just as heavy freight train was going on to the bridge. The negro fireman was killed and the engineer probably fatally hurt. Other pieces of rock crashed through the pilot of a plover which was at work.

Other pieces of rock hurled 600 yards struck residences on the side of Look-out mountain, crashing through the roofs and floors.

Four Greeks who were working on the new lines some distance from the blast, were struck by flying pieces of rock. Two of them are in a serious condition.

### A UNIQUE NATURAL CURIOSITY.



The natural tree fountain shown in the picture is in the Swiss village of Guntlen, on Lake Thun. Twenty years ago the water of a spring was conducted through a shaft, the supply pipe being directed through the trunk of a young poplar, which was driven into the ground. The trunk took root, and now a fine top growth is to be seen.



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### CLARK ASKS FORGIVENESS.

Is Minister Who Married W. E. Corey And Mabelle Gilman.

New York, May 16.—Rev. John L. Clark, pastor of the Bushwick Avenue Congregational church, Brooklyn, who recently officiated at the marriage in this city of W. E. Corey, president of the United States Steel corporation, and Miss Mabelle Gilman, submitted to the credentials committee of the church a letter in which the minister begged forgiveness for having performed the marriage ceremony in question.

In the letter Dr. Clark said he realized that he had done wrong by the congregation of his church and to the church conception of the marriage relation in marrying a divorced person, and said he would humbly receive whatever censure the committee might impose.

Dr. Clark concluded by promising to use his ecclesiastical office in the future strictly in accordance with the principles of his denomination.

The committee decided to recommend in its report to the congregation that, in view of the pastor's integrity and righteousness, together with his letter of apology, no further action be taken in the matter.

Later it was announced that Rev. Mr. Clark in his letter had added that he had repaid the fee which was given him at the wedding.

### POSTOFFICE ROBBERS.

Leader of Sellwood, Or., Gang Sent Up for Nine Years.

Portland, Or., May 16.—Frank Wayne, the leader of the gang which robbed the Sellwood, Or., postoffice several months ago, was sentenced to nine years in the federal prison at McNeil's island, and William Carter, another member of the gang, was sentenced to 10 months.

Wayne pleaded guilty on five counts, and was given three years on the first and two each on each succeeding count. The severity of Wayne's punishment was due to the fact that the gang attempted and intended to murder folkman, Sorrenson, who caught them in the act.

### WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE ELECTS STEPHENSON.

Madison, Wis., May 16.—The Wisconsin senatorial deadlock was broken tonight by the nomination on the first ballot of tonight's Republican caucus of former Congressman Isaac Stephenson of Marinette. The result was accompanied by the breaking up of the opposition, which when the anti-Stephenson men realized that they were beaten, turned to their former favorites, Esch and Hatten, and the final result was announced as follows:

"Stephenson, 54; Esch, 23; Hatten, 19; scattering 3."

The credit for the Stephenson victory is given to Lieut.-Gov. Conner, who secured for Stephenson the support of two members claimed to have been elected for Hatten. If they had voted for Hatten, Stephenson would have been defeated.

The ballot was the end of a deadlock existing since April 18. Since that time a daily ballot has been taken in the legislature in joint session, and nearly 80 ballots have been taken in the Republican caucus. The vote will be followed by the formal election of Stephenson in joint session tomorrow.

Isaac Stephenson of Marinette, who was nominated for United States sena-

tor in the Republican caucus tonight to succeed John C. Spooner, resigned, is a banker and lumber merchant. He was born in Fredericton, N. B., June 18, 1839. He went to Bangor, Me., in 1860, and a year later moved to Wisconsin, where he worked on a farm. He afterwards bought a schooner, which he sailed between Milwaukee and Escanaba, and invested his savings in timber lands.

Mr. Stephenson was a member of the Wisconsin legislature from 1868 to 1869, and served in the lower house of Congress from 1883 to 1890. He has long been an adherent of United States Senator Robert M. La Follette.

### SUBMERGENCE TEST OF SUBMARINES GREAT SUCCESS.

Newport, R. I., May 16.—With all hands well and contented, with a bountiful supply of fresh air, and with records of submergence broken, the submarines Octopus and Lake rose to the surface of Narragansett bay at 4 o'clock this afternoon, ending a test of 24 hours under water.

The Octopus rose first, and the members of the naval trial board crowded

about her as the coning tower hatch flew open. The members of the trial board at once went below to see what condition existed on board, and also to test the air supply.

Samples of air were bottled every two hours through the test for analysis by the board.

The Octopus blew out foul air only twice during the 24 hours she was at the bottom of the bay. It was computed that only one fifty-fifth of her air supply was exhausted, and if these figures are correct they tend to show that the boat could remain submerged 35 days, provided the food and fuel supply were sufficient.

The Lake also stood the test well, although a leak was sprung in the superstructure. She pumped out twice, but what proportion of her air supply was used up could not be learned.

### BIG FIRE IN LARAMIE.

Laramie, Wyo., May 16.—A fire which broke out at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon destroyed eight wooden business buildings on Thornburg and Second streets and seriously damaged the Laramie Boomerang plant. The fire was brought under control at 2:10 p. m. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000 and only a small part is covered by insurance.

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