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BRIBERY CHARGES AGAINST OFFICIALS

Pat Calhoun Among Those Indicted by Grand Jury.

BAIL IS FIXED IN SUM OF \$10,000

Many Railway Officials and Others at San Francisco Indicted on Various Counts by the Grand Jury—Statement of Mr. Calhoun.

San Francisco, Cal., May 27.—The grand jury Friday returned bribery indictments as follows:

Against President Patrick Calhoun, of the United Railroads, fourteen.

Against assistant to the president, Thornwall Mullaly, fourteen.

Against Attorneys Tierney L. Ford and W. M. Abbott, of the legal department, fourteen each.

Against Abraham Reuf, fourteen.

Against President Louis Glass, of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, two.

Against Theodore V. Halsey, formerly an agent of that corporation, one.

Reuf and Schmitz are also charged with bribery in connection with the fixing of the gas company's rate, and with receiving \$5,000 in the United Railroads' franchise deal.

The indictments against Glass are additional to the eleven indictments already returned against him on the charge of bribing supervisors to refuse a competitive telephone franchise. The indictment against Halsey is for the same offense.

Superior Judge Coffey fixed bail in the sum of \$10,000 on each of the charges.

San Francisco, May 27.—Patrick Calhoun late Friday night issued a lengthy statement addressed to the American 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. Mr. Calhoun says:

"The evidence is now complete that self-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 inspired strikes, violence, destruction of property, boycotts, and these indictments 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 entire country I give the assurance that these indictments are not founded on facts and that there is no evidence that could justify them, and that my associates and I will be fully vindicated."

Deserter Killed by Sentry.

St. Louis, May 27.—Elmer Martin, awaiting trial at Jefferson barracks for deserting from the coast artillery at Fort Barrancas, Florida, was killed by Sentry Joseph Cothran Friday night. Martin had escaped from Cothran, who found him hiding in the forest. Cothran says that Martin refused to surrender and that then he fired. Edward V. Anderson, also awaiting trial for desertion, escaped with Martin, and has not been apprehended.

TWENTY-TWO-YEAR OLD CASE.

Appeals Court Affirmed Manslaughter Verdict Against Solomon.

Atlanta, May 27.—In rendering its decision Friday affirming the verdict of the lower court in the case of Mark Solomon versus the state, from Pulaski superior court, under which Solomon was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary, the state court of appeals appeared to regret the necessity for such action.

The crime of which Solomon was convicted was committed in Pulaski county, Nov. 15, 1885. He was then a boy of less than eighteen years. When returning home from a party or visit to some girls, he and another boy, Oscar Newman, eighteen years of age, got into a difficulty in which, it was stated, Newman was stabbed and later died as a result of his wounds.

For some strange reason, though, Solomon tried to have the case against him tried and disposed of, it was postponed from time to time and was not brought to trial until a few months ago, nearly twenty-two years after the commission of the alleged crime. In the meantime Solomon had grown up, married and raised a family. He is an expert railroad engineer, and operates fast trains on the Atlantic Coast Line.

It is understood one of the judges of the court has already mentioned the case to the prison commission, and it is more than likely that the pardoning board will be asked to take it up for action at its next meeting. The general belief is that executive clemency will be granted.

THEODORE TILTON DEAD.

American Author Passes Away in the City of Paris.

Paris, May 27.—Theodore Tilton, the American author who has been ill in this city for several days of pneumonia, died Saturday.

In 1874 Mr. Tilton preferred serious charges against Henry Ward Beecher, who had been his pastor and intimate friend, and demanded damages of \$100,000. After the tragedy which wrecked his career, Mr. Tilton came to Paris, where he has lived a solitary existence. With a slender income, derived principally, it is understood, from a single share of stock in a New York newspaper, coupled with meager royalties from his literary works which has been continued in a desultory manner, sufficed, apparently, to meet his modest demands; at least his few intimates never heard him complain of lack of funds.

Longshoremen Make Charges.

New York, May 27.—Union leaders in the longshoremen's strike claim to have evidence against one of the steamship companies of a specific violation of the immigration law, and declare that this evidence will be submitted to Immigration Commissioner Wichorn in the form of an affidavit. It is charged in the affidavit that the Royal mail steamship Tagus, which is docked at the Wilson line pier, on her last voyage from the West Indies, brought in ten men in addition to her regular crew, to assist in handling cargo. These men, who were taken on board the Tagus at a Jamaican port, have been used for that purpose since the steamer arrived, the union leaders charge.

Attacks Made on Japanese.

Tokio, May 27.—A report from the consul for Japan in San Francisco confirms the news of attacks made recently upon Japanese restaurant keepers in that city. The public here is indignant, but the press refrains from any hasty comment, trusting the Washington government to prevent the repetition of similar occurrences. The disturbance occurred in a restaurant conducted by Japanese on Folsom street and was followed by an attack upon a Japanese house on the opposite side of the street. The trouble arose over the expulsion of two white men from a Japanese restaurant on Eighth street.

Tornado Strikes Texas.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 27.—A destructive tornado is reported to have struck a section of country about 40 miles north of here. Three persons are reported killed by the storm.

MRS. FREENEY GUILTY, BUT JURY ASKS MERCY

Dodge County Woman Convicted of Killing W. P. Harrell.

JURY WAS OUT ALL THE NIGHT

Mrs. Freney Claims that She Killed Harrell as Only Last Resort and in Protection of Herself and Her Fire-side.

Eastman, Ga., May 27.—The jury on the case of Mrs. Sallie Freney, charged with the murder of W. P. Harrell, after being out all night, returned a verdict of guilty, with recommendation of mercy.

At a late hour Friday afternoon the judge charged the jury. The speeches were closed with a strong and impressive speech by Solicitor Eschol Graham.

Consternation was caused among the attorneys for the defense when Judge Martin announced that the state would have the opening and closing arguments. The defense had not sworn in any of the twenty-five witnesses subpoenaed.

In making her statement, Mrs. Freney either of her own accord or at the suggestion of her attorneys, handed to the jury several receipts for house rent, which was material evidence. These were examined by the jury at the request of the defense.

Judge Martin contended that this was the introduction of evidence, and deprived the defense of the closing speech. The defense fought hard against this, but the judge ruled against them.

W. P. Harrell, a well known man of this section, was shot to death several months ago by Mrs. Freney at the latter's home.

Mrs. Freney claimed that Mr. Harrell, from whom she rented her house and supposedly called to collect his rent, made improper proposals to her and was at the time intoxicated. She asserted he took hold of her and when she repulsed him, he struck her.

Mrs. Freney declared she killed Mr. Harrell only as a last resort and in protection of herself and her home.

ABRUZZI ARRIVES.

Noted Explorer Is to Participate in Jamestown Naval Ceremonies.

Washington, May 27.—The duke of Abruzzi arrived here Saturday aboard the Italian cruiser Varese, flagship of the squadron sent to the United States by the Italian government to participate in the naval ceremonies attending the opening of the Jamestown exposition.

Count Massiglia, the Italian consul general, was one of the first to greet the noted Italian explorer. The consul general announced that the duke would not life ashore while in New York, but would remain on board his ship.

Just how long the duke will remain in New York is not known. He has received numerous invitations to attend affairs, and if he accepts half of them, his stay will be lengthy. While here he will probably meet Commander Peary. The duke himself is a well known arctic explorer, his record for "farthest" having been beaten only by Peary.

Whisky Election in Lowndes.

Valdosta, Ga., May 27.—The prohibitionists have succeeded in securing the required number of names to a petition for an election on the whisky question, and the ordinary has named Monday, June 24, as the day for the election. The campaign from now until that time promises to be hot on both sides.

Road Blocked Twelve Hours.

Birmingham, Ala., May 27.—Northbound freight train No. 52, Alabama Great Southern railway, was derailed near Coaling Ala., Friday afternoon, ten cars of lumber being thrown from the track. The road was blocked for twelve hours. No one was injured.

FEDERAL AID ENDORSED.

Schools Favor Bill Proposing Government Appropriations.

Atlanta, May 27.—At the conference of the principals and presidents of board of trustees of the new district agricultural schools, together with the curriculum committee, appointed by the trustees of the state university, held in the senate chamber, a resolution was passed, by a unanimous vote, which comes in the nature of an indorsement of federal aid to education.

This resolution indorsed and urged the passage by congress of the Davis bill, under which it is proposed that congress shall appropriate \$10,000 to an agricultural school in each congressional district to be established by the state. This fund is, of course, to be expended under state direction.

It is generally believed that this measure will be finally enacted, though the appropriation to each school may be somewhat reduced, probably to \$5,000.

FAVORS REYNOLDS' BILL.

Alabama Governor Endorses Compulsory Education.

Montgomery, Ala., May 27.—"I am in favor of the Reynolds compulsory education bill," said Governor B. B. Comer, on Friday. "I think it should become a law, and believe it will at the July session of the legislature. It ought to pass and all of our people should be educated, so far as it is in the power of the state to provide learning for them." Thus did the executive put himself on record for a bill that is favored by the school men and women of the state, but has had some trouble in the legislature.

This bill was introduced in the legislature by J. E. Reynolds, chairman of the educational committee of the senate. It met with some opposition in the upper house, but passed by a comfortable vote, and Mr. Reynolds believes that it will get through the lower house.

Troops Dispatched to Mines.

Capetown, May 27.—The dispatch of a thousand regular troops to the Rand, where white miners are on a strike, has excited the whole country. The primary purpose of the dispatch of these troops is to overawe the Chinese miners should they prove restless, leaving the police and volunteers to deal with the white miners who are displaying brutality in their assaults upon the strike breakers, and are seriously damaging property. Fifty mines are now affected.

Boy Killed by Lightning.

Gainesville, Ga., May 27.—Johnny White, aged 12 years, a son of G. W. White, was struck and killed by lightning 4 miles from Flowry Branch, on the Banks place Thursday night. His two sisters were rendered unconscious and may not recover. The children were taking clothes from a line, when a bolt of lightning struck it, resulting in the death of the boy and the serious injury of the two girls.

Negro Shot and Killed His Wife.

Eatonville, Ga., May 27.—Bill Bledsoe, a negro, shot his wife through the left side Thursday at dinner so seriously that her death resulted from the wounds. The victim was at work in the yard of Alex S. Jenkins, as a cook, and had just finished dinner, when the husband, from whom she had been separated about two weeks, came up and, after a few words, shot her. He escaped immediately after the shooting.

Madame Melba Ill.

London, May 27.—Mme. Nellie Melba, who took a chill at Cherbourg when landing from a steamer from the United States, has been obliged to cancel all her engagements for the next few days in order to nurse herself. She has appeared once here in opera since the illness began.

Leaves Newspaper Work.

Thomasville, Ga., May 27.—Robert M. Timmons, who for the past year has been business manager of the Thomasville Times-Enterprise, left Thomasville Friday for Rome, Ga., where he will enter the insurance field with the State Mutual Life of that city.

STATUE TO GENERAL GORDON UNVEILED

Georgians Pay Tribute to Memory of Soldier Statesman.

SPLENDID MILITARY PAGEANT

Equestrian Statue of the Brave and Daring Confederate General is Unveiled on Capitol Grounds in Atlanta—Witnessed by Thousands.

Atlanta, May 27.—Thousands of Georgians and many visitors from other states gathered in Atlanta Saturday to participate in and witness the exercises incident to the unveiling of the heroic bronze equestrian statue of General John B. Gordon, which stands majestically in reviewing attitude on the northwest corner of the state capitol grounds.

The unveiling ceremonies began promptly at noon around the monument, upon stands erected for the occasion, and were preceded by a splendid military pageant which stretched out to the length of a Memorial day parade.

The troops assembled for the parade at the junction of Peachtree and West Peachtree streets, and included the Fifth and Second regiments infantry, national guard of Georgia, four troops of Georgia cavalry, the Atlanta artillery battery, federal troops from Fort McPherson, cadets from the state university at Athens, from the Gordon Institute at Barnesville, from the Marist college of Atlanta, hundreds of Atlanta school children, confederate veterans and many civic bodies united in doing honor to Georgia's typical soldier, statesman and patriot.

The exercises took place upon a specially erected grand stand, upon which sat the many guests specially invited for the occasion, including the members of General Gordon's family, ex-governors of Georgia and their families, judges of the United States courts, members of the John B. Gordon Monument association, Sculptor Solon H. Borglum, the officers of the Ladies' Memorial Association, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and many others.

Two hundred voices participated in the singing of the song, "The New South," especially written and arranged for this occasion.

The invocation by Rev. William F. Glenn and music by the band, was followed by the reading of the history of the John B. Gordon Monument association by its first president, Judge W. L. Calhoun, of Atlanta.

The principal address of the occasion was made by General Clement A. Evans, comrade and lifelong friend of General Gordon, who was with him on the famous 12th day of May, 1864, at Spotsylvania, when, by forcing General Robert E. Lee to the rear, the gallant Gordon probably saved the intrepid confederate leader's life.

The dedication poem was read by its author, Charles W. Hubner, of Atlanta, and the exercises closed with the formal delivery of the monument to the state by Captain N. E. Harris, of Macon, on the part of the commission, and its acceptance by Governor Terrell.

Fatal Fire at Somerset, Ky.

Somerset, Ky., May 27.—The Mercer hotel at Burnside, Ky., near here, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, and Miss Bertha Goonds, a telephone operator, was burned to death. The telephone exchange was located in the hotel building and Miss Goonds was at work at the time the fire broke out. The fire so rapidly spread that she was unable to reach the street.

America's Chances Lessened.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 27.—Ramos D. Little will not accompany the American Lawn Tennis challengers for the Davis cup to England this summer. America's chances to win the cup are lessened by Little's inability to make the trip, and an endeavor will be made to find a first-class player to accompany Wright and Behr.