

RUEF'S DEFENSE LOSES QUICKLY THIRD TRIAL APPROACHES AN END RAPIDLY

ALL EVIDENCE IN AND ARGUMENTS ARE BEGUN

Judge Lawlor Imposes Arbitrary Arrangement for Talks to Jury. O'Gara Addresses Letter on Gallagher's Story

[By Associated Press.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—The third trial of Abraham Ruef, the former political boss of San Francisco, this instance upon an indictment charging bribery of former Supervisor John J. Furey in the award of the United Railroad trolley franchise, is in the stage of argument and the case should be in the hands of the jury by Wednesday night.

The presentation of evidence came to an end rather suddenly, counsel for the defense calling no witnesses, but contenting themselves with the introduction of documentary testimony and the interposition of motions that were denied.

Failure of the opposing attorneys to agree upon a scheme of argument made it necessary for Judge Lawlor to impose an arbitrary arrangement whereby the prosecution was given this afternoon and Wednesday morning, while the defense was allotted tomorrow's session of court, aggregating about eight hours.

It was agreed Henry Ach should open and Thomas B. Dozier should close the case of the defendant, and that Hiram Johnson should take up the case of the people where it was left today by Assistant District Attorney O'Gara.

After thanking the jury for their patience and patriotism, and giving to Francis J. Henry the major portion of the credit for outlining the case, Mr. O'Gara began his narrative of occurrences that led up to the alleged bribery.

To establish the connection between Gallagher and Ruef, Mr. O'Gara advised the jury to consider the admission of Gallagher that he had acted as paymaster after various conversations with the defendant, and the other testimony, exclusive of which might be the defense, was characterized as the statement of accomplices, and therefore not entitled to full credence.

MRS. FLORENCE MAYBRICK WINS TITLE TO BIG ESTATE Woman Who Served Term on Charge of Murdering Husband Gets, with Her Mother, \$2,500,000 Worth of Lands

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 7.—The case of Mrs. Florence Maybrick and her mother, Baroness von Roquet of New York, involving title to land said to be worth about \$2,500,000, was decided in their favor in the chancery court here today.

Under the decree deeding conveying 2,500,000 acres of land in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky to E. W. Armstrong of New York, former counsel for Mrs. Maybrick and her mother, is set aside and Armstrong is ordered to give an accounting of all lands and money handled by him while their attorney.

They inherited the land from the first husband of the baroness. They employed Armstrong as attorney to secure deed to the enormous tracts of land shortly after the death of Mrs. Maybrick's husband, for which she served a term in a British prison.

Attorney Armstrong, they charged, sold one tract of land for \$85,000, after which he is said to have represented that the whole property was worth \$2,500,000, was worth only \$100,000, and bought it himself at that price, after receiving \$85,000 for a single tract which was only one-thirtieth of the whole property.

Five Narrowly Escape Death FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 7.—Five workmen narrowly escaped death or serious injury this morning when a scaffolding twenty-five feet high erected in the interior of Acacia hall, five miles from this city, collapsed and precipitated all to the floor below. John Winblad sustained five broken ribs, John Doughtery, a delirious patient in the Hahnemann hospital, today rushed to an open window and leaped to the ground, twenty-five feet below. He struck on his head, fracturing his spinal column, and died almost instantly.

Found Dead in Bed BERKELEY, Dec. 7.—Julius Anloft, employed by the McCullough Manufacturing company, was found dead in bed of heart disease this morning. He is said to have been a brother of "Swift-water Bill" Gates.

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GREAT PROFITS OF OIL OCTOPUS ARE TOLD BY ARCHBOLD

With Capital of \$1,000,000, Indiana Branch Made \$55,000,000 in Six Years—California Is Examined Also

[By Associated Press.] NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Figures showing some of the profits of the Standard Oil company and the part of the court record in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company when John D. Archbold resumed the stand for a brief examination, and Henry Tilford, president of the Standard Oil Company of California, testified at some length as a witness for the defense.

The government inquirer on figures submitted showed that the Continental company, a Standard subsidiary in the middle west, made profits of 115 per cent on its capitalization of \$300,000, and that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana on a capitalization of \$1,000,000 earned about \$55,000,000 between 1899 and 1900.

Counsel for the company declared the actual assets of the company were greater than the capitalization, as the companies had turned back large sums from earnings.

Counsel for the government sought to prove by Mr. Tilford of California and other western states the Standard had made contracts with competitors whereby it obtained all the oil supply.

Referring to oil trade rate cutting in Colorado and elsewhere, Mr. Tilford said the Standard never cut prices to undersell its competitors, but lowered rates to meet the reductions of its rivals.

Mr. Tilford's examination likely will be concluded tomorrow and either Mr. Rockefeller or Frank S. Moffett will be called.

ALLEGED HE SENT POISON BY MAIL John Wilson Accused by Expert Penman of Writing Directions on Fatal Medicine Sent from San Jose

[By Associated Press.] SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—That John W. Wilson will be charged with the murder of his employer, Henry Boas, the young electrician who died in great agony last week from strychnine poisoning taken in some powders sent him through the mails, was the statement made tonight by Captain of Detectives Kelly.

The theory which the police held for several days that Boas had sent the powders to himself knowing that they contained strychnine and committed suicide in this peculiar manner, was suddenly abandoned Saturday when detectives placed Wilson under arrest.

Any lingering doubts that the police may have had as to whether the powder was sent to Boas with a letter directing him to take the medicine for his indigestion for the purpose of causing his death, were dispelled today when Theodore Kytko, the handwriting expert, after a thorough comparison of the letter with Wilson's handwriting, made a statement that Wilson wrote the fatal directions.

According to Captain of Detectives Kelly, many damaging admissions have been made by the prisoner. He said that he was a deserter from the United States army and admitted that he had deserted his wife and baby.

We will charge Wilson with murder, said Kelly, upon the theory that he was prompted to commit the crime so as to get possession of the business.

His plan was to get Boas out of the way, assume charge of the business, as he has already tried to do, and finally to keep it as his own.

It was Wilson's assertion after the death of his employer that he was a partner in the firm, which first caused suspicion to be directed upon him.

Wilson has been subjected to a terrible "swagging" ordeal, and is said to be on the verge of nervous collapse.

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Six Jurors Sworn In SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—Six jurors were secured today in the trial of I. W. Chang, the Korean charged with the murder of Durham White Stevens, an American adviser to the Korean emperor, who was killed March 23 last at the entrance to the Ferry building.

Many Killed in Explosion CALCUTTA, Dec. 7.—An explosion in the magazine at the military station here today resulted in the killing of eleven men and the wounding of twenty-six others. Most of the injured will die. Most of the casualties were among native soldiers and non-commissioned officers. At the time of the explosion the men were engaged in converting ball cartridges into blank cartridges. It was at first reported that the accident was the work of artifice, but this rumor was quickly disproved.