

## KEYES PLEADS FOR ACQUITTAL IN BRIBE CASE

Former Prosecutor Fights 'Most Important' Court Battle of Career.

*By United Press*  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—The voice of Asa Keyes resounded throughout a little courtroom in the old Los Angeles county courthouse today as the former district attorney resumed his plea for acquittal on bribery conspiracy charges.

The courtroom was filled with throngs eager to hear Keyes in what he termed "the most important case to me in twenty-nine years of practice."

Keyes was fighting to clear his name and his honor, he said, and asked the jury of ten women and two men if, in view of his long experience, they thought he would be such a fool to accept "hush money" in Ben Getzoff's tailor shop with employees crowding the shop and customers coming in and out."

### Strong Language Used

His old role of prosecutor in criminal cases overshadowed his plea for acquittal. He characterized Milton Pike, Joseph Sherman and John Rettinger as "damned liars" in referring to the testimony of the three journeymen tailors whose diary of what took place in the little Spring street tailor shop led to the present trial of Keyes, Getzoff and Ed Rosenberg.

When he asserted that the "people attempted to lynch Jack Bennett for the \$35,000,000 stock overissue in the Julian cases," he was challenged by Special Prosecutor William J. Clark, who held that there never was such evidence in the case and "that Keyes is the damndest liar I ever saw."

### Just Friendly Gifts

Bennett, alias Jacob Berman, was indicted with Keyes, but turned state's evidence.

Although the court ordered the remarks stricken out Keyes urged that they be left in the record, adding that "Mr. Clark probably has his opinion of me and I have mine of him."

The former district attorney said that any money or gifts that Getzoff tendered him were considered in the nature of presents "from a wealthy friend."

The state contends Getzoff received a total of \$165,000 from Jacob Berman and Ed Rosenberg which he in turn paid over to Keyes, then

## Helps to Nab Kidnaper



Pretty Dolly Scott of Los Angeles was taken prisoner by an armed man as she was leaving a beauty parlor. He took her to a room and while he was writing a letter to his mother, stating he was going to kill her, Miss Scott escaped. Then she helped police to capture the man by calling him up and making an appointment with him. The man was said to be William Cuaron, pardoned Texas girl-slayer.

**RENEW FIGHT FOR BILL**  
Eagles to Continue Efforts for Old Age Pension.

Keyes emphasized his long years of public service in an effort to refute charges that he was false to his trust.

"It takes years and years to build a character," he said. "I have been in office for twenty-six years now acting fairly and openly before the people of the county and I believe I have built a character."

"I want to tell you that this indictment came as a thunder clap from the sky, and it has crushed me down, but I'm not out—and they will never put me out. My heart, mind and conscience are clear."

District Attorney Buron Fitts and Special Prosecutor Clark will close for the state. The case probably will go to the jury late Friday or early Saturday.

**22 Ill With Measles**  
By Times Special  
MIER, Ind., Feb. 7.—Twenty-two pupils attending the Mier school today are ill with measles which threaten to result in an almost general quarantine in this locality.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

## HOOVER USES 'BUFFER'; KEEPS OFF POLITICIANS

Colonel Horace Mann Sees Most of Office Seekers in Florida.

*By United Press*  
MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 7.—President-Elect Hoover, as well as being secluded from the public gaze, is being protected here from a stream of politicians by the simple device of a buffer.

That buffer is Colonel Horace Mann, director of Hoover's southern campaign, who admits the role frankly.

Mann has an office and a small office force in a local hotel, which he says is paid for by the Florida Republican organization. Many who come here to see the President-elect are told to see Mann. Most of them are office seekers such as usually swarm about a man in Hoover's position.

Mann, who has disclaimed any ambition to be dispenser of southern patronage and says he will play no such role, says he talks to these people—but promises them nothing.

He is here to keep these people from taking up the time of the next chief executive, who has more important concerns, he explains.

The colonel keeps in the background here, as he did during the campaign. He has appeared at the Hoover executive offices, but once.

But Mann keeps in daily touch with the President-elect by telephone and by messenger, giving rise to the belief that he still occupies an important part in the Hoover scheme of things; but just what has not been disclosed.

He will not be the "Colonel House" of the Hoover administration, though he, like President Wilson's right hand man, is from the south, Tennessee.

## BOY MISSING AFTER REPROOF RETURNS

Joseph Parker, Said to Have Been Kidnapped, Is Home.

Joseph Parker, 15, of 1223 East Sixteenth street, returned home at about 4 a. m. today from "playing hooky" from Technical high school Wednesday afternoon.

Police and detectives were searching for the boy Wednesday afternoon after it was believed he had been kidnapped by a "beautiful woman." Miss Mabel Goddard, Tech English teacher, later was identified as "the beautiful woman" who called the boy from class to reprimand him.

After getting some sleep this morning at his home, Joseph nonchalantly walked out and refused to tell his mother, Mrs. Charles B. Parker, where he was going.

"But it won't be Tech," he said.

## BOMBING TERM UPHELD

Rehearing Denied in Attempted Killing of School Teacher.

*By United Press*  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 7.—The Illinois supreme court today denied a rehearing to Hiram Reed convicted of the love bombing of Iola Bradford, La Salle county school teacher.

Reed was found guilty of placing dynamite in the stove of the school in which Miss Bradford taught.

Refusal of the state tribunal to reconsider its decision leaves Reed only one recourse—the Governor—and clemency there is unlikely.

## WAIT PLYWOOD ORDER

Clark Veneer Company to Get Train Load of New Lumber.

The R. C. Clark Veneer Company will receive a train load of plywood in the near future for distribution in this territory.

The train, the first solid train of the "modern lumber," was shipped from Tacoma, Wash. Plywood will not split, shrink or swell.

## ITALY AND POPE SETTLE DISPUTE OF 59 YEARS

Treaty Between Holy See, Government to Be Signed Sunday.

**BY THOMAS B. MORGAN,**  
United Press Staff Correspondent

ROME, Feb. 7.—Diplomats of twenty-five nations gathered in the red hall of the Vatican palace today and heard Pietro Cardinal Gaspari, papal secretary of state, announce that the Holy See and the Italian government had settled their differences after a dispute lasting since 1870.

It was a solemn occasion. Cardinal Gaspari, with great dignity, made the announcement in a few simple words. The entire ceremony occupied less than fifteen minutes.

The agreement will be signed on Sunday in the historic church of St. John Lateran. Cardinal Gaspari will sign the treaty in behalf of the pope and Premier Benito Mussolini for the Italian government.

The reconciliation restores the pope to status as a temporal sovereign, of which he was deprived when Italy seized the papal state in 1870.

Its terms, in brief, provide for slight enlargement of the present Vatican grounds and its establishment as a sovereign state; payment of an indemnity for church property taken over by the government in 1870, and exchange of diplomatic representatives between the Vatican and Italy.

The entire diplomatic corps in Rome was present when Gaspari made the announcement, with the exception of Ambassador Blanics of Argentina, who is in poor health and sent a letter of regret.

Cardinal Gaspari, in selecting the

## 'Mule Coop'

*By Times Special*  
BEDFORD, Ind., Feb. 7.—Bedford police have not yet determined whether six quart bottles of white mule whisky found buried under a chicken house here is hen liquor—two drunks and the drinker lays. John Matlock was arrested, charged with being owner of the liquor.

red hall to make his announcement, picked an atmosphere that corresponded strikingly with papal pomp. The walls are covered with deep red damask panels, with lines of gold. The furniture is heavy and massive, with triangular marble-topped tables here and there against the walls.

Cardinal Gaspari wore a black soutane piped with red and partly covered with a red mantle. He spoke in emotional tones in making his announcement, evidently feeling deeply the importance of his task.

When Gaspari signs the treaty on Sunday it will be the first time he and Mussolini have met.

The setting of the ceremony will be in an historic background. The Lateran Basilica is on the site of a palace presented to the bishop of Rome by Constantine the Great. It is in the southeast corner of the city. The ceremony will be in the strictest privacy, with only the necessary functionaries admitted to witness the event.

## CITY MULE SALE URGED

Seek to Dispose of Old Street Cleaning Equipment for New.

A resolution asking city council approval of the sale of thirty-one city mules and obsolete street-cleaning equipment was prepared today by the board of works.

Street Commissioner Charles A. Grossart is planning to replace the mules with motor equipment about March 1.

Value of the thirty-one mules was estimated at \$30 each by appraisers named by the board. David Coulter, an appraiser said. The mules and other used equipment was appraised at \$1,500.

## ROOT TO ACT AS ENVOY ON WORLD COURT

Former State Secretary to Undertake Unofficial Diplomatic Mission.

*By United Press*

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Elihu Root, former secretary of state, will undertake an unofficial mission seeking diplomatic understanding among world powers on reservations to the world court by the United States.

The intended mission was revealed some time after Root, while in Washington Wednesday, conferred with leaders of the senate foreign relations committee.

The President, it has been made known, still is desirous of entrance of America and has looked upon the unofficial diplomatic mission as an excellent way of bringing it about.

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