

### Inquiry Lifts Veil On Graft Around Courts

(Last of a series on New York graft investigations)

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (AP)—The most recent phase of investigation of political fraud and judicial irregularities in New York has centered on a particularly vicious system surrounding magistrates' courts—the professional bondsmen, petty grafters, crooked lawyers who take advantage of the unfortunate, the ignorant and the criminal who are brought before the bar of justice.

Into this tangle of corruption and fraud has gone Isidor J. Kresel, an under-sized man whose relentless pounding and skillful, sharp-witted questioning have given him an enviable record as an investigator.

Still more menacing to some of the persons involved is the slim figure of Chile Mapocha Acuna, a sallow-faced little Latin-American whose career in New York as a workers at odd-jobs finally led to a post on the outskirts of the criminal world as a "stool pigeon." Fearing the fate of an underworld "squealer," Acuna is constantly guarded by six policemen.

Charges made by Acuna—and he picked his men out of a line of police officers—involved 18 members of the police vice squad. The system he described was one of "framing" girls on vice charges. With Acuna working as stool pigeon for the police, he said he found certain officers kept up a high record of arrests by preying on innocent girls who were arrested and then forced to pay money to professional bondsmen to secure their release from jail. The part of the magistrates, if any, in the system was placed under investigation by Kresel. Testimony of one victim of a "frame-up" said that she was refused bail by the magistrate until she had paid a lawyer to arrange the bond. Later she was discharged, the judge remarking that there was absolutely no evidence to support the charge against her.

**Two Victims**

Two women victims also have been witnesses against the policemen who were brought to trial before a deputy police commissioner after the evidence against them had been revealed at the magistrate's inquiry in the appellate division. The women, Winifred Grayson Sakwich and Mrs. Jennie Domalski Jappas, under questioning by Kresel, said they were "framed" by policemen and also testified that they were beaten and kicked. They had difficulty in identifying the policemen.

The charges were denied by the accused police and the defense attempted to present testimony damaging the character of the two women witnesses and Acuna.

The investigations caused circulation of rumors that two magistrates, Abraham Rosenbluth and Louis B. Brodsky, would resign, but the reports were denied by Referee Samuel Seabury, who was named by Governor Roosevelt to act in the inquiry.

### Suits Filed In District Court

January 3, 1931

Clara Jane Thacker vs. Oscar R. Thacker, for divorce. The parties were married in Leslie, Ark., Sept. 29, 1912, and have five minor children: Clara Lee Thacker, 15; Oscar Roy Thacker, 13; Ernest Thacker, 11; Dorothy Thacker, 8; and Nellie May Thacker, 6.

The parties, according to the complaint have community property valued at \$5,000, consisting of lots 27 and 28, block 23, Clark's Las Vegas Townsite.

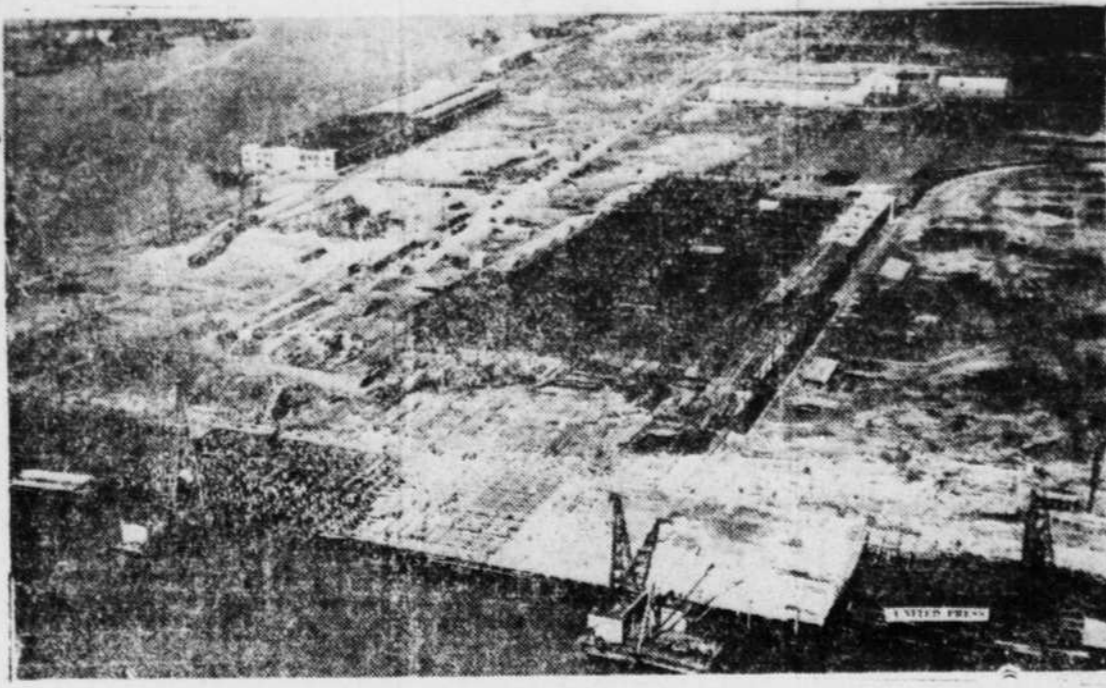
The complaint asks for judgment for divorce, the custody of the children and \$100 per month for the maintenance of the children. F. A. Wells, attorney for plaintiff.

Eugene Sadowski vs. A. J. Schur. A suit to cancel a deed for lots 1 to 10, block 1, exclusive of that part of said lots extending into the highway, and all of lots 37 to 43, block 1, Meadows addition.

The complaint alleges that plaintiff had leased said property to defendant for September, October and November, 1930, at \$100 per month, that defendant paid \$200 on said lease and later paid \$75 to the First State bank as interest upon the Foster loan.

The complaint further alleges that on August 2, 1930, plaintiff gave an option to purchase said property to said defendant, that before leaving for Pittsburgh, Pa.

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plaintiff deposited with defendant a grant deed to said real estate, leaving the name of the grantee in blank, so that said defendant would be able to close a deal quickly for the sale of said property, and that defendant stated to the plaintiff that the name of the purchaser of said property would not be entered in said deed until the sum of \$7,500 in cash was paid to plaintiff or deposited to his credit with the First State bank.

Plaintiff alleges that no consideration whatever passed from defendant to plaintiff and that it was not his intention to convey said property except upon payment of \$7,500. That sometime between August 2 and August 4, 1930, defendant, disregarding his trust, entered his own name in said deed and caused the same to be recorded.

Plaintiff demands the cancellation of said deed and the return of said property and asks judgment for \$500 on account of rents, less the \$275 paid as above recited.

Lewis & Gambill, attorneys for plaintiff.

(A. J. Schur, defendant in above suit, stated to the Age that the deed in question was executed and acknowledged by plaintiff after the name of the defendant had been inserted and that the records of the notary public who took the acknowledgment of plaintiff, so show.)

January 5, 1931

Marguerite B. Craft vs. Harold E. Craft, for divorce. The parties were married in Denver, Colo., January 12, 1923, and there are two minor children, Jean Craft, aged about 6, and Marjory Craft, aged about 5. There is no community property. Cruelty and failure to provide are alleged as cause of action. Harmon, Salter & Marshall, attorneys for plaintiff.

Robert E. Hanna vs. Catherine P. Hanna, for divorce. The parties were married in New York City Aug. 4, 1925, and there are no minor children. The community property consists of real estate in Iowa of the value of \$6,000 and \$2,000 in Iowa stocks in the hands of plaintiff, and \$15,000 in stocks and \$10,000 in cash in the hands of defendant.

The complaint alleges cruelty as cause of action. Harmon & Salter, attorneys for plaintiff.

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### SOUTH SEES NEWSPRINT FROM PINE AS FARM AID

ATLANTA (AP)—Millions of acres of slash pines may bring the much sought farm yield to southern states.

The possibility is seen in the announcement here of Dr. Charles H. Herty, of New York, former president of the American Chemical Society, that newsprint can be made from slash pine. Georgia state and civic officials plan extensive research in an effort to convert the pine areas into profit.

Thousand of farmers in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and parts of Texas own vast areas of slash pine land, which is particularly adapted to reforestation, both naturally and from seedlings.

Dr. Herty's statement that slash pine, and possibly other varieties, will grow to the required size for making newsprint pulp in ten years, whereas it requires 60 years for the Canadian spruce to attain the proper growth, has aroused much interest in these states.

There are more than 150 million acres of cutover lands and abandoned farms in the area where slash pine abounds. Forestry officials say that a young forest will increase in production at the rate of one cord an acre annually without attention.

Many experiments with slash pine reforestation have been conducted in the states where it grows, and all replanting have been satisfactory. In some sections, the pine grows so rapidly that state officials see no reason for planting young seedlings.

Only a few old trees left for seed are needed for quick growth.

Dr. Herty and Georgia forestry officials say that the farmers would benefit from the sale of pine as pulpwood, because they would be enabled to utilize their horses and mules, as well as motor trucks, during winter months when farm work is at a standstill.

If newspapers in the south are willing to sign provisional contracts to use paper made by a home mill, Dr. Herty said, some manufacturers are ready to come to the south and begin operations without delay.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cahlan of Reno left Sunday for home after visiting during the holidays with their sons, A. E. and John F. Cahlan.

Miss Elizabeth Fredrickson has returned to Las Vegas after spending the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fredrickson, of Goodsprings.

### Italian Planes Hop For Brazil

ROME, Jan. 6. (AP)—Twelve Italian seaplanes took off at 2 a. m. today (2 p. m. Monday EST) on a trans-Atlantic flight to South America. The Italian air ministry announced.

Italo Balbo, Italian air minister, is in charge of the flight. The objective is Natal, Brazil.

### Atlantic Hop Is Postponed

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 5. (AP)—Mrs. Beryl Hart and Lieut. William McLaren said tonight they had delayed resumption of their pay load flight to Paris via Bermuda and the Azores until Wednesday because of a storm reported on the Atlantic seaboard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Finney and daughters enjoyed a motor trip to Goodsprings Sunday.

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