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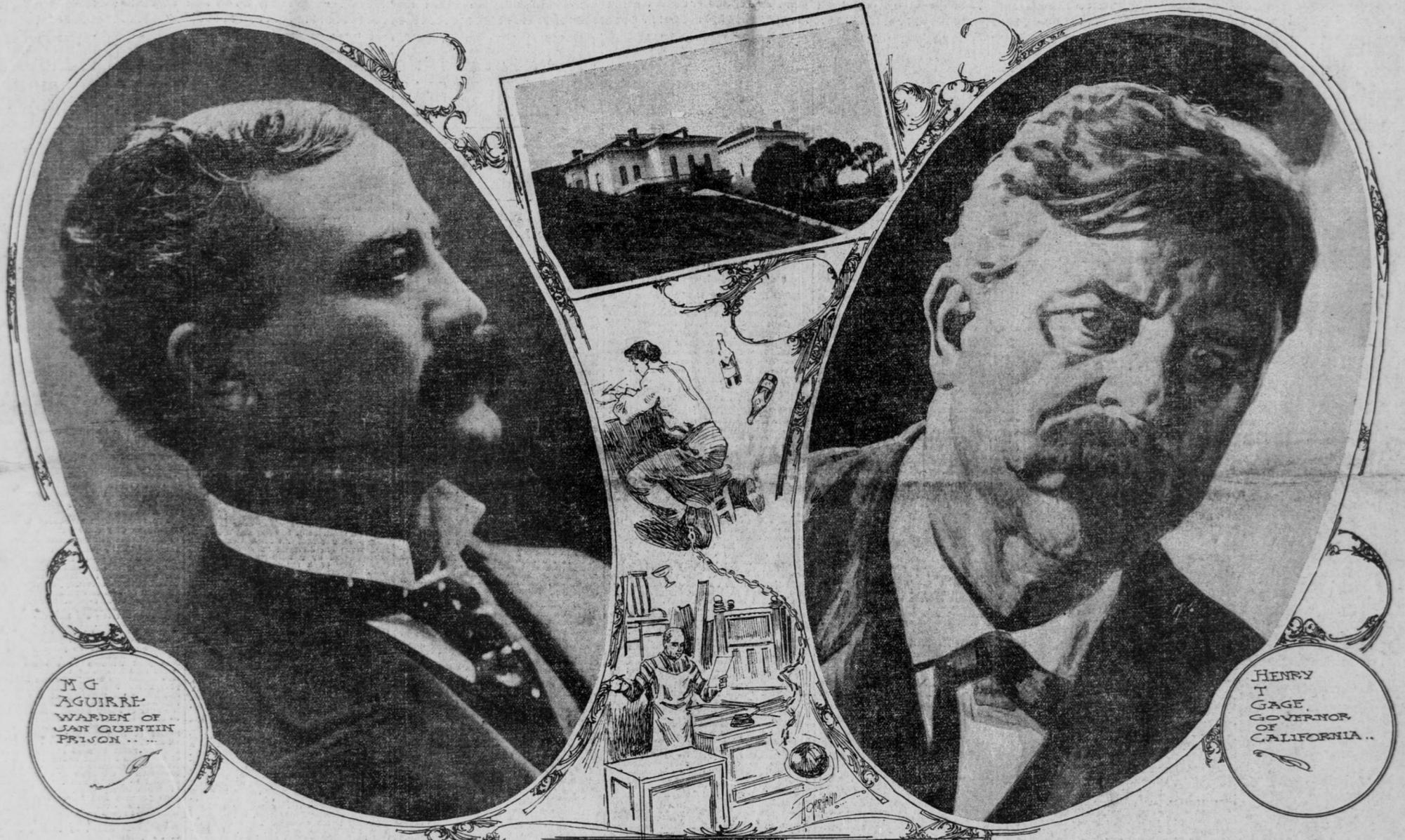
PRICE FIVE CENTS.

SCANDAL OF THIEVERY, FORGERY AND CORRUPTION BURSTS UPON SAN QUENTIN PRISON, INVOLVING WARDEN AGUIRRE AS INSPIRING CRIMINAL AND GOV. GAGE AS BENEFICIARY

CONSTERNATION reigns in San Quentin Prison. A scandal which, in its proportions, in its revelation of wholesale crime, has had few equals in this State, has burst over the institution, involving Warden Martin G. Aguirre and Henry T. Gage, the Governor of California. Warden Aguirre has been guilty of gross crimes and Governor Gage, his friend, associate and adviser, has been the beneficiary of these criminal acts. The State treasury has been systematically and craftily robbed by a gigantic ring, of which Warden Aguirre is the inspiration and governing genius. Supplies, clothing and luxuries have been purchased with the money of the State, and fraud, forgery, misrepresentation, deceit, dishonest bookkeeping and the consummate craft of Warden Aguirre have blinded the Prison Directors to the crimes and have filched dollars dishonestly won from the treasury of the State.

At the direction of the prison authorities convicts, expert in forgery, have been employed to forge bills upon the penitentiary, to substitute dishonest demands for honest ones, to make false entries in the prison books, to conceal criminal transactions in the maze of crooked bookkeeping, in order that the family of Governor Gage, through the criminal assistance of Warden Aguirre, might thrive upon a dishonoring bounty.

Convicts have been employed to manufacture the most costly furniture, which has been sent by Warden Aguirre to friends of his and of Governor Gage in this city and elsewhere. A mammoth nest of official thievery, upon which Warden Aguirre is hatching, has been uncovered. Great firms in this city have been imposed upon, riot has ruled at San Quentin, extravagance there has had no curb, penitentiary records have been mutilated, accounts have been fuddled, convicts have been made to commit new crimes to hide the crime of their official guardians, and the State has been robbed that Warden Aguirre might show the generosity of a thief and Governor Gage might be his beneficiary. How far this official crime has progressed, to what deep extent the State has been robbed, it is the duty of the Prison Directors, by immediate and careful inquiry, to determine.



M G AGUIRRE WARDEN OF SAN QUENTIN PRISON

HENRY T. GAGE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Wholesale Fraud Practiced Under the Mask of False Bills and Mutilated Books

AFTER a most thorough investigation The Call is prepared to prove that one of the most corrupt rings ever banded together for the purposes of crime is now conducting the affairs of the State Prison at San Quentin, with the knowledge of Warden M. G. Aguirre, the bosom friend of Governor Henry T. Gage, and with the assistance of the Warden's intimate deputies.

Planned by a master mind, the ring has utilized the services of convict forgers, thieves and murderers for the purpose of obtaining goods by false pretenses for the benefit and comfort of Governor Gage, his family and friends, committing forgery, substitution of bills, falsification of records and engaging in a general conspiracy and being guilty of fraud, deception, misappropriation of public funds and malfeasance in office.

The manner in which the financial affairs of San Quentin prison are being administered

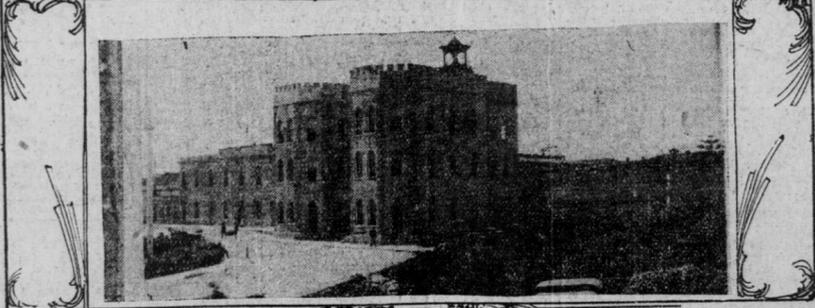
by Warden Aguirre and his lieutenants is a disgrace to the community, and The Call is prepared to prove that some of the men who are paid to conduct the business of the penitentiary have committed offenses that should doom them to be inmates of prison cells, garbed in the felon's stripes.

Goods Obtained by Fraud.

Goods and supplies, ordered presumably for the prison at San Quentin, have been delivered to the Governor's family and his intimates, and in order that the State Board of Examiners might be deceived, forged bills have been sent to Sacramento and paid out of the public funds.

San Francisco wholesale houses have on orders shipped costly goods to the prison, and the bills for the same have been altered or substituted by convict clerks at San Quentin so that the State Board of Examiners might be duped into paying for the articles.

These goods were not for the



STATE OFFICIALS WHO ARE IMPLICATED IN A SCANDAL OF FORGERY, FRAUD AND MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE, AND SCENES AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON, WHERE CONVICT CLERKS ARE FORCED TO FORGE ACCOUNTS FOR CORRUPT RING.

use of the prisoners or the officials of the prison, but were obtained so that Governor Gage's family and the friends of Warden

Aguirre might enjoy luxuries at the expense of the taxpayers. In the Penal Code of California such transactions are designed

as felony, and the members of the ring that controls San Quentin prison have rendered themselves amenable to the out-

Crafty Ring Systematically Robs the State Treasury Under Official Protection

raged majesty of the law.

For the comfort and convenience of Governor Gage's family, dainty articles of feminine apparel have been supplied by wholesale houses on the order of Warden Aguirre or some of his relatives. These goods have been shipped to San Quentin prison and billed by the shippers to the penitentiary account. In order that the criminal transactions might be covered up, forged bills, purporting to be for genuine prison supplies, have been prepared by convict clerks. These bills have been passed by the commissary of the prison, Francis Foley, and by Warden Aguirre.

Certify to Forged Bills.

With the signatures of Foley and Aguirre on their face, the forged bills have been sent by Aguirre before the Board of Prison Directors. The forged documents have been forwarded to Sacramento and duly ordered paid by the State Board of Examiners and the State Controller.

With the permit for the forged

bills to be paid, the ring of forgers at San Quentin has sent the original bills back to San Francisco merchants, accompanied by checks in payment. The original bills have been duly receipted for and returned to San Quentin.

This skillful plan has enabled the ring to obtain large quantities of goods for personal use and secure payment for them by the State under the guise of genuine prison supplies.

Convict labor has been utilized to make costly furniture, harness and sole-leather trunks for the friends of Governor Gage and Warden Aguirre. The material has been charged up in the books at San Quentin to various accounts and the State defrauded thereby.

Convicts Are in Control.

In the matter of subsistence for Warden Aguirre's house at San Quentin the grossest fraud has been carried on. Though the law allows the Warden the sum