

# Men Who Handled Gas and Trolley Money Known

## CORPORATION AGENTS SLATED FOR INDICTMENT

Handy Men of Local Trusts Will Be Exposed Next Week

## GRAND JURY'S PLANS

More True Bills Expected in the Telephone Cases

After the completion of the telephone cases, now near at hand, interest will center in the investigation into the United Railroads and the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company. The men who passed the money for these concerns are known. Indictments, according to present plans, will be returned before the end of next week.

When the trolley bribery case is before the Grand Jury the law department of the United Railroads will be subjected to a most searching examination. The law department of every large corporation is a most important adjunct in matters which concern municipal politics. When the gas rate hoodlum case is taken up the names of Samuel N. Naphitaly, superintendent of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company, and W. B. Bourne, the president of the corporation, will figure prominently.

Before reaching these cases, however, the Grand Jury will complete its inquiry into the telephone corporations and the fight trust. Among the witnesses today will be heavy stockholders of the Home Telephone Company, Edwin T. Earl, capitalist and owner of the Evening Express of Los Angeles, and Dr. John R. Haynes, a wealthy and prominent physician of the same city. He has been subpoenaed to appear and give testimony. They are holders of large blocks of Home Telephone stock, and it is believed that they will be able to tell a great deal of interest about the financial operations of the corporation.

## TELEPHONE INDICTMENTS DUE

The telephone inquiry may come to an end today, but if it rains from the south are delayed it will run over into next week. District Attorney Langdon has announced that he will file the evidence bearing on the Home and Pacific States companies in his indictments of men high in the councils of the corporations are predicted and the first of next week may see a new batch of millionaires within the shadow of the prison.

The only members of the executive committee of the Pacific States Telephone Company called as witnesses by the Grand Jury were Frank G. Drum and Percy Morgan, who is also president of the California Wine Association. As Morgan was in Washington during the time the battle was waged over the Home company's franchise he knew nothing of the payments made to the Supervisors. Morgan, however, of the Pacific States company, Homer S. King, the well-known banker, was also a member of the executive committee of the board of directors of the Pacific States company, but he has not been called as a witness.

In addition to the corporation officials who will testify before the Grand Jury today bankers will be called who will tell of the large amounts carried with them by the Home company.

## FIGHT TRUST BRIBERY

Immediately after the telephone cases the fight trust will occupy the center of the stage. The fight trust cases can be disposed of in a few hours. The evidence is complete. The organization was small. There were but four men in it and none of them have been called as a witness. George Burns, a son of Special Agent William J. Burns, was in conference with Eddie Graney last night. Graney holds the key to the situation. It is believed that he can even at this time be induced to testify from indictment by taking the witness chair and telling how he collected the money from James Coffroth, Morris Levy and Willis Britt and paid it over to Abe Ruef. This should be done before the fight trust continues to hold out a mass of indictments will be returned. Eighteen true bills will be voted against each of them, as their boodles were distributed among the eighteen members of the original Board of Supervisors. The penalty, in case of conviction in every case, would be sufficient to keep the fight promoters in jail for the rest of their lives.

## GAS AND TROLLEY DEALS

After the fate of the fight trust has been sealed the Grand Jury will pass to the gas and trolley deals. A small array of witnesses will be called in these cases. As in the telephone bribery cases, it is the theory of the prosecution that large sums of money could not have been paid out without the knowledge or consent of the men at the head of affairs. It is not to be thought that all the directors had knowledge of these payments, but it is the theory of the District Attorney's office that many of them did. The question has been asked, "Could \$450,000 have been paid out by the United Railroads without the knowledge of its president?" The problem will soon be solved by the Grand Jury.

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## PROSECUTORS KEEP EYE ON FINANCIER PHILLIPS

Say That He Hurried East to Hold a Conference With Detwiler

## LEAVES LOS ANGELES

Up to the Present Time He Has Not Figured in the Investigation

In the search for Abram K. Detwiler, the millionaire indicted for bribery in connection with the Home Telephone franchise fight, the prosecution in the boodling cases has run upon Mr. Phillips of the Adams-Phillips Company, the Los Angeles concern which financed the Home Telephone Company. Phillips has been in conference with Detwiler and has not been called as a witness before the Grand Jury nor is it known that he will be.

When the Home Telephone scandal broke, Phillips left his home in Los Angeles and hurried eastward to meet Detwiler. Just why Phillips desired to confer with Detwiler is best known to himself. Phillips has not been called as a witness before the Grand Jury nor is it known that he will be. District Attorney Langdon is apparently in no hurry to arrest Detwiler. He evidently intends to allow the Home Telephone Company magnate to finish his conference with Phillips. If Detwiler surrenders himself after a reasonable period all will proceed smoothly. On the other hand, should he show a disposition to avoid arrest he will be promptly arrested and brought to San Francisco for trial. The prosecution has not the power to interfere in any way with Phillips. He is not even a witness in the case. Whether Phillips will figure in the case at all is not known at this time. His status will be determined by the evidence which will be supplied to the Grand Jury by the Home Telephone stockholders who are to appear as witnesses today.

In the testimony given before the Grand Jury during the week it was established that large sums of money were sent from Los Angeles to Oakland to be used in the franchise fight in San Francisco. In these financial operations the Adams-Phillips Company naturally played an important part, whether the company went beyond the regular methods of underwriting has not been determined.

That Detwiler alone arranged for the payment of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Supervisors, Ruef and the Mayor is not to be seriously considered. Men high in the company knew of the deal and sanctioned it. Who these men are will be determined by the Grand Jury within the next few days. In the meantime a careful eye will be kept upon Detwiler and the movements of Phillips will be watched.

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A SECRETARY OF A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION.

## FRENCH TROOPS ENTER OUDJA IN MOROCCO

OUDJA, Morocco, March 29.—A column of French troops occupied this city at 10 a. m. today. The Moorish Governor met the French commander and gave him an assurance of the friendliness of the population. No further incidents occurred. Two companies of French soldiers and a detachment of cavalry are quartered in Oudja. Three battalions of infantry and a battery of artillery are encamped outside the city.

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## BROWN BEGINS WORK OF UNCOVERING GRAFT

Alameda Prosecutor Loses No Time in Beginning Investigation

## SENDS FOR EVIDENCE

Takes Steps to Secure All Facts Bearing on Situation

OAKLAND, March 29.—Preliminary to the investigation by District Attorney Brown of graft charges in connection with the Home Telephone Company franchise in this city, Assistant District Attorney Henny of San Francisco has commenced to collect for Brown all of the evidence in his possession touching the conditions on this side of the bay.

District Attorney Brown has commenced his inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the granting of the franchise. He started today as soon as the Pembroke robbery trial was concluded. The first step was to send a request to Henny for the evidence in that prosecutor's files. All facts and data, circumstances and records which might have any bearing upon manipulations of the Oakland Councilmen, or any person, official or individual, will be turned over to Alameda County's District Attorney.

That this evidence in Henny's hands bears much, if not more, upon the role of Theodore V. Halsey, the Pacific States handy man, than it does upon the Home Telephone Company is the widespread report in official circles. In fact, the story is as strongly current today as it was in the fall of 1905, when the franchise fight was on, that Halsey was very much in evidence at all times and in diverse places. He was the wine buyer, and as a purveyor of the good things of life broke epicurean records. The surmise is strong that Henny in his probing uncovered names and dates and places that might be connected with the Pacific States' activity in trying to prevent the Home people from becoming competitors for the telephone patronage on this side of the bay.

## BELIEVED IN HOME SYSTEM

That bribery was resorted to by the Home Company is the later day development. It was not hinted at throughout the campaign before the City Council.

Some of the Councilmen announced from the outset that they would support the Home people solely on the basis of a competitive plant using the automatic system of telephone exchange. This was the attitude of Councilmen Albert H. Elliott, Edwin Meese, B. H. Pendleton, H. T. Burns, W. A. Donaldson and lastly E. T. Thurston.

Several of these men spent much time in independent investigations of the proposed system. They were inquiries which on their face gave evidence of careful search after facts. On the other hand, Councilmen Hahn, Bacous and McAdam stood against the Home Telephone Company from the outset. Councilmen Aitken and Fitzgerald had expressed themselves favorably toward the Home Company, but subsequently decided against it. Their votes went with the other franchisees making the five which opposed the passage of the franchise ordinance.

## ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

In the junket to Los Angeles Hahn, Aitken, Bacous and Fitzgerald made a party of their own. They were showered with all the attentions that the representatives of both the Home and Pacific States could devise for the entertainment of the quartet. Both Councilmen Burns and Pendleton flocked to themselves. That trip, a matter of the City Council's records, is admitted by Fitzgerald to have been a royal one. Fitzgerald said today:

We were dined and wined. We had the best that could be procured. They made us feel at home. There's no doubt about it, and, what more, some of us had dinners at other times with representatives of the companies. Mr. Pendleton of the Home company, and one of their attorneys, and myself dined together at the Olympic Club one evening after I had accepted the automatic plan. Another time Mr. Bacous and myself met Mr. Krause and Theodore Halsey of the Pacific States at the street. We were invited to dinner, and we accepted the invitation. The dinner, after investigation, was given and was open to the view of any one in the great dining hall.

No bribe money was ever offered to me in connection with the Home company's franchise. I voted against it, because, after investigation, I was not satisfied with the automatic system.

Councilman Bacous, when informed of the proposed investigation, said: "I've nothing to fear. They can't start it too soon for me."

## BROWN BEGINS WORK

District Attorney Brown said tonight: I start at once to investigate this telephone graft matter. Every effort will be made to get at the bottom of the many rumors that are in circulation and that were in circulation when the franchise fight was before Oakland's City Council. There are some conditions here which do not obtain in San Francisco, and it is important for the community to know and to realize what those conditions are. In the first place, the municipal government of Oakland is a clean government. It is not entangled in a network of graft, as is that of San Francisco. If there was graft in the telephone franchise it was an isolated case.

I have felt that my duty as District Attorney demands that an inquiry into these graft rumors be made by this office. Not only is it my duty to know whether there has been bribery and corruption and to get the guilty persons, but the innocent men whose names might be blotted beyond redemption for years must be cleared.

## HOT WAVE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Washington had a hot wave today, the maximum temperature of which reached 82 at 2 p. m., which is within one degree of the record for March, made last Saturday. All along the Atlantic and East Gulf coasts unseasonably high temperatures prevailed today.

## FINN WILL PROTECT THE LAWLESS SALOONS

New Police Commissioner Certain to Side With Vicious Element

## OPPOSED TO DECENCY

Widely Known as Former Partner of "King of the Bunko Men"

The official acts of Thomas F. Finn, the new Police Commissioner, are being noted and discussed with keen interest by both sides in the war between the lawless saloon element and the men who are advocating the punishment of violators of the city ordinances.

Finn's part in the proceedings of the commission Thursday, the first session of that body which he has attended in his official capacity, was not a surprise to those acquainted with his affiliations in the past. It was generally expected that he would side with Commissioner Hagerity in the disposition of the cases against the saloonkeepers whose licenses were in danger of being revoked, and vote against the revocation.

Finn was the go-between in the negotiations between the police and the gamblers whenever the latter wanted any favors and were willing to pay for them in the merry reign of Ruef. He took care of the poker tables, the shell games and the bunko layouts for Ruef as Gallagher managed the quasi-public corporations.

He was at one time in partnership with Jack Lestrage, known as the "king of the bunko men," being interested in a saloon and poolroom at Fourth and Howard streets, and having other "sporting" interests.

As was Ruef's custom, an attempt was made to compel Finn to pay with the rest for special privileges, even though Finn was the lieutenant who looked after the bunko department for the boss.

Finn balked and refused to pay toll to the hoodlums. He had always been a supporter of Schmitz and depended upon the Mayor to protect him from Ruef. When the split came between the two big grafters he remained in the Schmitz camp.

## Boodle Received by Mayor Is Shown to Be \$750,000

Coming Indictments Against Schmitz Will Name Sums Received by Municipal Graft

Figures were published recently which placed the amount of boodle which went to the Mayor at \$622,000. Evidence which has come to light within the week, however, indicates that the Mayor received more than the sum which Schmitz, while posing as the friend of the poor, wrung from the municipal graft.

All the boodles that went into the Mayor's pockets has been traced with one exception. The exception is the "immunity attorney." H. M. Owens acted for seventeen of the hoodlums, but Sanderson made all the arrangements on his own account. He made his first confession to Special Agent Burns a few weeks after the graft investigation was begun. He was guaranteed immunity at the outset. As Sanderson had not figured in all of the hoodling operations of the board the confessions of other members were necessary to complete the chain of evidence against Mayor Schmitz, Abe Ruef and the bribe-giving magnates.

After Sanderson had told all that he knew to Burns and Henny he went to Los Angeles, and from there to Arizona. It is stated that the Supervisor was induced to make his first statement to the prosecution through his friendship with Henny. The assistant district attorney believed that Sanderson could be severed from the crowd of hoodlums without much trouble, and his theory proved to be correct.

Sanderson has returned to his brother's home in Palo Alto. After a time he will seek a climate which, his physician hopes, will benefit his health. It is not expected that Sanderson will be summoned as a witness when the bribery cases are called for trial.

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## DETWILER'S HIDING PLACE NOT LOCATED

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## BOND HARD TO RAISE

Detectives Seeking Fugitive Expect Overtures for His Surrender

## SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

TOLEDO, O., March 29.—A. K. Detwiler's place of hiding is as much a mystery tonight to the police officials searching for him as it was a week ago. Clew after clew has been followed, but to no avail. Attorney R. J. Burns, son of Detective W. J. Burns, who has been in the city for the past few days in the interest of the San Francisco authorities, will leave tonight for that city. Burns says he has compiled considerable evidence in the Detwiler case and has sent it to San Francisco.

The report that reached here this afternoon that Judge Lawlor may double up Detwiler's bonds unless he shows up in twenty-four hours has created a sensation among Detwiler's business associates, as they are doing all in their power to secure his present bond and are meeting with much difficulty, as all the bonding companies, it is said, refuse to go as sureties. Therefore the bond, if given at all, must be cash, or a personal one.

This forenoon secret service agents who are working on the case created a surprise by making the statement that they expected to receive overtures from Detwiler's attorneys looking toward his surrender to prevent the humiliation of a man hunt and arrest in Toledo. They expect to receive these overtures, they claim, when all efforts have proved futile to secure his bonds.

A new theory was advanced tonight to the effect that Detwiler, partly disguised by a full beard, which he is said to have grown during his stay in Europe, has taken refuge in some large, city between this city and San Francisco, possibly Chicago or Denver. Detwiler may be in or near Toledo, but it is argued that his chances for escaping observation would be much greater in some other city than in his home town, where he is known by thousands of citizens.

## Sanderson Keeps Aloof From His Fellow Boodlers

Friendship Between Supervisor and Henny Led to Beginning of Expose of Bribery

Supervisor W. W. Sanderson was the only member of the Board of Supervisors who dealt directly with the prosecution without the intervention of an "immunity attorney." H. M. Owens acted for seventeen of the hoodlums, but Sanderson made all the arrangements on his own account. He made his first confession to Special Agent Burns a few weeks after the graft investigation was begun. He was guaranteed immunity at the outset. As Sanderson had not figured in all of the hoodling operations of the board the confessions of other members were necessary to complete the chain of evidence against Mayor Schmitz, Abe Ruef and the bribe-giving magnates.

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## Mayor Schmitz Wishes He Were Back Fiddling Again

Would Give \$100,000, He Tells Friend, if He Could Return to Good Old Days

Mayor Schmitz is credited with another desire to begin history anew. This time he wants the years to run backward until he finds himself missing his hair and waving the bow in the orchestra of the Columbia Theater. His heart longs for those dear, sweet days. So deep is his yearning that he would even pay for their return. If they would only come back he would give a heap of gold, yes, a sum that would almost equal a seventh of his swollen fortune.

A story is told that one of the musicians who used to play in the Columbia orchestra with Gene Schmitz called a few nights ago at the Mayor's big mansion. He found his old friend alone in the library writing letters. After the greeting the visitor, not wishing to interfere with what he thought was official business, told the Mayor to go on with his work. Schmitz took to writing again and for a few minutes nothing was said. Then suddenly, without looking up, Schmitz inquired: "What are they saying about me?"

"They say they'll get you," answered the friend, frankly.

The Mayor kept on writing. "No, they won't get me," he said. "I've too many powerful influences behind me."

The visitor kept silent. A moment later the busy Mayor spoke again. In a changed voice, he said, "May be they will get me, may be they will."

Schmitz looked at his friend as he spoke. The friend looked him in the eye and asked, "Gene, how would you like to be back in the old Columbia orchestra?"

He jumped up from the table, walked over to his friend and placed his hand on his shoulder. Then as he looked into the upturned face of his old associate, he said: "I'd give a hundred thousand dollars to be there."

That was all. There was no confession; only the expression of a longing for purer days far back in the past. Nothing was said of hope of immunity. All that the Mayor wanted was to give \$100,000 for the privilege of again being a respectable fiddler. On those terms there would be no regret for wasted years, for he would still have a profit of \$550,000.

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