

ON SEARCH FOR GRAFT IN IMMIGRANT OFFICE

Two Federal Agents Arrive in This City and Begin Investigation

ACTION CAUSES STIR Smuggling of Chinese Across Mexican Border to Be Looked Into

John J. S. Rodgers, United States Immigrant Commissioner at Philadelphia, and Harrison Nesbitt, Assistant Solicitor of the Department of Commerce and Labor, began an investigation yesterday into the work of the United States Immigrant Office at this port.

It was whispered that the Department at Washington had learned of alleged crooked work in the passing of Chinese laborers into the United States from Mexico and Canada, and was determined to bring the grafters to justice.

It has been well known for some time that Chinese laborers were coming in by the grapevine route in large numbers, notwithstanding the increase in the number of guards detailed to watch the border.

Much of the time of the investigators yesterday was consumed in the examination of the records of the office.

WELLMAN HOPES TO SEE NORTH POLE IN AUGUST

Will Leave New York Today for Norway to Begin Tests of Airship

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL NEW YORK, April 10.—Walter Wellman will bid his friends in America farewell tomorrow morning when the Touraine sails and he says that when he greets them again he hopes they will hail him as the discoverer of the north pole.

It will not be possible, however, to begin the trials of his airship before the second week in July and it is likely to be the last of July or the early part of August before a start can be made for the pole.

DOCTOR SHOOTS HIMSELF AND THEN BOARDS CAR

With a Fractured Skull He Tries to Make His Way to Hospital

Dr. Charles Bransfield, a physician who recently arrived in San Francisco and took up his home with his wife and child at 3160 Twentieth street, boarded a car at Sixteenth and Mission streets last evening and rode as far as Turk and Fillmore streets before it was discovered that blood was flowing from a bullet wound in his forehead.

SECRETARY OF TEXTBOOK COMMISSION RESIGNS

Robert Furlong Steps Down, and George L. Sackett Takes His Place

SACRAMENTO, April 10.—At a meeting of the State Textbook Commission today, Robert Furlong, who for two years has been secretary of the commission, handed in his resignation to take effect April 30, and it was accepted.

WOULD HAVE ROOSEVELT LEAD THE DEMOCRACY

John Temple Graves' Suggestion Not Favored by Bryan

LONGWORTH IS FOR TAFT CINCINNATI, O., April 10.—Congressman Nicholas Longworth, who returned from Washington today, declared himself in favor of the nomination of Secretary Taft for President because he believed that "no man so thoroughly upright in the eyes of the American people the spirit of the Roosevelt administration." Longworth said: "The whole question involved is whether the Republicans of Ohio will endorse him for the Presidency."

Supreme Court Puts Bridle on Ach's Busy Tongue

Refuses to Make Unnecessary Argument in Ruef Case

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followed out to the letter, and the prisoner was remanded into the custody of Elisor Biggy. The hearing was over—the other matter in the petition having been taken under advisement—and Ach's speech remained unspoken.

The first visitor to demand admission under the ruling of the court was Myrtle Cerf, Ruef's confidential agent, who accompanied him on his flight to the Trocadero.

Hearst's Retainers Measured for Nice Coat of Whitewash

Grand Jury Inquiry Asked by Barrett Begins With Denials by Barrett and Coffroth

The Grand Jury laid aside its inquiry into municipal corruption for a part yesterday afternoon and listened to details by employees of the Examiner and their associates of the charge that in the primary election of 1904 Hearst money to the amount of \$600 was paid by a Hearst man to Eddie Graney and James W. Coffroth for the hiring of a crew of helpers to vote the names of registered citizens in the interest of Hearst.

As was told in The Call, the Hearst man accused was John P. Barrett, news editor of the Examiner. His accuser was Fremont Older, editor of the Bulletin, who presented the matter to District Attorney Langdon on the strength of a confession alleged to have been made to Older and W. J. Burns.

Yesterday's investigation was held upon the clamorous and insistent solicitation of Hearst's local representatives. It was farcical enough to be called a self-administered whitewash, inasmuch as it began with the testimony for the defense, consisting of denials by Barrett and several other Examiner employees, supported by Coffroth, who has not yet reached the confession stage, and the faithful henchman and employee E. Nathanson. It was, in effect, an investigation turned upside down and inside out, beginning with the conclusion and scheduled to end with the opening statement for the prosecution. Nobody was called from whom anything could be expected but loud and solemn denial.

Those who corroborated Barrett's testimony were James W. Coffroth, right promoter; W. F. Bogart, business manager of the Examiner; E. Burke, cashier of the Examiner; E. Nathanson, manager of Coffroth's saloon, and James H. O'Brien, head of the Democratic organization known as the "Horses and Carts." Charles Michelson, managing editor of the Examiner, was called to the Grand Jury room, but did not testify.

Barrett denied that he had paid \$600 or any sum to Coffroth or Graney to be used in the primaries of 1904. He admitted that he was in the Belvedere Music Hall in O'Farrell street in connection with the election, but asserted that the meeting was of no significance. Coffroth denied that he had received any money from Barrett. He said that he had spent \$150 in the election, but asserted that he had paid it out of his own pocket.

Detwiler Prepares to Choose Between Surrender and Exile

Ohio Detective Says Fugitive Is About to Give Himself Up in This City

TOLEDO, O., April 10.—It is learned from those close to A. K. Detwiler that one of two alternatives will be accepted within the next twenty-four hours. Either he will voluntarily give himself up voluntarily or decide to evade capture. The suggestion that this latter proposition is being considered means to the officers that Detwiler may attempt to reach some foreign country that has no extradition treaty with the United States. It was also learned that George A. Detwiler and A. K. Detwiler have a secret code of communication known only to themselves. The officers say it would be impossible for Detwiler to leave the country, as all ports are being watched.

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ROADS TO BE REOPENED BY HYDRAULIC METHOD

Santa Clara's Supervisors Will Go Mining for Highways

BURIED BY SLIDES Novel Scheme Evolved to Render Them Again Passable

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL SAN JOSE, April 10.—Descending of clouds from the road of Alum Rock Park from hundreds of tons of earth that came down in slides during the recent rains, the Commissioners have decided to go into hydraulic mining to rediscover the lost roadways. A city fire engine will supply the power and water will be drawn from the creek that runs through the reservation.

A flume has been built to carry off the mud and it is expected that this road, which for ten days fifty men have tried to find, will again be made passable.

Those interested in the reconstruction of the Hotel Vendome are making every effort to rush the work to completion, in order that the hotel may be thrown open to the public on April 15. A large force of men is at work on the building, and the hotel, which has been closed nearly a year, will be ready soon for the reception of guests.

With one hundred and fifty riders entered and prices aggregating more than \$500, the Garden City Wheelmen and Motorcycle Club is planning the greatest race for May 5 ever brought off on the Pacific Coast. The riders will start at some point in the southern end of this city and will finish the thirty miles at Gilroy. The road between San Jose and this point parallels the railroad track, and the Southern Pacific Company has promised the cyclists that a special train will be run to accommodate the spectators.

An inquest was held this afternoon over the body of Henry Rich, the eleven-year-old boy who was accidentally shot at his home on North Fourth street by his little playmate, Claire Evans. Young Rich had bought a .22-caliber rifle just a few days before the accident and had gone out hunting with the Evans boy. Little Evans raised the gun, pointed it at Rich and pulled the trigger. The Rich boy dropped to the sidewalk with a bullet through his side.

Clare Evans said that he and the Rich boy were playing "robber" and that Rich had told him that the rifle was not loaded. John Adams, another playmate of the two boys, told the same story. After hearing the story of the father, Henry Rich, the jury brought in a verdict that death resulted from a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted by Claire Evans.

New York Lawyer of United Railroads Calls on Mullally

Rumor Has It That P. D. Atwater Bears Message From the Big Chief

The presence in San Francisco at this time of P. D. Atwater of New York, attorney for the United Railroads, has given rise to the impression that he has come to talk matters over with Calhoun as to the situation. The witness, Thornwell Mullally, Atwater's departure from New York followed closely upon the report that Mullally had made a statement to the prosecution in the graft cases. Atwater has been in conference with Mullally at the offices of the United Railroads.

It is said that Calhoun desired to have the situation unvarnished and that he incidentally directed his youthful representative in San Francisco to be "braced up" if, upon investigation, it was learned that he had shown signs of weakening.

ADMITTS HAVING GIVEN RELATIVES POSITION

Hermann Says He Provided Government Berths for Six of Them

ALSO COLLECTS BILL "Expedites" Account of Surveyor With Firm He Was Partner In

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The principal developments in the cross-examination of Blinger Hermann today were his admissions that while he was commissioner of the general land office he gave positions to six of his relatives. It was also brought out that Hermann had received a part of the Government compensation of his brother as payment on a mortgage, and that he received some of the compensation of O. L. Miller, a son-in-law, but declared that it was in payment for advances he had made Miller.

A letter written by the defendant to Edward Bender, his relative, stating that he, the defendant, would expedite the account of Surveyor Cathcart, was placed in evidence. It showed that the account amounted to \$110 and that he owed the firm of Bender & Hermann \$900. The \$110 was to be turned over to this firm according to the understanding brought out.

A special correspondence in the land offices in the West tended to show the prevalence of fraud in timber and stone entries was made the basis of a question asked Mr. Hermann to show that he had this report made to warn friends in the West that an investigation was to be put on foot by the Government. This Mr. Hermann would not admit.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT IN HANDS OF THE LAW

Noted Publisher Remains in Custody Until His Representatives Pay His Fine

NEW YORK, April 10.—James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York Herald, was a prisoner today in the Federal building, and after pleading guilty to all of the charges made against him in connection with the publication of the Herald's personal column, was fined \$25,000. The Herald Company also pleaded guilty, as did Manley Gilliam, the advertising counsel. The fine for the corporation was \$5000, while a nominal fine of \$1000 was

imposed on Gilliam. The fines were paid.

ENDS LIFE IN DITCH FRESNO, April 10.—The body of

James Powers was found tonight in an irrigating ditch near Sanger. Powers went to Sanger from his home near Lone Star yesterday morning, leaving a note for his wife saying he was going to drown himself in the canal.

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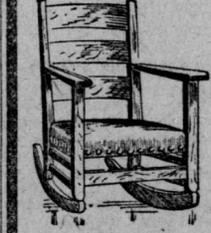
The entire stock must be sold. Prices are sacrificed with this view.

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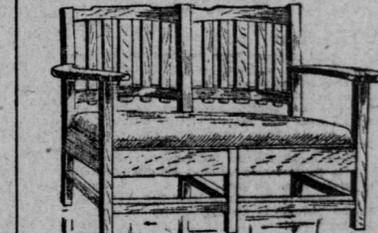
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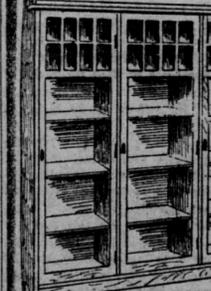
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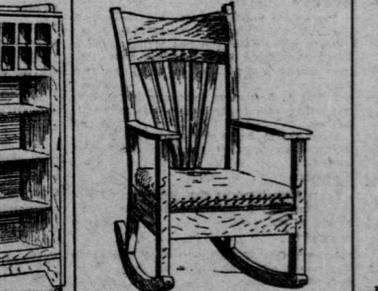
The Settee \$29.00 Quarter-sawn oak—Fumed finish. Seat has loose cushions of Spanish leather, laced with rawhide thongs.



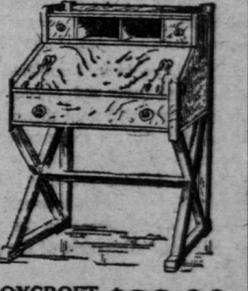
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