

## LONERGAN TELLS HOW WAS BRIBED

### Workings of the Mind of San Francisco Graftor

### POOR AND NEEDED MONEY

### Never Asked for It, but Got "Indian" Information It Was Coming.

### DOUBLE CROSS FOR HALSEY

### Confessed Graftor Won by Affordable Telephone Official.

### MONEY DESTROYED IN FIRE

### Remorseful Supervisor Calls Loss Act of God—"Big Jim" Gallagher Always Distributed Money Among "the Boys."

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—(Special.)—The whole story of the bribery of the Board of Supervisors was told today in graphic language by Supervisor Lonergan, who, before his appointment, drove a bakery wagon. His confession follows:

"Never since I have been in public office have I asked a man seeking a public favor for a dollar. I have never held up an individual or a corporation in my life, but I have accepted bribes volunteered by many of the public-service corporations of this city and county, and here let me say that the money received from the bribe-givers did me little or no good. When the fire came, most of my finances were burned up, for in nearly every instance the bribe money paid me was in currency. God knows I have paid dearly for accepting those bribes, and now, when I look over the happenings of the last few weeks, I wish I had taken the advice of my heart-broken wife and remained on the next of Foley's bakery wagon.

"A great many people have an idea that the Supervisors got together and planned the looting of the public-service corporations. Such is not the case. In every instance the bribes were carried to the Supervisors.

Gallagher Paid Cash Except Once.

"There is also an impression that the board, during the Sunday night caucus, planned a scheme of hold-ups for the next week. That also is untrue. During the gatherings of Sunday nights the question of extorting bribes from the big monopolists or accepting bribes was never discussed. Who arranged the scheme for corrupting them as a board, I have never definitely known. Of course, I have my suspicions, just the same as every one else, but so far as I know every job put through was personally manipulated by Supervisor Jim Gallagher, who personally delivered the bribes. In saying always, I made a slight error. He did not handle the money in the case of the Pacific States Telephone Company's bribe. In that instance the money was handed over to the members of the board by Mr. Halsey. The transaction took place in his private office.

Each Committee Had Hold-Up.

"I don't think Ruef ever spoke to me on money matters. While we were all of the impression that he, in a general way, planned the hold-ups, when it came down to the actual passing of the money none of us knew any one save Supervisor Gallagher, who was always referred to as the 'big fellow.'

"Shortly after we went into office it was generally agreed that we constituted a happy family of 18 members. In the old days and in the board preceding us we understood that the hold-up of corporations was left to the various committees. For instance, the light commission would hold up the gas trust and equally divide the loot among the members of the committee. Naturally the remaining members of the board would stand in when it came to a final vote, it being understood that each separate committee was to take care of itself. But with us it was a case of one-eighteenth of the total revenue for each Supervisor.

"Indian" Knowledge of Loot.

things were not entitled to any more than those who received comparatively small amounts for casting votes to the same gang.

"I meant to be square when I was elected, but one day we seemed to understand simultaneously—for the life of me I couldn't tell you who told me about it—that the fight trust wanted a permit. While nobody ever said a word about money, we all seemed to realize that we were to be paid for our votes. You can call it initiation or anything you like, but I call it 'Indian' information. Well, the matter finally came up before the board and it was unanimously passed. A couple of days later 'Big Jim' Gallagher came to me and handed me \$500.

Money Offered, Never Asked For.

"This was my downfall. It looked like a lot of money to me at the time and there seemed to be a mutual understanding among all concerned that a rich harvest was to be reaped during our term of office. Now, mind you, I never seriously thought of demanding money from anyone, for I was early convinced that the corporations had men hired for the purpose of bribing Supervisors.

His Second Bribe.

"But the arguments of the agents of the company were so plausible and the damage and loss caused by the fire so far-reaching that we decided to grant the company an 8-cent rate.

More "Indian" Information.

"Maybe a month passed and again everybody seemed to think that an opposition telephone would be a good thing. Now the merits of the Pacific States Telephone Company were never discussed by us in caucus, but possibly a few of us might exchange notes when discussing the local situation. But everybody seemed to have 'Indian' information about the nervousness of the Pacific States Telephone Company over the application of the Home Telephone Company for a franchise.

Shown Him Telephone Plan.

"Lonergan, he said, 'all I need is your vote to fill the application of the Home Telephone Company for a franchise. I want you to come with me and look over our plant. I want you to realize the vast amount of money that we have put into machinery and electrical apparatus. I will also show you that the telephone business, that is, the mechanical end of it, is of such a peculiar nature that an opposition service is not feasible.'

Given \$5000 for His Trouble.

## HARRIMAN'S SCALP GREATLY DESIRED

### Roosevelt Anxious for Prosecution.

### EGGED ON GOVERNOR DENEEN

### Found No Illinois Law to Cover Alton Deal.

### URGED ONE BE ADOPTED

### President Sets Bonaparte to Find Whether Evidence Enough for Prosecution Under Interstate Commerce or Sherman Law.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(Special.)—President Roosevelt is so anxious to add the scalp of E. H. Harriman to his collection that at his personal direction the Department of Justice is looking into the case against Mr. Harriman which was reported to the next General Assembly two years hence. Members of the committee say that, in the event the coal famine of last Winter is repeated next season, the Governor will be urged to call a special session of the Legislature to deal with the question.

Investigate Utah Railroads.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 22.—A Senatorial committee of five members will continue the investigation of railroad conditions in Utah begun during the session of the Legislature, and will report to the next General Assembly two years hence.

MUTILATED AND KILLED

### TORTURE OF FRENCH SOLDIERS IN NORTH AFRICA.

### Move for Inquiry Met by Piquart With Bill to Abolish Disciplinary Battalions.

PARIS, March 22.—The entire session today of the Chamber of Deputies was devoted to a discussion of alleged atrocities and tortures, which, it is alleged, have caused permanent mutilation in many cases, and even death to many soldiers serving in the disciplinary battalions in Africa.

HOT IN EAST AND SOUTH

### Temperature of 90 Degrees in Washington City and Kansas.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—According to the United States Weather Bureau, today was the hottest March day ever experienced in Washington. The temperature reached its highest point at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the thermometer registered 90 degrees.

### WHOLE FAMILY IS FROZEN

New Brunswick Blizzard Slays Mother and Three Children.

## PEASANTS SACK AND BURN CITIES

### Agrarian Revolt All Through Moldavia.

### THOUSANDS OF JEWS IN FLIGHT

### Armed Bands Fight Battles With the Troops.

### STRUGGLE AT PIATRIA

### Land Monopoly of Absentees Causes Desperation—At Least 10,000 Jews Escape With Nothing and Camp in Open Air.

VIENNA, March 22.—The seriousness of the situation in Northern Moldavia, growing out of the agrarian disorders, has not been exaggerated, according to the latest telegraphic reports reaching here from Czernowitz, on the border.

Aimed Against Farm Trust.

On Thursday 500 peasants tried to invade Michailineu, despite the fact that there was a sufficient number of Roumanian troops in this town to stop the rioters.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 22.—August R. Moiz has been appointed postmaster at Elberton, Wash., vice William Renfrew, resigned.

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## INGENUITY OF AMERICAN WINS

### Success Due to Violating Precedent.

### ALWAYS READY FOR NEW IDEAS

### How Chicago Drummer Pushed Wares in Asia.

### MAKING CARPET IN INDIA

### Fortune in Old Pine Stumps—Non-Perfittable Bottle Made of Wood—Greatest Pea Garden on Earth.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(Special Cor. response.)—The American business man is never bound by precedent, and to this feature of his methods the United States largely owes its present position as the greatest business Nation of the world.

He Showed the Asiatics.

Makers of American agricultural implements have been more aggressive than almost any other class of Americans in pushing their wares into foreign markets.

Liquid Air Supplies Ice.

Boston threatens to break loose from the grip of the ice trust. The owner of a soda fountain in the Hub is now serving a little science with every drink bought in his place, in a way that is as matter-of-fact as oysters and frankfurters are provided in other drink establishments of cities less crudit.

Where Each Helped Other.

One day last Summer two business friends were chatting at a club in a manufacturing town in the Middle West. One of these men was a manufacturer of furniture and the other was a buyer for a chain of 10-cent stores located in prosperous towns in the Mississippi Valley.

Commercial and Marine.

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## THE DEADLY GRIP THAT WON'T COME OFF

YOUR LIFE!



YOUR MOTHER!

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