

BURNS RELATES STORY OF GRAFT

Ruef's Confession Was Basis of Article Published by Older.

TEVIS' \$1,000,000 BRIBE

Whole History of San Francisco Corruption as Related by Boss Is Told at Label Trial—Motivative of Publication.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—The second week of the trial of R. A. Crothers and Fremont Older, proprietor and managing editor, respectively, of the Bulletin on the charge of criminally libelling William S. Tevis, president of the Bay Cities Water Company, ended today with William J. Burns relating the confessions made to him by Abraham Ruef, Mr. Burns testified that Ruef, among other things, stated to him that Tevis had planned to him (Ruef) his plan for selling the Bay Cities water supply to the city, the profit of which was estimated at \$1,000,000.

Why Burns Undertook the Work.

Mr. Burns testified that he was called upon by the Interior Department to investigate the alleged bribery of the Interior Department by the late Senator E. A. Hitchcock, which was denied the application, but Secretary Garfield has permitted the matter to be opened and at present has it under consideration.

Mr. Burns told of his 20 years' service in the Government secret service, his transfer to the Interior Department where he was engaged in ferreting out land frauds, and of his meeting in Washington, in December, 1905, with Fremont Older, who induced him to come to San Francisco and undertake an investigation of municipal corruption in this city.

Ruef's Confession of Graft.

Mr. Burns related Ruef's confession, taking up the various bribes in the order that Ruef told about them, which occurred upon May 7, 1907.

ACCEPT FRYE AMENDMENT

Bourne and Fulton See Protection for Coast.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 12.—Senators Fulton and Bourne have accepted the amendment adopted by the Senate today to the Frye resolution concerning water shipments for Panama Canal construction, believing it will adequately protect shipments from Pacific Coast ports.

Telephone and Trolley Deals.

Ruef, according to Mr. Burns, told him that he was also on the payroll of the Pacific States Telegraph & Telephone Company at \$100 a month, and when the Home Telephone Company, a rival corporation, came along and offered him \$120,000 to get a franchise, Ruef accepted the offer. The money was paid by A. K. Wetmore, who was subsequently indicted, but has never been located.

Tevis Offered \$1,000,000 Bribe.

Ruef, according to Burns, next told of the meeting with Tevis in the latter's office in January, 1908, and the promise of the president of the water company that Ruef would be given \$1,000,000 to put the deal through by which the city was to acquire the Bay Cities properties for \$100,000.

THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

Hugh Bonner, Ex-Fire Chief.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Hugh Bonner, Fire Commissioner of New York, died early this morning of a complication of Bright's Disease and pneumonia.

Gen. O. Guitier, Veteran of Two Wars

COLUMBIA, Mo., March 12.—General O. Guitier, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars and famous as a lawyer and politician, died at his home here today, aged 81 years. He was a Brigadier-General in the Union Army.

Important March Council.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Announcement of what is declared to be the most important conference of National labor leaders ever held was made yesterday by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor. More than 100 National and International unions, it is stated, will be represented at the meeting, which is called to be held in Washington on Wednesday of next week.

PROTEST FROM MANCHURIA

Japanese Said Continually to Violate Open Door.

JAPAN'S FURTHER PROPOSAL

Tatsu Maru Incident Still Unsettled by Oriental Powers.

PEKING, March 12.—There was a further conference in this city today, between Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to China, and Na Tung and Yuan Shi Kai, representing the Pekin government, over the Tatsu Maru incident.

Japanese Peasants in Corea.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The statement made that the proposed Japanese-Coréan Colonial Company will send about 60,000 peasants, accompanied by their families, to Corea every year.

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FORGE ELKINS' HAD

Fulton Wants Bill Taken From Committee.

LEST IT BE SMOTHERED

Rate Bill Amendment Involves Senators in Angry Argument—Elkins' Unfair Methods Help Fulton in the Fight.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 12.—Senator Fulton today introduced a resolution discharging the interstate-commerce committee from further consideration of its bill regarding increased railroad rates, having become satisfied that Chairman Elkins is deliberately trying to smother the measure by refusing to bring it to a vote.

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Ladies' Home Journal Pat'rns

On sale at the pattern counter in the dress goods aisle, Fifth-Street Annex. The most easily understood and reliable patterns on the market. The price is only 10c and 15c.



Store Closes at 6 on Saturday

Do your shopping as early as possible today and be sure to take advantage of the special inducements offered; our clerks leave the store promptly at 6 o'clock.

Saturday Is Children's Day

Boys' Shoes an Overplus Selling at \$1.49 Up



Lot 1, sizes 9 1/2 to 13 1/2; special today at only \$1.49

We've an over-shipment of Boys' Shoes in the best grades. They came to us through an error, and it means to send them back or sell them at less than the regular prices to dispose of our entire season's purchase. We choose to sell them at less than their real value.

Lot 2, sizes 1 to 5 1/2; special today at only \$1.89

Women's Suits

Sample Garments \$17.50 Up

A large number of Sample Suits from the best makers in New York. Bought at figures that enable us to offer them for about one-third less than their real value. Only one of a kind—no two alike in the entire assortment, but styles and values of unusual merit.



Notions Very Low

Tooth Brushes, fine imported ones, made in France; bought to sell at 25c each. A lot of 14 dozen, on sale today at 15c each, only.



Wash Boilers—Anti-Rust, heavy tin Wash Boilers, with copper bottom; large size; regularly worth \$3.25 each. Price today only \$2.75

Sleeveboards, special today at 19c. Clothes Bars, the kind that fold. Regular 75c values for 60c.

Boys' 35c Waists, 19c

Made of good quality percale; they are in plain black, blue and white stripes or light-colored striped effects; just the thing for playing ball and Spring outdoor wear; values to 35c each.

Children's Stockings

The famous "Tom-boy" Stockings, one of the best-wearing makes ever put on the market; the kind that busy little knees will find it hard to go through.

Men's Shirts, \$1.25 Vals. 89c

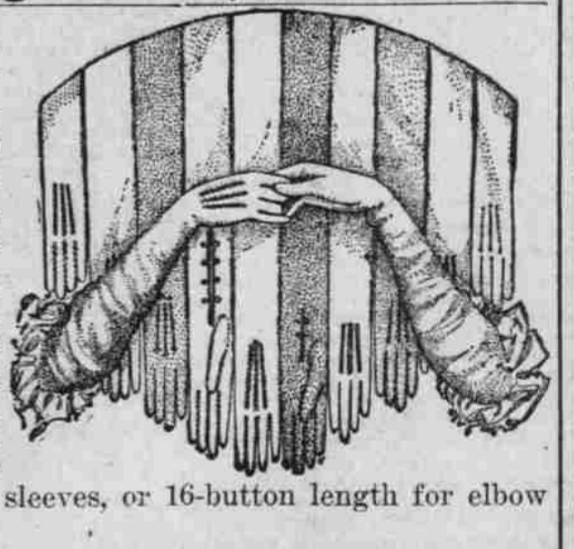


Take advantage of an especially good offer on men's Golf Shirts in latest patterns—stripes or neat figured designs; detachable cuffs. All sizes. Worth \$1 and \$1.25 each, today...

Natural wool Shirts and Drawers, in all sizes, nicely finished with pearl buttons; a medium weight for Spring wear. Sells regularly at \$1.25 the garment; sale price...

\$3.50 Long Gloves, \$2.98 Pair

An unusual sale, for the gloves featured are the most-wanted Spring styles, in a prime grade of tan cape leather; the newest shades in tan are shown, and there is a full assortment of sizes. They are the 12-button lengths, reaching almost to the elbow, for wear with three-quarter sleeves, or 16-button length for elbow sleeves.



\$4.00 16-Button Glove Special \$3.39. The 12-button Glove, worth \$3.50 the pair \$2.98. The 16-button Glove, worth \$4.00 the pair \$3.39.

Illustrated Spring Quarterlies for 5 Cents Net



Whether you do your own dressmaking or only want to get the best hint for your dressmaker, the Spring number of the Ladies' Home Journal fashion book is indispensable. It contains the most fascinating news of new gowns, how to make them and how to wear them.



Captain Daniel Cronk, died at her residence in this city this morning after a long illness. The deceased was 82 years of age and had resided in Astoria for about 20 years. She left two daughters, Mrs. A. A. Cann and Mrs. John M. Johnston.

Pendleton Puts on Clean Dress. PENDLETON, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Today and tomorrow are cleaning up days in Pendleton. Muck-rake brigades are sweeping the city from one end to the other and the air is heavily laden with the smell of burning rubbish.

Lure of the Old Life. YUMA, Ariz., March 12.—George Wilson, who escaped from Yuma County Jail a week ago, today robbed the Southern Pacific depot here at Imperial Junction of \$400 and was caught a few minutes later with the money on his person. He is wanted here for burglary.

Colored Lady Wields Knife. ASTORIA, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—At this afternoon's session of the Circuit Court, Louie Lewis, colored, was arraigned on an information charging her with assault with a dangerous weapon on Effie Moore, a white woman. The defendant pleaded not guilty and her trial was set for tomorrow morning.

Lived 30 Years in Astoria. ASTORIA, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Fannie C. Cronk, widow of the late

terday trying to settle the case out of court. He proposed that Blunk marry the eldest daughter of Mr. Millard. The latter refused to entertain the proposition, averring that marriage would in no way mitigate the offense and that in justice to himself and his wronged daughter the law should take its course on both charges. The sympathy of the entire community is with Mr. Millard and his family.

tin cans and such of the debris as will not burn. The first day of the crusade has been a marked success.

bringing about a more thorough development in the German colonies, the Federal Council today adopted a proposition for the construction of 900 miles of new railroads in German Southwest Africa and Kamerun.