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GRAFT CRUSADES REND PITTSBURG

Easter Sermons Deal With Disclosures.

BANKS TO BE CALLED TODAY

Many Councilmen Expected to Resign Without Protest.

TENDERLOIN FEELS BLOWS

Charge That Million Dollars a Year Is Collected in Red Light District Is Made-John F. Klein Is Muzzled by Police.

PITTSBURG, March 27 .- The Lenten season, which ended today, has been too short a season of penitence for Pittsburg, and it will be continued with promise of even more startling confessions of graft this week.

In several hundred churches today ar unusual feature of the Easter services was the reading of a circular letter issued by a civic committee yesterday urging the members of every congregation to attend a huge indignation mass meeting to be held some day this week. Sermons, too, were designed to arouse public condemnation of such practices as have been revealed. Les sons in civic cleanliness were drawn by many pastors.

Source of Bribe Fund Sought.

It having been pretty thoroughly established, according to District Attorney William A. Blakeley, that at least \$102,500 was used in influencing legislation, the source of the money and the dispensers of it are to be the focus of the grand jury's attention tomorrow morning.

A considerable portion of the big bribe fund is charged to certain banks that sought to get city deposits. They succeeded, but it is the desire of the grand jury, as pronounced in its report of Friday last, that the bank deposit ordinance be rescinded and the banks, if found guilty, be deprived of the use of city money. It is known that some representatives of the banks are to be called tomorrow to testify.

Banks Called Upon.

The six banks that have been named by the grand jury as having been in lved in the scandal are the National, the German National of Pittsburg, the Farmers National Deposit Bank, and the Second National, the German National of Allegheny, and the Workingman's Savings & Trust Com

The directorate of the Farmers' National has announced that it will comply with the District Attorney's call for in formation and the Second National has prepared a certified statement which is benefit from the disasters are the resito be presented to the grand fury tomor-The other banks have taken no action.

It was still unlearned tonight whether Charles Stewart yesterday in his talk avalanches. with District Attorney Blakeley told all that he is believed to know of the men higher up. Stewart is an ex-Select Counjury in its presentment Saturday to have towns. been the man to whom \$45,000 of bribe-Imperial in New York.

Councilmen to Resign.

The City Councils meet tomorrow Twenty of the present members of the Councils are under findictment in con nection with the graft cases. It is expected that some will protest their innocence, but the majority are expected to hand in resignations quite as meekly as they confessed last week.

While the big show continues, there is a lively side feature in a crusade against closed up and every night lately has seen district.

Pitt Hotel at which a committee was formed to further the mass meeting plan. it was openly charged the graft collected in the red light district amounted to a million dollars a year.

John F. Klein, whose confessions and Government fish car. exposure of others has netted such, a scandal, has been muzzled and is now kept in a room at the Fort Pitt Hotel strings of fish. pending disposition of his case. He is sentence of three and one-half years. He issued yesterday an emotional postcard appeal for elemency and aid for his family. The authorities have foroidden him to give out further public statements.

PIONEER STRANGELY DEAD

Crook County Sheriff Orders Inquest Into Tom Payne's Demise.

PRINEVILLE, Or., March 27 .- (Special.) -The body of Tom Payne, a well-known Crook County character and ploneer, was found today at the Russell ranch near the post where he had been employed. under conditions pointing to accidental death by shooting, or suicide or murder. The Sheriff's office has ordered an in-

about 57 years old.

LILIES GETS GIRLS HOUSES LINE UP ON BURGLAR ALARM IN

VANCOUVERITE THEN SEIZES TWO FAIR INVADERS.

Wires From Garden to Bell on Bed Ensuare Portland Miss and Chum-Two Escape.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 27 .- (Special.)-By the use of a burgiar alarm placed to protect his Easter lilies, F. L. Curtis last night captured two high school girls who, he declares, were in the act of stealing his posies. He marched

them to jail. The lassies ensuared were Miss Thelmi Welch of Vancouver and Miss Viola Bell of Portland. Miss Agnes Eaton and Miss Gladys Powell of Vancouver ecaped the lutches of the horticulturist.

Mr. Curtis at his home on Railroad avenue has a large garden. To safeguard an exceptionally good crop of Easter Illles and hyacinths he fixed a bell at the head of his bed, and to it connected two wires which he concealed in the roots of the plants, that the least movemen would sound the gong.

Expecting that his flowers would be unsafe Easter eve., Mr. Curtis did not retire, but extinguished the light and fell asleep in a chair. About 10 o'clock he was awakened by the burglar alarm. He rushed to his front yard and before the invaders were aware of his presence, he seized Miss Welch and Miss Bell. The two other girls fled.

It is a long walk to the City Hall, but Mr. Curtis marched his captives before the Chief of Police. The girls, giggling, the Chief threatened to lock them up for be night. Then big tears welled up in the eyes of the fair prisoners. They were released on their solemn promise o appear for trial before the Police Judge Monday morning.

3-DAY DEATH FIGHT WON

Portland Merchant Lives to See Relatives, Then Dies.

Deathly ill at St. Vincent's Hospital and aware that he had only a short time to live, James Douglass, aged 55 years, 707 Johnson street, lived three days longer than expected, through sheer force of will, that he might see his wife's sis ter and brother-in-law, John Mullin, or their way here from Omaha, Neb.

Mr. Douglass, when he realized death was near, asked that Mr. and Mrs. Mullir be telegraphed. He was told he could not e expected to live until they reached Portland, but he insisted, saying he would live anyhow,

He died Saturday afternoon at 5:30 clock, two hours after they arrived. Mr. Douglass was a Third street mer thant. He had been in Portland 10 years, coming here from Omaha, Neb., where he had lived 20 years. He was born in Irbland and came to America when a lad. For the past 25 years he has been prom inently identified with the Ancient Orde of Hibernians. The funeral services will be conducted by that order this morning at 9 o'clock from St. Mary's Cathedral.

WRECKS USED FOR FUEL

Idaho Building Timbers Find Use After Avalanche.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 37 .- (Special.) Aside from photographers, who reaped a harvest from sales of pictures of the nowslides at Mace and Burke, Idaho, a month ago, the only persons who will dents of the canyon towns, who are obtaining their next Winter's supply of fuel from the timbers, many of them of immense size, brought down by the

Thousands of big trees and logs are being taken from the drifts and sawed into convenient lengths, and the supply seems cilman, who was declared by the grand sufficient for all the people in canyon

The wrecks of 27 houses, ground and tainted money was given at the Hotel twisted into little more than kindling wood, are being hauled away and used for

MUSKRAT DRAINS POND

Fish, Heading Up-Stream, Stranded in Adjoining Marsh.

SPOKANE, Wasta, March 27 .- (Special.) Near Kalispell, Mont., boring a hole in an earth embankment that sustained one all varieties of graft and wrongdoing in side of an artificial fish pond, a muskrat Pittsburg. Disorderly houses are being a few days ago drained the pond and caused the loss of many of the fish, many a roundup of women in the tenderloin of which, instinctively heading up stream when the waters began to fail, floundered At a meeting of citizens in the Fort into a small creek that poured into the pond and escaped into the small marshes

that lined the stream. The pond was owned by Richard Greig, who stocked it several years ago with brook trout brought to the city by the

For two years the Greig pond has been visited by many who have taken large

GUN EXPLODES; EIGHT DIE?

Cruiser Charlestown Scene of Accident Near Manila.

MANILA, March 27 .- A report reached ere today that a gun on the United States cruiser Charleston exploded during target practice, killing or wounding eight men.

The Charleston is returning to Manila from Olongapo. No details of the reported accident have been received here.

The United States cruiser Charleston is the flagship of Rear-Admiral John Hubbard, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet. Her commanding officer is Com-

mander John H. Gibbons. The Charleston is a protected cruiser Payne was well-to-do and was of 9700 tons, and carries 15 guns in the main battery.

Administration Bill Is

Insurgent-Democratic Coalition Holds Power.

Townsend, Who Introduced Executive Recommendations, Must Give Way-Conservation May Go Over-Statehood in Trouble.

sentiments among the members of both Administration. Out of the general drift of opinions prevalent has come the conclusion that the Senate is sup-House is, one the whole, rather unfriendly toward Mr. Taft's desires as expressed in his messages.

bring forward Speaker Cannon again frequent expression of a desire to unthe House, is the man most frequently mentioned as a possible successor to Mr. Cannon.

The ambition of Representative Town end of Michigan to assume charge of the Administration bill on the floor of the House will not be gratified, for the honor will go to Chairman Mann of the

This fact developed today, and supporters of the bill in the form in which At was originally introduced by Representaive Townsend and in which it now it pending in the Senate, are greatly dis-

Republicans for Amendments.

the bill as drafted by Attorney-General Wickersham would make him disinclined to champion it. His success in incorpo rating many of his own ideas into the measure, however, made Mr. Mann will-

publican members voted for it and there was no way in which the chairman could be denied the management of the measure on the floor.

Cour! of Commerce Opposed.

Mr. Mann was particularly opposed to the provision for the creation of a Court of Commerce and this was retained only through the personal efforts of the Pres-

QUAKE OF EARTH NOW PREDICTED

TNA LAVA, FORCING PASSAGE, MAY CAUSE EXPLOSION.

Vesuvius Develops Five New Large Fissures, but Volcano Is No. More Active.

CATANIA. March 27.-While the quantity of lava from the craters of Mount Etna continues to decrease, the internal activity of the volcano was

stronger today than yesterday. Frank A. Perret, the American authority, believes that the decrease in the flow of lava is due to obstructions in the new craters, which prevent its flowing freely, and that in a few days the molten mass either will force i passage or an earthquake will result Mr. Perret went today from Nicolosi to the Alpine Club refuge, which is situated near the craters, and later elegraphed down as follows:

The activity of Etna today is stronger, but the lava is slower. Terrifle explosions in the interior of the countain continue.

NAPLES, March 27 .- Five new large issures have opened near the central erater of Mount Vesuvius, but the voicano shows no great activity,

Alton B. Parker Reaches Russia. ST. PETERSBURG, March 27 .- Alton B. Parker, of New York, and Mrs. Parker arrived here today. Mrs. Parker

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SUNSHINY EASTER BEAMS UPON CITY

All Churches Thronged With Worshipers.

FASHION PARADE RESPLENDENT

"Resurrection" Is Theme in Gospel Halls and Missions.

38,000 ATTEND SERVICES

Crowds Pass Day in Balmy Outdoors, Advent of Spring Styles Making Gay Spectacle-Store Windows Are Attractive.

...... Estimate of Church Attendance at

Easter Services Is Close to 40,000. St. Mary's Cathedral, four serv-St. Lawrence Cathedral, four White Temple, two services. Taylor-street M. E. Church, two services 1,500 First Congregational, two serv-First Presbyterian, two services 3,000 David's Cathedral, four 1,200 Centenary M. E. Church, two 1,000 Missions 3,000

"He is risen."

This ancient and time-honored salutation of the pious of all Christendom found expression yesterday in every pulpit in Portland. The words were formed in artistically-arranged banks of flowers and were lisped by children, who, sitting in the pews with their parents in the various churches of the city, paid little understanding heed to the sayings of the ministers as the old story of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Christ was told again. Under the influence of clear skies

warm sunshine and balmy breezes Easter, queen of Christian festivals, was ushered in. It seemed that the goddess of Spring, from whom It has been thought the intense opposition of Mr. Mann to certain features of the bill as deafed by Attorney Charges!

Water sports may be feature of Rose Festival goddess of Spring, from whom it is believed by many, the name of the bill as deafed by Attorney Charges!

Water sports may be feature of Rose Festival goddess of Spring, from whom it is believed by many, the name of the bill as deafed by Attorney Charges! of the occasion by resurrecting Spring. Despite adverse prediction of the Government weather forecaster, the sun shone from the time it peeped over the Eastern horizon until it sank. Light showers, however, fell about 9 P. M. Romping children, clad in their nightles, first saw it as they rushed out doors in the earty morning and searched through the dew-laden grass and shrubbery of the lawns for multicolored eggs, left there during the night by mischievous bunnies.

The parade of fushion commenced early. By 10 o'clock the down-town streets and thoroughfares in the vicin ity of the churches were filled. Earlier than this worshipers were on their (Concluded on Page 10.)

ANOTHER DIAMOND TRUST IS IN FIELD

OUTPUT OF GERMAN MINES IN AFRICA TO BE CONTROLLED.

Rapidly Increasing Supply Caused Fears That Demand Would Be Overtaken in Short Time.

NEW YORK, March 27,-(Special.)-Diamond dealers have learned within the last few days that a new syndicate, the third in the trade, has been formed and has taken over the new diamond min in German Southwest Africa.

The output of these mines has been ncreasing so rapidly of late that som oncern had been awakened among dealers, who feared that possibly the supply would overtax the market. The formation of the new syndicate brings about, according to the dealers, a complete control by three companies of all the important sources of supply, so that the world's production of diamonds is lealers say the demand is also greater. Jackryn & Walters is the principal New York firm in the new syndicate Most of the members are in Antwerp. The output of the German-African mines which a year ago was insignificant, has amounted of late to 60,000 carats a month, mostly of the smaller sizes of stones.

SEARCH FOR EXPLORER ON

Canada Determined to Find Trace of Missing George Caldwell.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 27 .- (Special.)-The Canadian government has determined to clear up, if possible, the mystery surrounding the disappearance of George Caldwell, the Arctic explorer, who has been missing for two years. started ostensibly upon a geographical expedition on behalf of the government, accompanied by two Eskimos, but it is now admitted that he went in search of immense gold deposits, known to Eskimos, who had brought him samples from

Captain Samuel Bartlett, one of Newfoundland's most skillful navigators, has been commissioned by the government to conduct the search for Caldwell. The last tidings had of him was furnished by mounted police, to whom some trading Eskimos told they had seen Caldwell and his two companions at Baker Lake in the Fall of 1908.

Caldwell's relatives here have abandoned hope that he survived the trip. It is known, however, that he took with him a number of copper tubes wherein to deposit records of his journey.

HEIRESS? NO. SAY PRINCES

Servian Minister Denies Rich American Bride Search for Royalty.

PARIS, March 27 .- Dr. M. R. Vesnitch, the Servian Minister here, gives categorical denial of the reports that Crown Prince Alexander and his older brother, Prince George, are about to visit America in search of rich American brides.

Mr. Vesnitch says the royal family of Belgrade is greatly annoyed over these reports and no such personage is known as "Count Pablow Mysky Treskaya," who is reported to be in America as the matrimonial agent of King Peter. "Should either of the Servian Princes

at any future time go to America." said Mr. Vesnitch, "it will be visit the country and study institutions which are especially interesting in Servia, the most democratic kingdom in 'Old Europe,' '

LINE WILL JOIN CITIES

Electric Railway to Operate Between Marshfield and North Bend.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 27 .- (Spe cial.)-Major L. D. Kinney of North Bend has put a large force of men at work and announces that he will construct in four months an electric street railway to connect Marshfield and North Bend. Operations have begun at what is known as Plat B between the two cities, where Major Kinney controls a large amount of land. About 30 men are at work clearing and 100 more will be put to work. A force of surveyors has also

been put in the field. Major Kinney has applied to the North PLAGUE MENACES NATIVES Bend City Council for a franchise and de clares that he will also apply to the Marshfield City Council. He announces that Scattle capital is behind the enter

WELLS FARGO HEAD DEAD

Colonel Dudley Evans Dies in New York After Operation.

NEW YORK, March 27 - (Special.) -Dudley Evans, president of Wells, Fargo & Co., one of the most widely known common carrier officials in the country, died tonight in the Roosevelt Hospital following an operation. He was operated on in that institution few days ago and for a time his condition showed improvement. He suffered a relapse Saturday and sank despite every effort made to save him

SECOND MORMON DIES

J. R. Winder, 88, Next to President Smith, Pneumonia Victim.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 27 .- J. R. Winder, whose position in the Mormon Church was second only to that of President Joseph F. Smith, died today

from pneumonia.

Winder was first councillor of the presidency and was 88 years old. He is survived by 16 children, 87 grand-children and a number of great grand-

IS LAID TO YOUTH

Alleged Slayer of Ruth Wheeler in Tombs.

NIGHTGOWN IDENTIFIED AS HIS

Woman Consort of Albert Wolter Seized as Witness.

ACCUSED MAN DENIES ALL

Katle Miller, Who Lived With New York Prisoner, Tells of Removal of Stove-Her Story Consis-

tent-Bail Is Refused.

NEW YORK, March 27 .- Albert Wolter, the youth in the fire escape of whose rooms were found yesterday portions of the burned body of Ruth Wheeler, the 15-year-old stenographer who had been missing since last Thursday morning.

ball today, charged with the girl's mur-At a continuation of the police questioning, to which he was subjected last night, he persisted in his denials that he and ever seen the girl, ever had written to her or knew how her body came on the fire escape outside his window or why fragments of human feet, hands and arms were found in the ashes of his firepiace.

was committed to the Tombs without

Katle Miller, the girl with whom he lived, was arrested today as she approached the house where the murder was committed. She was reading the details in a German newspaper as she walked, smiling as she read.

During a long cross-examination she held sturdly to a consistent story that she knew nothing of the crime until she read of it in the newspapers.

Stove's Removal Noticed.

Thursday night when she returned from work at the laundry, where she sarned \$6 a week, which she gave to Wolter, she said she noticed the stove n front of the fireplace had been moved, he fire-board newly painted and a colored lithograph pasted over the hole where the stovepipe formerly entered. When she asked Wolter why he had fone this he answered that Summer was coming and they wouldn't need the

stove. She had not even known that Wolter had received a visitor, she says, until Pearl Wheeler, the dead girl's elder siser, had called Friday morning to ask f Ruth had been there.

Girl Kept as Witness.

Wolter had denied that, but the Miller view and that she became jealous and accused him of harboring another women n the flat. Again he denied it. Friday morning she went to work again and that afternoon Wolter was arrested. The girl was committed to the House of De-

tention as a material witness. An autopsy today showed that Ruth Wheeler had been killed in the manner indicated by the first superficial examination. First she had been strangled with a rope and then the bones of the arms and legs were broken to admit the body more readily to the narrow throat of the chimney. Why the cuts were made

on the body does not appear. Gown and Sack Identified.

When Katle Miller was shown the nightshirt in which part of the charred body had been wrapped, the girl positively identified the garment as Wolter's, "That letter 'W," said the girl, indicating an initial worked on the shirt, 'was embroidered by Albert's mother." She also identified the gunnysack in which the head and trunk of the victim had been placed as having been used by her and Wolter to hold kindling wood.

Esquimaux Children Seldom Free From Tuberculosis, Says Surgeon.

WASHINGTON, March 27.-Declaring that 50 per*cent of the natives of alaskn and St. George and St. Islands are suffering from tuberculosis, Surgeon Simpson, of the Revenue Cutter Manning, says that the disease exists in all forms and that there are only a few hildren who do not show some evidence

He adds, however, that many of them improved under treatment in the Summer of 1905. Efforts, he says, are being made o instruct the natives how to prevent

If the natives of St. Paul had an abundance of water, which now has to be hauled some distance in wagons, accord-ing to Dr. Simpson, they would keep their houses cleaner and the danger of the spread of infection would be greatly

HARRIMAN LINE TO SOUTH? President Lovett and Associates Plan

Mexican Road.

EL PASO, Texas, March 27 .- In explanation of the presence on the west coast of Mexico of President Lovett and many high officials of the Harriman lines, it is said that the Mexican Pacific Railroad Company has acquired the concession held by the Mexican-American holding company, to build a railroad from Salina Cruz to Manzanillo, a distance of 930 miles, and thence down the coast

Upheld by Senate.

"UNSEAT GANNON" AGAIN HEARD

MANN TO PILOT MEASURE

WASHINGTON, March 27 .- Legislation desired by President Taft has been means of crystallizing various houses of Congress for and against the porting the Administration bills and is ooked to by the executive to accomolish what he wants done, while the

Successor to Cannon Again Hinted. This same legislation and its treatnent by Congress has also served to as an issue in the House, and there is seat him and elect a new Speaker, Asher C. Hinds, the parliamentarian of

Townsend's Ambition Fails.

ommittee on interstate and foreign com-

ng to assume the sponsorship. As amended by the committee, all Re-

Whether Mr. Mann will seek to elimi-

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