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Detective Burns on the Stand at San Francisco.

IN THE SCHMITZ-REUF CASE

Defense Tries to Ball Him Up, But Government Criminal-Catcher Is Equal to Emergency—Case Being Hotly Contested.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—William J. Burns, the detective who has been gathering the evidence upon which the recent indictments found by the grand jury have been based, was a witness today in the case of Mayor Eugene Schmitz and Abraham Ruef, charged with extortion. In answer to a question, the witness stated that for 18 years he has been employed as a special agent of the Interior Department. An attempt was made by Attorney Ach for the defense to show that Burns severed his connection with the government at the request of Special Prosecutor Heney, but the evidence was not admitted.

The court also sustained the objections of the prosecution to questions concerning when Burns arrived in San Francisco, whether he knew James D. Phelan, or Rudolph Spreckels, or whether he had received money from them. He stated, however, that he had received no money from Heney. In answer to further questions, he stated that he had known Ruef for about three years. He stated he did not know Grand Jurors Gallagher, Dwyer or Young. In fact, he stated he knew none of the members of the grand jury except in a very casual way.

"Is it not a fact that your sole reason for being in San Francisco is to aid the prosecution in securing indictments?" asked Ach.

The question was objected to and the objection sustained.

Burns stated that he had been introduced to Grand Juror Sonntag, but had never discussed with him any of the matters under investigation by the grand jury. He had, he said, talked perhaps three or four times with Foreman Oliver. Nothing was said about Ruef, Schmitz, Nicholas, Duffey, or any of the witnesses.

"Did you talk about a conspiracy to indict Mr. Ruef or Mayor Schmitz or about a meeting between Fremont, Older, Mr. Phelan, Mr. Heney and Mr. Hearst?"

"I never spoke to Mr. Phelan in New York in my life," spoke up Heney.

"Well, said Ach, 'we'll leave your name out of it.'"

Burns told of a conversation he had with Jean Loupe, a restaurant man, at which time Loupe denied having paid Ruef for police protection. "I told him," said Burns, "that I did not believe him. I said we knew the facts."

Burns was on the witness stand when court adjourned.

**MURDERER ESCAPES PENALTY.**

OSSING, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Albert T. Patrick, whose sentence of death for the murder of William Marsh Rice, was commuted today to life imprisonment by Governor Higgins, announced tonight that he is not satisfied with mere commutation and at once will bring a fight for freedom. A writ of habeas corpus will be applied for. It was said, in the United States court, making Warden Johnson the defendant.

**CHAMBERLAIN LOSES MEMORY.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A London dispatch to the Sun says the long retirement of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain owing to gout and other ailments, has led to constant assertions and contradictions regarding the gravity of his condition. The Chronicle states that he greatly overtaxed his strength at the celebrations in honor of his seventieth birthday at Birmingham, with the result that he lost his memory completely. The past was a blank to him and he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before, and although his other faculties were and are injured, his memory is gone.

**FRENCH RATIFY.**

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The Senate today ratified the Algeiras convention which on December 6, was approved by the Chamber of Deputies.

**CATTLE RAISERS SUFFER.**

Cat Shortage May Mean Financial Ruin to Many.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20.—Numerous cattlemen testified here today in the car shortage hearing conducted by C. A. Prouty, Interstate Commerce Commissioner. They told of their inability to ship to market because of the lack of cars, which most of their attributed to insufficient motive power. Others asserted that the railroads did not want their cattle business and that

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**CHURCH EDUCATION.**

Episcopalians May Move for More Religious Training.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Bishop Coadjutor Greer of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University and others, at a meeting of the Church Club last night, advocated greater religious education of children. President Butler said:

"The tendency for a hundred years past has been to secularize the schools.

"You cannot put religion off successfully for thirty or forty millions on Sunday morning or afternoon in the Sunday school and put in the child's mind religious instruction in the place it belongs as a part of the whole education of the child.

"If we are going to restore religious training it must be done through the family and the church and not through the public school."

Bishop Greer said:

"I believe earnestly that something must be done and I am satisfied it must be done soon. Just what it is going to be I do not know. Not much nor enough in the Sunday school with its few minutes and great numbers will be done. The problem is important and the necessity urgent. The problem is to get more religion to the mind and personality of the child."

The Church Club will probably take the matter up through its trustees or a committee.

**CARNEGIE PARTNER DEAD.**

Henry McGregor Passes Away in Wilkesburg—His Career.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 20.—Henry McGregor, for years identified with the practical end of the steel industry, a brother-in-law of President W. E. Corey, of the United States Steel Corporation, and also one of the "junior" partners of Andrew Carnegie, died at his home in Wilkesburg, last night. Mr. McGregor was one of the most prominent technical men in this vicinity.

ity. He was master roller of the Homestead Mills at the time of the strike in 1892. Following the strike McGregor became connected with the first mill in the country to make armor plate. He there was associated with Mr. Corey and Charles M. Schwab, all of whom figured in the congressional investigation of the furnishing of armor plate to the government in 1894. He also made several important inventions. Mr. McGregor married Miss Emma Cook, a sister of Laura Wood Corey, who recently secured a divorce from Mr. Corey.

At the time of his death McGregor was an inspector of armor plate in the Homestead mills. Six years ago, when Andrew Carnegie set apart his famous "junior partners" fund for his faithful employees, who started with him in the steel business, Mr. McGregor was made one of the junior partners and received, it is said, a block of \$50,000 worth of stock, the highest amount given to any "junior" partner.

**DEFEND JAPANESE**

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Americans or as to the justice of the stand they have taken.

"Without the intervention of misinformed or prejudiced public men, California would deeply have appreciated an opportunity to exercise the fundamental right to deal with this subject alone and unaided, in which event Japan might have spared herself much of the concern that has resulted from the work of meddlers.

"The Board of Education will not recede from its position and whether the President of the United States has been led into error and now applies emphatic language to the people of this state, or whether ambitious secretaries distort the plain facts and shape documents that may perhaps be formidable in a political sense, the school authorities of this city, acting under a state law and without prejudice, will doubtless adhere to the very reasonable stand that has been taken."

**COAL MINE EXPLOSION.**

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