

GREAT GRAFT BAPTISTS RAISE ON CUSTOMS EXPOSED

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Subscriptions but Church
Wins Nevertheless.

Wealthy San Franciscan the
Latest to Find His Invoice
Cut in Two and Half
the Duties Pocketed by
Scoundrels.

(Special News by Longest Leased Wire.)
New York, April 24.—Another phase of the extensive system of defrauding the government through the customs service was disclosed here today when it was learned that a prominent and wealthy San Francisco physician who recently returned from a trip to Europe was made the innocent tool of the international smuggling ring which is now being investigated by a large force of treasury agents in the United States. A firm of New York customs brokers whose connection with the case was discovered when the physician was questioned in San Francisco is under suspicion and it is understood criminal proceedings will shortly be brought here that will result in the arrest of several brokers whom the treasury agents believe have been working in collusion with the smuggling syndicate in Europe. Thousands of dollars in customs dues have been diverted from the government by the method employed.

At the office of Special Agent Cummings here today no clue to the identity of either the suspected brokers or of the San Francisco physician was forthcoming. It was understood that the treasury agents' purpose is withholding the facts is to wait until the evidence is complete and then to make their arrests.

The Grafters' Opportunity.
The Hearst News correspondent learned from other sources, however, the details of the case. They are as follows:
The San Francisco physician went to Europe in the latter part of last year and during his travels purchased a number of rugs, bronzes, statuary, objects of art and carved furniture to embellish his San Francisco home, which it is understood, is somewhere in the western addition. The physician paid the purchase prices and took an invoice from the dealer, who was willing to relieve himself of the bother of the shipment and customs formalities, ordered the goods sent direct to San Francisco and paid the dealer the total amount of the customs duty, instructing him to arrange for its payment when the goods arrived here.

In due time the physician returned to San Francisco, and some time after, when the treasury agents had got an inkling that there was something wrong with the consignment, Special Agent Johnson of the San Francisco customs service called on the physician and questioned him. The physician made a frank statement of the circumstances of his purchase and his provision for the settlement of the duty, and produced his receipts and the original invoice showing the price he had paid for the goods. It was through this invoice that Special Agent Johnson learned the identity of the brokers here who handled the shipment.

Brokers' Denial Not Conclusive.
Special Agent Norton of the New York customs office made an investigation which disclosed the fact that the goods came through the New York customs house these brokers presented a false invoice in which the value of the articles was stated at a figure far below the actual value. The invoice was placed at about half of what his original invoice proved he had paid for the goods and on which he had paid the duty. This invoice, of course, called for only about half the real duty on the goods, which was all that had been paid.

It is understood the New York brokers declared the false invoice was one they had received from the San Francisco brokers of the foreign shipper of the goods and that they knew nothing of the undervaluation. An investigation, however, uncovered the fact that these brokers have handled a large number of similar transactions, which are now being traced by treasury agents.

How the Trick is Worked.
It is the theory of the treasury agents that this form of brokers is being used in collusion with unscrupulous brokers and shippers abroad.
Many American purchasers of goods in Europe are used to escape the inconvenience of getting their goods through the customs house here and are willing to pay the duty when they make their purchases, leaving the shipping in the hands of the dealers.
It is then an easy matter for the shippers of foreign brokers in the ring to prepare a false invoice, marking the value of the goods down to as low a figure as they dare without exciting suspicion. This low duty is split by the foreign brokers and their New York counterparts.

It is believed that purchasers from a point so distant from New York as San Francisco were easy vehicles for this system of defrauding. With persons living in New York it would be more difficult, as they might call personal attention at the customs house to make inquiries about their shipments and thus unconsciously expose the graft.

It is understood that the San Francisco physician is not the only instance of this kind of fraud that has come to light and that before the present investigation of the treasury agents is completed there will be sensational disclosures involving many persons prominent in the cities of the United States, who have unknowingly provided the smugglers with a boundless opportunity for swindling the government.

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glories in. The clowns follow the leapers in a burlesque of their flights through the air and this supplies abundant fun for the children.

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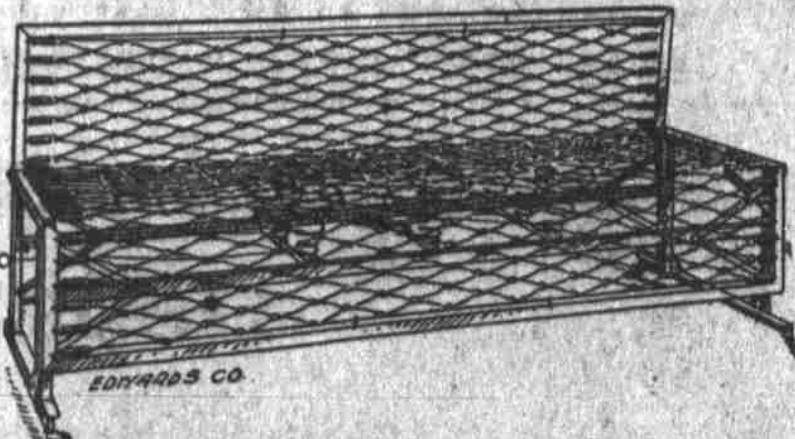


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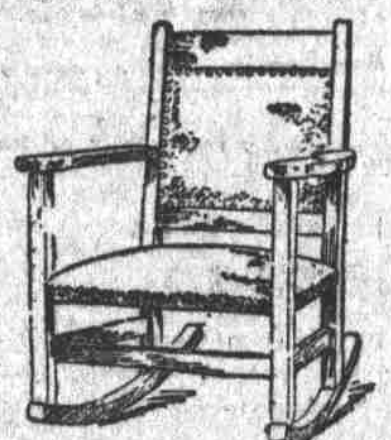
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We now have Monarch hotel Ranges, boarding house Ranges and plenty of combination gas and wood ranges. This is the only range to buy if you want the best you can get. The price is no more than some ask for very ordinary goods. Monarch Ranges are indestructible, have polished tops, oven thermometers, duplex drafts and many other features; priced \$57 to \$139.

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Size.	Regular.	Special.
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With hooks and mirror.

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No. 929—Full size top, 20x25, three large, one giant burner, oven and broiler, 18 1/2 inches wide, adjustable needle valves, stands 34 ins. high.....	\$22.00
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Special This Week



A neat child's Iron Crib with wire spring; 44 inches long and 24 inches wide, in assorted colors; \$6.50 value.....\$4.85

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We can put rubber tires on your old Go-Cart.

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The best patterns are always sold first and when they are gone no more can be had until next season. It is poor policy to put off buying your refrigerator until the last minute.

Big Special This Week

Remember, this is not the tiny size you generally see advertised; it is 25 inches wide, 44 inches high, 16 1/2 inches deep, ice capacity 45 pounds; regular price \$12.35, at this sale only.....\$9.90

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have been added. Norris & Rowe will give a purse of gold and a diamond medal to the one who shows the most grace, skill and daring in successfully leaping the high barriers and clearing the backs of animals and obstacles.

Norris & Rowe will exhibit in Portland May 3-4.

Grants Pass this week a quantity of ore from the claims of Phillips & Mangum, that carries gold at the rate of \$3,000 a ton. The strike was made in a pocket, but on a well-defined ledge that is being opened by tunnel. This ledge has a width of four feet, and will be more deeply developed by a longer tunnel which will be driven in at a point lower down the mountainside. The five claims of the group on which the strike was made are owned by C. L. Mangum and Charles E. Phillips of this city.

Journal want ads in a week.

SPOKANE WINS IN TENTH INNING

Spokane, Wash., April 24.—Spokane won a fiercely fought uncertain game in the tenth inning by a 7 to 6 score on an error through short, with bases all. Aberdeen, with a total of 13 hits off Dellar and Jensen, was held down by spectacular fielding until the ninth, when the score was tied on hits by Le-Jesse and O'Brien. The error of Jensen at second lost the lead for Spokane and an error by Carr lost the game for Aberdeen after cutting down a 5 to 1 lead. Most pitched for Aberdeen and was unlucky in having his hits bunched. Heavy hitting was a feature on both sides. Portland opens here Monday.

BAYOCEAN

A great beach resort in the making—pictures of machinery on page 9 of section 6 today.

She Doesn't Mean It.
From the Washington Star.
"In my opinion," said the positive woman, "Miss Smith's dress is a word of her violent talk about 'darning the bullet.'"
"Well," answered Miss Cayenne, "she's a bluffing girl."