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SAYS SMELTER IS TO GRAB U. S. MINT

Harold French, a Chemist Employed at the San Francisco Mint, Makes Grave Charges Against the Taft Administration.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—Under the caption the "Smelter is now ready to grab the business of the United States mint," the San Francisco evening Bulletin prints a special article by Harold French, until yesterday chemist at the San Francisco mint, who retires on a furlough charging that "the Taft administration is preparing to turn over its bullion refining business to the Guggenheim smelter trust under pretense of economy, just as Secretary MacVeagh already has discontinued the coining of gold at the behest of Morgan-Aldrich banking interests."

French declares that he left his job to expose the plot to the public, believing it to be his duty. He charges, in brief, that the San Francisco mint is to be closed as the Philadelphia and Denver mints have been closed so that the smelter may get the refining of \$175,000,000 annually done now by the government mints. This, French charges, is to be done under pretense of economy, but he asserts that it is really a gigantic graft scheme.

To accomplish the scheme, French alleges Aldrich placed his protege, Apiast Andrews in charge of mint affairs and that later Secretary MacVeagh made him first assistant of the treasury. He asserts that Andrews "borrowed" Chief Chemist Mindeleff of the smelter trust to report on mint methods, and that the change of the Taft policy was made on the strength of his report.

Congressman William Kent of California, French says, investigated Mindeleff's actions and succeeded in blocking the closing of the San Francisco mint, which had been set for the end of the fiscal year 1911.

A summary of the charges made by French in his article follows:

"Although the smelter trust has received many concessions at the hands of congress and the treasury department it now profits by the new laws and rulings, which will give it a complete monopoly of the money metal industry, crowding all competition to the wall and being in a strategic position to hold up all the mining operators in the country.

"Secretary Mac Veagh has ordered the closing of the government refineries on the ground of economy. The books of the treasury department have been kept so as to show a loss instead of a clear profit in the operation of the government refineries.

"The Sixty-first congress repealed laws authorizing appropriations for government refining, and MacVeagh has left the item out of next year's budget. That same congress passed an act which favored the money metal monopoly, in that it will allow bullion not up to the government standard of fineness to be melted into bars and stamped with its value, and has authorized the issue of certificates against these bars, thus doing away with the expenditure of many millions annually needed to handle coined money.

"While economy is the cry of the treasury department, the extravagance and unnecessary waste of funds continues. Secretary MacVeagh at the present time is purchasing hundreds of thousands of ounces of silver for coining, after waiting until the market has been boosted from 47 to nearly 58 cents an ounce in the last year. On a single transaction this week privileged speculators will make a profit of from \$15,000 to \$20,000 on 200,000 ounces of silver bought by the government."

NOTICE TO THEATERGOERS.

People having seats reserved for "The Chocolate Soldier" must take them up by 6 o'clock Saturday evening, otherwise they will be resold.

Haskins for health.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH OUR SCHOOLS?

WHAT is the matter with our public school system? Of the ninety-six applicants for eighth grade examinations in Jackson county this term thirty-eight passed without condition, twenty-six were conditioned, and thirty-two failed outright.

Something is wrong with a system wherein only forty percent of the pupils pass examinations, and one-third fail outright.

Either the methods are faulty, the personnel of the faculty is to blame, the management is defective, or all three are weak spots.

Judging by results, and that is what we pay school taxes for, our public schools are more or less of a costly farce—for our public schools are more or less well grounded in primary essentials as the schools of twenty and forty years ago.

To be sure, children are nowadays taught a smattering of many things formerly passed over. School has become a place for play where it used to be for work. But the output is not any improvement. Pupils today seem to learn little thoroughly.

In days of old ten percent was a large percentage to fail in examination, above the average. When more failed the teacher was held to blame. High school students could usually write legibly, as well as grammatically, punctuate and spell correctly, and the average high school student of today cannot do any one of the four.

The eighth grade student of a generation ago reached high school well grounded in primary subjects—well drilled in what must always be regarded as foundation work.

There are teachers in the schools of today that cannot write simple sentences grammatically or spell everyday words correctly.

Some of the teachers are mentally little more than boys and girls. For instance, one of them takes sides with her pupils in their calf love affairs.

Dignity and discipline as well as thoroughness have fled from some of our schoolrooms.

Yet the system which permits those so poorly qualified to instruct the growing idea, refuses to permit those holding university professorships and life diplomas from other states to teach until they have submitted to the indignity of one of those examinations that qualify juvenility.

Our public schools are a subject of vital concern to the community and worth attention and careful consideration from all.



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One lot of Golf Shirts, \$1 and \$1.25 values, for the day two for \$1.00	One lot of Men's Hats, \$1.25 to \$3 values, for the day \$1.00
One lot of Golf Shirts, \$1.50 values, for the day each \$1.00	Any three 50c Work Shirts, men's and boys' for the day only \$1.00
Three pairs of regular 50c spun silk Hose for the day \$1.00	One Dollar off on any Boy's Suit in the house for the day only
Three pairs of regular 50c fancy Hose, for the day \$1.00	One lot of Men's Suits at just one-half the regular price
Six pairs of regular 25c fancy Hose, not plain colors, for the day \$1.00	One Dollar off on any Suitcase or Bag, values \$5.00 and over.
Any \$1.25 to \$1.75 Cuff Buttons for the day \$1.00	Any Umbrella from \$3 up one dollar off.
Any \$1.25 to \$1.75 Pin and Button Set for the day only \$1.00	Any Umbrella regular \$5 and over for the day only at Half Price.
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