

# ANGRY MOBS CRY FOR THE LIFE OF RAE

## Moller's Slayer Is Secretly Taken to Village Court-room

## Citizens Learn of Move and Surround Conveyance and Hall of Justice

## Would Have Him Pay Forfeit With His Own Life for Slain Boy

OAKLAND, Sept. 18.—With cries of "Hang him!" "Lynch him!" "Kill him!" angry mobs of citizens surrounded the courtroom at Irvington this afternoon, and also the automobile in which the prisoner fled, demanding the life of John Rae, who had been taken there for arraignment on a charge of having murdered Carl Moller, at the Albre gun club's premises Sunday morning.

The demonstration against the game-keeper was so threatening that proceedings before Justice Powers were hastened, and Rae was smuggled out of town in an automobile of his attorney, Porter Ashe, guarded by Deputy Sheriff George Wales and Constables Vandervoort and Roderick, and deputies.

## COLORADO JUDGE TAKES POISON WHEN PENNILESS

## Former Candidate for Congress Dies Claspng Wife's Appeal for Aid

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 18.—Penniless and deserted by his friends, Charles G. Van Fleet, former superior court judge of Colorado and at one time a candidate for congress there, committed suicide last night by drinking cyanide of potassium in a cheap lodging house.

## STEAMSHIP SWEPT BY HEAVY SEAS

## Colon Limp Into Port With Masts Gone and Three Men Drowned

COLON, Sept. 18.—The steamship Colon, half masted and showing other evidences of distress, came limping into port early this morning. She had been battered by the hurricane encountered Sunday.

Three members of her crew lost their lives while engaged in the hold in repairing the vessel. The wind blew 80 miles an hour and tremendous seas swept over the vessel. The members of the crew who lost their lives were Second Assistant Engineer William Lyle; J. Olson, the carpenter, and E. Barthel, a water tender.

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Well! I promised you a dinner.—Shakespeare.

EVER have to break such a promise because the cook left? There are good cooks who stay in good places when they find them. If you want such a one telephone a want ad to The Call—Kearny 86.

The good cooks are in Call families—or would like to be.

# CAPTAIN WEST INDICTED FOR JURY FIXING

## Secret Agent and Former Political Crony of Abe Ruef in the Toils

## Accused of Promising Money to John R. Foley to Favor Arch Boodler

## Other Graft Defenders Trembling in Fear of the Grand Jury's Ax

## Ruef Followers Indicted for Jury Tampering

Francis J. Murphy, attorney for Abe Ruef.  
A. S. Newburgh, attorney for Abe Ruef.  
E. A. S. Blake, contractor and friend of Ruef.  
Captain John J. West, Ruef's "gumshoe" henchman.

Captain John J. West, secret agent and former political crony of Abe Ruef, was the latest to fall before the onslaught which the grand jury has directed against corruption in the jury box, an indictment accusing him of jury tampering having been returned against him yesterday. The indictment was the fourth of a series which has been similar in nature, and more are yet to come. Up and down the line among the ranks of Ruef's followers there has spread a general alarm. Who will be the next? How much does the prosecution know? Whose head will be released, the air, which they asked themselves when it was definitely learned that Ruef's military friend, with all his secrecy and "gumshoe" tactics, had been gathered into the net. The furry remembrance of the days when 16 crime debauched supervisors hit each other's heels in a wild endeavor to save their pelts by flitting across the arch boodler before he could pull them down, as he applied from power to disgrace. Some have even made arrangements for bail in case—the whispered word has been overheard and the intrigue laid bare.

## EXPECTED INDICTMENT

That West was to be added to the number was generally known before the indictments were returned. The captain himself seemed to be aware of the approaching indictment, for when he left the grand jury room 5, Chairman might have evinced a nervousness more than a trifle unimpaired and somewhat laughable.

## PROMISES FOLEY MONEY

The grand jury took up the case in secret and at 11:20 a. m. returned the indictment, stating that it had evidence of a bench warrant for the capture of West. Before the warrant could be issued West had disappeared. The entire force of the sheriff's department was put on the case, but the ex-captain showed his military training by covering his retreat in a masterly way. Nothing was seen of him all day.

## PROMISES FOLEY MONEY

At about 6 o'clock in the evening he showed up at the residence of ex-Sheriff Tom O'Neil, who was colonel of the New York regiment of which West was adjutant, and, accompanied by him and Mrs. O'Neil, drove down in an automobile to Sheriff Larry Dolan's home, where he gave himself up. With the party was Contractor Muller. The party, accompanied by a deputy, proceeded to the residence of Judge Sturtevant, where Muller and O'Neil qualified as bondsmen for \$10,000 each. Attorney Newburgh, who gave temporary bail of \$1,000 cash Thursday, appeared in Judge Sturtevant's court yesterday morning with Leon Carrau, a diamond merchant, and Mark M. Liebenstein, vice president of the Lichenstein company, who acted as his bondsmen.

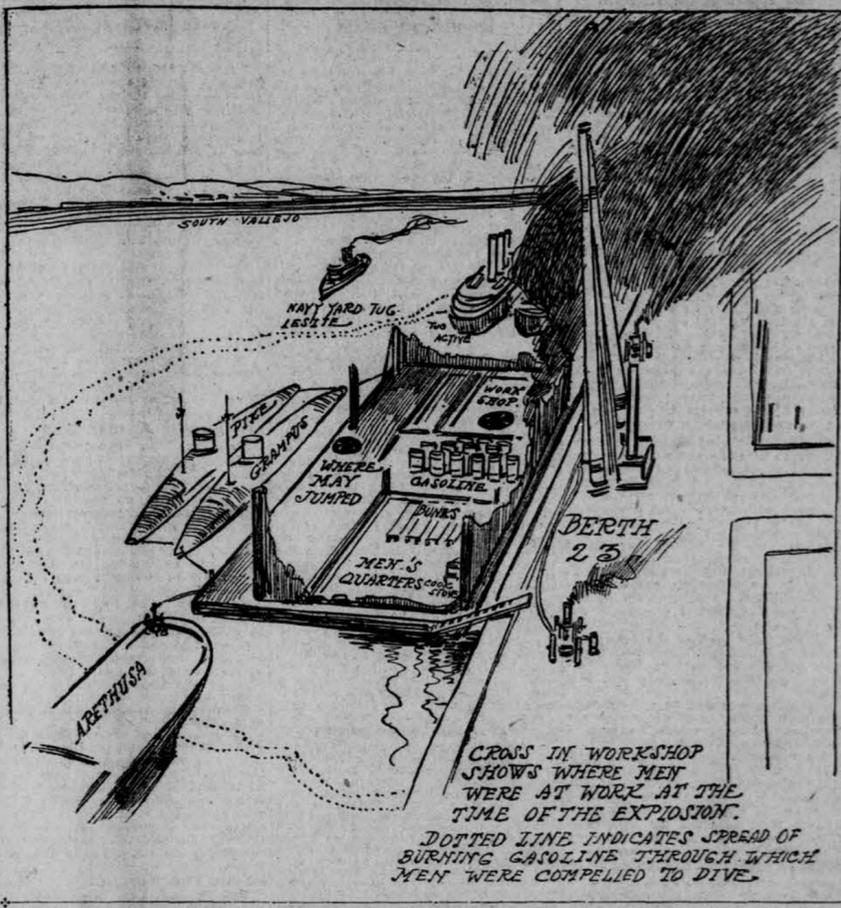
The members of the prosecution had no hesitancy in declaring that the four indictments were but the beginning of a movement to stamp out corruption in the jury box.

"We will endeavor to indict wherever we have the evidence," said Heney. "More indictments will follow and when the public learns the evidence which has been laid before the grand jury during these last few weeks it will be more than surprised. The amount of corruption which has been practiced in this regard is almost incredible. The condition of affairs is appalling, and the deeper we go into it the worse it becomes."

## PASSIONIST FATHER DIES

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Sept. 18.—The Rev. John Baudin, formerly provincial of the Passionist Fathers in the United States and Mexico, died at the Passionist monastery here yesterday. He was born at Genoa, 73 years ago.

# Fifty Men of the Submarine Flotilla Are Trapped by Blazing Gasoline at Mare Island



# CONSUL'S NOSE IS BROKEN BY TIRE

## P. J. Van Loben Sels, Paraguayan Representative, Fails to Release Air From Casing

P. J. Van Loben Sels, Paraguayan consul at this port, well known clubman, yachtsman and bright social light, had his nose shattered yesterday by an exploding automobile tire and will probably be disabled for life. In surgical terms his injuries are described on the harbor hospital register in Dr. Shadworth Beasley's inimitable handwriting as follows: "Compound comminuted fracture of nasal bone. Possible fracture of cribriform plates." The accident occurred early yesterday afternoon. Van Loben Sels is secretary of the Ferry garage. He removed a tire from an automobile with a wrench, which exploded as soon as the tire left the rim and wrought the damage.

# GIRL SAVES HER COMPANION'S LIFE

## Promptness of Helen Rheinschild Stopping Machine Prevents Mangling of Chum

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 18.—The prompt action of Helen Rheinschild, 16 years old, saved Marie Quinn, aged 15, from a horrible death at the Cudahy packing company's plant this afternoon.

# TEXAS SUSPECT HAS MARKS LIKE DUNHAM

## United States Marshal Sends Description and District Attorney Asks Extradition

SAN JOSE, Sept. 18.—Steps toward the extradition of William Hatfield, the man held in Sherman, Tex., suspected of being James C. Dunham, wanted here for murder, were taken this morning by District Attorney Arthur M. Free.

A telegram was received by Sheriff Langford from Deputy United States Marshal R. L. McAfee that removed every doubt of the man's identity. McAfee's message said: "Two inch scar left foot, beginning on big toe. Height 5 feet 11 1/2 inches, blue eyes, large depression between eyes. Told cellmate would die before he would go to California. Your man su—"

# SISTER OF DEAD DIPLOMAT INSANE

## Rose Stevens Brooded Over Death of Victim of Korean Assassins

OAKLAND, Sept. 18.—Miss Rose Stevens, sister of the late Durham Stevens, diplomat and adviser to the Korean emperor, who was assassinated by Korean fanatics at the ferry depot in San Francisco several months ago, was taken into custody today on a warrant charging her with insanity.

# CHOLERA SPREADS TO PORTS OF BLACK SEA

## Seven Persons Die From Disease in Odessa and Surrounding Cities Suffer

ODESSA, Sept. 18.—Despite the strict preventative measures that have been taken, the cholera which is now raging throughout Russia has finally invaded this, the most important port of the Black sea. Seven persons have died from the disease and 12 are in the cholera hospitals.

# SALE OF BABIES IS ANNOUNCED BY ARMY

## Citizens of Mountain Town Protest Against Movement of Salvationists

PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 18.—The citizens of Salda, a mountain town about 90 miles west of Pueblo, are much exercised over a "sale of babies" advertised by the Salvation Army to take place next Tuesday evening. Several children are advertised to be sold, and there is said to be a movement afoot to stop the sale by court proceedings.

# BRAVES DEATH TO FELL ARMED THUG

## Alfred Greenebaum Beats Footpad Who Pointed Loaded Revolver at Him

Unheeding the revolver thrust into his face by a footpad who stopped him last night, Alfred Greenebaum, president of the Alaska codfish company and one of the most prominent businessmen in the city, replied to the command to throw up his hands by smashing out with his fist, knocking the footpad clear off his feet. As he fell the thug grabbed at Greenebaum and the two crashed to the sidewalk. Undaunted by the revolver which the footpad was endeavoring to work around into a position to shoot, Greenebaum drove in blow after blow on the man's face. In the melee the thug fired one shot, the bullet tearing a hole through Greenebaum's coat close to his heart. After a short sharp fight the desperado wriggled loose and fled, and Greenebaum, too exhausted from his combat, made no effort to pursue.

# SOLDIERS ARE STRICKEN

## ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 18.—The Asiatic cholera has taken a strong foothold in the garrisons of St. Petersburg and more than 400 soldiers have been stricken. In the 24 hours ending at noon today there were 135 new cases of cholera and 12 deaths.

# CHINA IS AFFLICTED

## AMOIY, China, Sept. 18.—The native cholera hospitals report a total of 13 deaths from cholera for the 10 days ending Thursday. The total of deaths from all cases in Amoy Thursday was 17.

# IMPROVEMENT IN MANILA

## WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—A net decrease of six in the number of cases of cholera in Manila is reported today by Governor General Smith of the Philippines.

# POPE PIUS' ANNIVERSARY

ROME, Sept. 18.—Pope Pius today received thousands of telegrams and addresses of felicitation from Italy and abroad on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the celebration of his first mass.

# NAVAL MEN CAUGHT IN FIERY SEA

## Three Perish and Many Are Injured in Flames Off Mare Island

## Refuse Gasoline From Tanks Is Ignited by Cigarette and Spreads Disaster

## Lieutenant Townsend, Senior Officer of Submarines, Among the Injured

## Fire Spreads Rapidly and Heroic Rescue Work Saves Scores of Lives

## The Dead

THEODORE MAY, chief machinist's mate of submarine Grampus.  
FRED MARTIN, bumboat boy, Vallejo.  
ITALIAN LABORER, name unknown.

## The Injured

LIEUTENANT J. F. TOWNSEND, senior officer of submarine flotta; burned on face and hands.  
CHIEF GUNNER'S-MATE W. H. LEAHY, of submarine Grampus.  
CHIEF GUNNER'S MATE MORGAN, of the Pike. Both are in the Mare Island hospital.

Several other members of the crews of the Pike and Grampus and the tug Fortune were severely burned.

## SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

VALLEJO, Sept. 18.—Fire flaring suddenly from the waters of the bay at Mare Island trapped 50 men like rats, members of the submarine flotta crew, on a floating workshop off the seawall shortly after noon today. The flames came from the gasoline floating on the surface of berth 23, the refuse emptied from the tanks of the submarine Grampus and Pike. A cigarette stump is supposed to have started the fire. A naval board of inquiry probably will determine the exact cause.

The Grampus and the Pike were moored off the shop, which was on a float at the foot of the seawall. To the north of the float, 30 feet away, lay the steamship Arethusa, tender for the Atlantic fleet in its voyage to the Pacific. To the south, with its stern against the float, lay the naval tug Fortune. The tug Leslie, in charge of First Class Quartermaster Meers, lay at the Mare Island wharf.

On the float the crews of the two submarines, numbering 30 men, were at lunch. The officers were on the Fortune and ashore. The crew had spent the morning in overhauling the batteries of the submarines and in pumping the gasoline from their tanks. The gasoline went into nine large tanks on the float, 500 gallons of it. Its sediment had been emptied into the bay and the float was surrounded by the sea.

## WATER BECOMES SEA OF FIRE

It was just after lunch. Some one is supposed to have lighted a cigarette. There was a puff of flame. At once the water around the floating workshop was a sea of fire. It belted and roared and lapped eagerly at the surrounding woodwork.

The men on the float were hemmed in by this billow of flame. It had risen and had become a devouring tornado. As they comprehended it, it caught the gasoline in the tanks and these again exploded.

The men leaped into the flaming water. They leaped, and in leaping they dived deep and swam beneath the blazing roof of the sea of flames. The first struck out for the tug.

Many could not swim. Bystanders who had run to the place found him drifting toward the tug Fortune. He had plunged beneath the sea of flames and had come to the surface on its edge. He lifted his burned face toward the sky, and sank. He came to view again. His eyes showed the agony he was suffering. He sank again almost alongside the boat.

## MEN LEAP FOR SAFETY

Of the others on the float the bumboat boy, who had been selling fruit to the crew, was seen to leap overboard; then his hat was seen floating on the water. The laborer was not seen from the beginning of the fire.

So suddenly did the catastrophe overwhelm that there were no details. One minute these men were eating lunch on the float. A few feet away were the two submarines with three or four sailors in their open hatchways; then came the wave of flames. The men on the submarines began closing the hatches. Those on the float leaped into the water. A sentry turned in an alarm. The guard ran from the gate and the fire department of the navy yard responded.

The tenders Fortune and Unadilla were a mass of flames aft. The Leslie was some distance from the fire. The crews of the Fortune and Unadilla ran to quarters and fought the first half an hour they labored madly to save their ships. The Arethusa was