

THREE YEARS FOR JEWELRY THIEF

FIRST OF FOREIGN GANG IS SENTENCED

Said He Bought Jewelry Some Months Before It Left Owner's Possession

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Rocco Moir, one of the gang of Italians arrested in a cabin on Pandora street Monday night by the police, and remanded for trial till this morning on a charge of having in his possession a gold watch, a gold chain and a gold locket valued at \$75, knowing the articles to have been obtained by theft, was this morning dealt with by Acting Magistrate C. J. Prior and sent to penitentiary for a three-year term.

Two other Italians who were presented before the court yesterday and who have pleaded not guilty to charges in connection with stolen jewelry are to come up for trial to-morrow morning.

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TREND OF TRAVEL TURNS SOUTHWARD

More Passengers Are Coming South Than Going North—Prince George In

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Travel to the north is now showing a slight falling off, and as usual at this time of the year the steamers coming south are nearly all sold out. One hundred and fifty passengers arrived from Prince Rupert and Stewart on the Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince George, Capt. Frank Saunders, which reached port early this morning. The Prince steamers are now carrying an average of about one hundred passengers to the north while southbound their lists vary from one hundred and fifty to two hundred.

Among those who came south on the George was Robert Stewart, of the Stewart Land Co., after whom the town at the head of the Portland Canal takes its name. Mr. Stewart appears in glowing terms of the future of the little town. He will spend a few days in this city on business. Erskine Smith, president of the Red Cliff Mining Co., attended the initial trip of the Portland Canal Line train from Stewart last Friday, was also a passenger on the steamer. Robert Kelly, of Kelly, Douglas Co., Ltd., joined the vessel at Rupert for Vancouver.

Beautiful weather was experienced by the George throughout her trip and the officers report that nothing eventful happened. At 10 o'clock the George steamed for Seattle, from where she will return to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. Several passengers have been booked here for the George on her next northern trip, including Dr. Montzambert, head of the Quarantine service for the Dominion, and Dr. A. T. Watt, in charge of the Quarantine service in this province. They are going to Prince Rupert.

King's passengers are paid \$2.00 a day, with \$2 a day extra whilst on actual duty, and all travelling expenses.

GRAFT CHARGES DROPPED.

Cases in Connection With San Francisco's Trolley Franchise.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 18.—The district court in the first district issued a peremptory writ of mandate to-day to compel Superior Judge William P. Lawler to dismiss the indictments pending against Patrick Calhoun, Theron M. McIlroy, T. E. Ford and William M. Abbott, charged with bribing the Ruef-Schmitz supervisors in connection with the United Railroads trolley franchise.

This decision practically ends the graft prosecutions financed by Rudolph Spreckles and backed by Special Prosecutor Francis J. Heney and Detective William J. Burns.

The district attorney both in Judge Lawler's court and before the supreme justices, admitted that in the absence of "Big Jim" James I. Gallagher, the defendant state witnesses, nothing could be accomplished by trial. The decision was written by Presiding Judge Lannon with the concurrence of Judges Chipman and Kerrigan.

CY YOUNG RELEASED.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 18.—The Cleveland Americans last night gave "Cy" Young, the veteran pitcher and "grand old man of baseball," his unconditional release.

"I am not through," said Young last night. "There is a lot of good pitching in me yet. I think a number of the big league teams will want me. I will remain in Cleveland working daily until I sign up with another club."

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WHICH IS THE BEST DECORATIVE TABLE?

Five Prizes Awarded Amongst Sixteen Flower Show Entries—Close To-night

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To transfer the interior of the grim drill hall into a huge bower of flowers would not appear an easy thing to do, but that is what has been accomplished now all the floral decorations in connection with the Tenth Annual Flower Show of the Victoria Horticultural Society have been finished.

There has been great competition for the prizes offered for the decorative table centres and sixteen tables, all laid out with extreme taste, offered attractive visions difficult for the judges to decide as to which was the best.

As the judges in this event were the general public, who last night recorded their individual vote on special voting slips, there exists a delightful unanimity of opinion as to how far other spectators, going to the show to-day, will agree.

This afternoon and evening, therefore, in this one branch only, the visitors will find most interesting material on which to pass judgment and express opinions, and it must be borne in mind that this most successful exhibition in the history of the society finishes at 10 o'clock to-night.

The prizes for these decorated tables were awarded as follows:

First prize—Mrs. Hasell, for decorations in Scotch thistle, with mauve gauze laid diagonally under the "bonsai" blooms, and forming a perfect match.

Second prize—Miss James, for sweet pea decorations, with cherries in bowls and a delicate lace dressing.

Third prize—Mrs. R. B. McMicking, for decorations in "Dorothy Perkins" roses on crystal stand, stands lightly chained to small glass vases.

Fourth prize—Miss B. Fort, for sweet pea decorations of silver vases with part background of pale green silk. But for two partly faded flowers this exhibit would have been higher placed.

Fifth prize—Mrs. Hasell, for greenhouse roses, in silver candlesticks and glass.

The first prize for the decorative design was awarded to Mrs. R. B. McMicking for an Irish harp in decorative smalt, with various small Irish emblems, such as flags, dainty green baskets and little donkey carts, around the table, being hung a draping of worked Irish harps. One of the little donkey carts has been abstracted by a souvenir kleptomaniac, and Mrs. McMicking will be glad of its return.

The Ornamentation Challenge Vase donated by J. S. H. Matson for a floral exhibit on space not to exceed 60 square feet; to consist of potted plants, cut garden flowers and wild flowers, and grasses, the potted plants and garden flowers to be grown, and the wild flowers and grasses collected, by the pupils of the school of British Columbia making the exhibit was awarded to Mrs. Hasell.

William F. Jones, who showed his contempt for the police by using obscene language on Government street last night, was given ten days, with the option of a fine.

Hop Sing said he could not understand English and was sorry he made the statement when he was assessed \$2.50 interpreter's fee. He was also fined \$10 for setting a fire in his chimney, and decided to go to jail for 14 days and save the money.

Everybody is going to the flower show this afternoon, and the evening attendance, no doubt, will be equally good.

FUNDS FOR IRISH LEAGUE.

London, Aug. 18.—The officers of the United Irish League have been replenished to the extent of \$10,000 which has been collected by the Redmond from Australian partisans of Home Rule. Mr. Redmond says that \$5,000 more will be forthcoming.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED.

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DEER HOUND'S BITE NOT A VICIOUS ONE

Physicians in Police Court Save Life of E. G. Warner's Prize Canine

Evidence given by medical men, four in number, who testified that they were friends with E. G. Warner's dog, saved the big deer hound's life in the city police court this morning when the owner was charged "with keeping a vicious dog."

The dog had bitten Miss Gertrude M. Carver, tearing her dress and making a scratch on her skin with its teeth as she was walking on Fort street with her mother, Ernest Kennedy, managing director of the British Canadian Home Builders' Company.

The deer hound, said, came up behind her, having her head and evidence of the prosecution and the statements of Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Hasell, Dr. Nelson and Dr. Leeder, Acting Magistrate Prior dismissed the charge, saying he did not think the dog was vicious in the meaning of the by-law.

In giving her evidence the lady claimed the dog was a large, dark grey, tall dog. She was a witness, she said, that she had not noticed his tail particularly.

J. P. Mann, appearing for the defence, said possibly she was watching him at the other end of the dog, and the witness replied: "I certainly was."

Ernest Kennedy supported her evidence, and said the dog had made a rush at him when he went to Mr. Hasell's house about a month ago. He would not enter that house for \$5,000 if the dog was in the front garden.

Dr. Hamilton, V. S., said he had been the dog's medical attendant, and he did not think it was a vicious dog.

Dr. Hasell said the dog had been about the hospital grounds when the patients had been walking about and he had not bitten any of them. He knew the dog well. It was a friend of his.

Dr. Nelson had known the dog nine months and Dr. Leeder had known it two years. Both said it had always been a perfectly behaved dog and affectionate with children.

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WATER FESTIVAL AT GORGE BEACH

lan. St. Clair Combines With the Children's Aid for a Bumper Celebration

Swimming at the Gorge is undoubtedly one of the features of a Victoria summer; the balmy climate and the circumstances of the situation combine to make it an ideal spot for indulgence in this healthful pastime, but despite these natural enhancements it is questionable if the sport would have attained the wonderful popularity which it enjoys but for the disinterested and painstaking efforts made by Ian St. Clair in fostering a love of the game and instructing the youth of the community in how to play it.

For years past Mr. St. Clair has been making the calendar for his aquatic celebration, which usually takes the form of a series of races, "straight" and otherwise, and each successive occasion has been rewarded by a higher degree of appreciation on the part of the public. Interest in these functions has developed so much recently that it has induced the belief that some tangible benefit might accrue from it to charity, and with this object in view the Children's Aid Society has linked up forces with Mr. St. Clair to make the water festival this year more attractive than ever.

If the present arrangements of the committee in charge of the work is carried through the Gorge beach on Saturday will present a picturesque and animated appearance. Gaily bedecked mermaids and their masculine kindred (if they happen to have any such) will "sneak" about among the spectators and smilingly entice the charitable offerings from the pockets and wallets of the unsuspecting.

Whatever is collected in this way will be devoted to the Children's Aid. At the present time the mermaids are qualifying strenuously for their fins.

It is not everyone who practices deep breathing as systematically as does Madame Griselda, the world-famous cantatrice, who arrived at the Empress on Sunday, who will become such a famous singer; nor does it follow that living regularly and simply, walking much, and going early to bed, as does Madame, will enable everyone with a voice to keep it as fresh and clear as is the diva's, but the simple life and natural breathing are essentials which Madame Griselda never loses sight of.

This authentic daughter of the drama and music, for this great singer is properly described as a dramatic soprano, is staying here preparatory to concerts which she will give in the city, arrangements for which are now being made with the probability of their taking place in the fine hall of the Alexandra Club.

Of fine stage presence, she is an artist to the core, and although it is seven years since Griselda sang in Victoria she comes now with no old reputation but with her voice of the same purity as then, and with her intense realism even more pronounced by the melowing hand of time. With Madama Sembrich, with whom she has frequently been compared, she holds her own.

At her two concerts recently given at Vancouver the audiences, which more than filled the large hall, were moved to a high pitch of enthusiasm by the revelation of her voice and genius. There is no doubt an equal triumph awaits her here.

Speaking of her rare voice Tuesday night to the Times, the Empress, Madame Griselda, who scorns affectation and smugness and loves simplicity, said she always regarded it as if it was not part of her own self but a gift lent to her to express the soul of the real.

"I have often," said Griselda, "sung before a great audience and felt that it was not my own voice but the revelation of some great power singing from me."

The statement was typical of the diva's simplicity, which it is not given to every greatness to attain, and it is a possession and retain through all the pettings of people in every part of the world.

And Griselda has travelled much. In most of the continents, placed on the princes of India her voice has been raised to delight vast throngs, and she is the only feminine artist who has done so. All over Australia, China, Japan, as well as in the Philippines and through Southern Europe, Griselda has continued her career of triumph, which started at an early age in London, where she was born. Had she not been the great singer she is she could have won distinction in painting, for she is exceptionally clever in both oils and water-colours.

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Business having been disposed of the members enjoyed a pleasant social hour, songs, recitations and speeches being given.

The president briefly outlined the programme for the coming fall and winter seasons, and was assured by the officers and members present of their hearty support and co-operation. The proceedings concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

TWO KILLED BY TORNADO.

Appleton, Minn., Aug. 16.—In a tornado that swept over this district yesterday afternoon, at least 2 persons were killed. The known dead are: Mrs. Herman Trager and her four-year-old daughter, living on a farm near Holloway. The farmhouse was wrecked.

Inspector Unfit to Pass on Sea Affair

Officer of Santa Rosa Will Not Answer Questions Put by Engineering Expert

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 16.—After overruling the objections as to his competency order by the defendants, United States Inspectors Bolles and Bulger proceeded to-day with the trial of Capt. J. O. Faria, master of the wrecked steamer Santa Rosa, who, with Third Mate J. Thomas, is charged with negligence and unskillfulness.

Thomas, through the admiralty lawyer, Capt. Henry Taylor, raised the question of the competency of the engineering expert, and hence unable to pass on navigation problems, Taylor threatened that if Thomas were questioned by Bulger he would apply to the federal courts for an injunction.

Thomas was on watch at the time the ship went ashore off Point Arguello. The officers will be tried separately.

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