

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 by 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.

Moir's defence was that he had bought the watch and chain from a man on the street for \$10. The facts given by him were during February last, but Myall K. Lowe, the owner of the jewelry, said it was in his possession up to the 15th of March last, when he went to bed at the Atlantic hotel. His room was entered during the night and the watch, chain, and locket were stolen.

Since the arrest of the Italians there are a number of others, believed to be connected with the accused, who have hurriedly left town. They went out last night on the boat for Seattle, evidently fearing that a longer residence here would be fatal to their liberty. As there was no evidence against the men who suddenly left town beyond that of suspicion the police had no other course than to allow them to leave.

Rocco Moir, about to begin his three-year term in prison, this morning, on leaving the dock thanked the magistrate. He has been in jail on a previous occasion, according to his own admission in the witness box this morning, and was released at the beginning of this year.

CITY AND SCHOOL BOARD.

In supreme court chambers on Tuesday Mr. Justice Gregory reserved his decision in the application made by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., for the Nelson board of school trustees, in which the city of Nelson is the defendant and represented by H. A. Macdonald, K. C. The school board spent last year \$1,300 in excess of the civic appropriation for schools and after September for school purposes were exhausted. The trustees continued to spend money. An application for the deficit in the school board accounts was made to the Nelson council and was refused.

The school board has now brought the matter to the supreme court, asking a mandamus to compel the city to pay over this sum. Should the decision be against the city, the trustees against the trustees they will become personally responsible for the deficit in the school expenditure for the period in question.

TREND OF TRAVEL TURNS SOUTHWARD

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

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

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 steamer is 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 speaks 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., who 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 messengers are paid \$2.00 a year, plus 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. 16.—The district court of the Northern district issued a peremptory writ of mandate to-day to compel Superior Judge William P. Lawler to dismiss the indictments pending against Patrick Cathoun, Theron W. Mulvey, Tivy L. 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 indicting state witness, no case could be accomplished by trial. The decision was written by Presiding Judge Lonnon with the concurrence of Judges Chipman and Kerrigan.

CLUB YOUNG RELEASED

Cleveland, O., Aug. 16.—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."

NAVAL CADETS HAVE EXAMINATION COMING

Several Vacancies to Be Filled—Surgeons and Instructors Called For

In the last issue of the Canadian Gazette which has reached Victoria, the secretary of the Civil Service Commission gives notice that a general competitive examination for the naval cadets will be held here and at the other usual centres throughout the Dominion on November 15 and following days. There are twenty vacancies to be filled on the Rainbow and Niobe. Applications must be made before October 16, with William Foran, secretary of the commission, Ottawa, from whom particulars can be obtained.

The Civil Service Commissioners give notice that applications will be received up to October 2, from qualified candidates for the post of surgeon in the naval service, for which there are four vacancies. Candidates must be under 30, be fully qualified medical practitioners, be graduates of a Canadian medical college, or be of Canadian birth, and must be able to show that they have had one year's practical experience as a surgeon. A proportion of the candidates applying will be selected and will be required to undergo a competitive examination, to be held in November. Successful candidates will be required to undergo a medical examination as to physical fitness for the service. Pay of surgeons on entry is \$4 a day; after three years, \$5 a day. Surgeons will be entered for a period of five years, which may be extended to five years. They will be granted an equipment allowance of \$150 on joining to provide themselves with necessary uniform. Surgeons discharged at the end of three years' service will be paid a gratuity of \$1,000; after five years, \$1,500, subject to joining the reserve of medical Officers.

Applications, to be in before October 31, are further asked for two naval instructors, for the instruction of midshipmen and cadets of H. M. Canadian Navy at the Royal Naval College of Canada and Halifax.

Candidates must be honor graduates from some recognized university in the subjects of mathematics, and must be qualified to teach physics for school subjects to junior officers. Opportunity will be given to learn navigation, a selected candidate will have the rank of acting naval instructor. On becoming fully qualified, he may be required to remain at the college or to proceed on one of H. M. C. Ships, as the exigencies of the services demand. The junior rank is with lieutenant, rising to rank with commander. The pay is \$4.45 rising to \$9 per day, with quarters. The position of director of Naval instruction (ranking with captain) with pay at \$10.50 a day, will eventually be filled by a naval instructor. Candidates must be British subjects, and in January, 1912 when the selected candidates are required to join the college, must have had two years' residence in Canada. They must not exceed 27 years of age, and must be physically fit to pass a medical examination.

FATAL RIOTS AT LIVERPOOL

(Continued from page 2.)

The Canadian lines, like others, accepted no responsibility for delay while the present strike continues.

Mills May Be Closed.

Manchester, Aug. 16.—The strike in the transportation service is entailing serious consequences. Nearly all the cotton mills in Oldham have exhausted their supplies and will be compelled to shut down unless they are quickly renewed.

Police Charge Mob.

Cardiff, Wales, Aug. 16.—The police yesterday charged a mob of striking negro seamen who had started on an attack on officers of the shipping companies. The police used their blisses freely, and a dozen of the negroes were taken to a hospital. Two are dangerously wounded.

WHICH IS THE BEST DECORATIVE TABLE?

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

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

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, of various designs, were 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 variety 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 finished 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 "bonnie blue" 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 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 on the exhibit would have been higher placed.

Fifth prize—Mrs. Hasell, for green-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 smilax, with various small Irish emblems, such as flags, dainty green 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 Coronation Challenge Vase donated by 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 to be grown, and the garden flowers and grasses collected, by the pupils of the school of British Columbia making the exhibit, was awarded to 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.

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

FUNDS FOR IRISH LEAGUE.

London, Aug. 16.—The coffers of the United Irish League have been replenished to the extent of £10,000 which has been collected by Willie Redmond from Australian partisans of Home Rule. Mr. Redmond says that £5,000 more will be forthcoming.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—A dispatch from Kars, Trans-Caucasia, says that during a careless demonstration of cannon to a company of soldiers a grape shot was discharged, killing four persons and wounding fourteen.

ODD FELLOWS PLAN REUNION AT DUNCAN

Vancouver Island Lodges Will Gather There on Labor Day

The Odd Fellows of Vancouver Island have arranged to hold a grand reunion at Duncan on September 4, Labor Day.

Committees representing the lodges in the various centres have been at work for some time and now arrangements are well nigh complete. Only small details having to be adjusted.

The reunion will take the form of a basket picnic, and the lodge at Duncan has secured the Agricultural hall as a fair ground for the event.

An excellent programme of sports has been prepared, in which all may take part.

DOG HAS FRIENDS AMONG MEDICOS

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 dog. Having two children of her employer, Ernest Kennedy, managing director of the British Canadian Home Builders' Company. The deer hound, she said, came up behind her and bit her on the leg.

The evidence of the prosecution and the statements of Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Hasell, Dr. Nelson and Dr. Leeder, Acting Magistrate Prior, dismissed the charge. The judge 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, and answered to the name of "Buster." She had not noticed his tail particularly.

J. P. Mann, appearing for the defence, said possibly she was watching out 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. Warner's house about a week ago. He would not hurt 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 had not bitten any of them. He knew this 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.

The defendant, E. G. Warner, said he did not believe the dog bit the lady at all. He thought the deer hound was going up to her in a friendly way.

Warner's house was eventually started by the coffee tray and made a start at it, but nipped the lady by mistake. The dog was not in court.

The charge against Frank J. Rowland reading of a paper and the conditions of the franchise had been granted. The prosecution had word from the manager of the company at Vancouver that the \$5 had been paid, and he did not intend to prosecute.

Ralph Watterson was fined \$10 for carrying a revolver, which was found in his pocket at the Wilson bar, Yates street.

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LACROSSE TEAM HAS NOT GIVEN UP HOPE

Locals Have to Take Four Straight Games to Win Championship

Victoria has just about one chance in ten of winning the Pacific Coast amateur lacrosse championship, and yet the boys do not intend to give up yet.

By winning four straight games against the teams from the west, the Terminal City stick-wielders and the trip across Europe in 1912, which has long since overshadowed the championship in importance, would be secured as there were no competitors.

Judging from the exhibition the local twelve gave on Vancouver's last appearance here the betting would be about 100 to 1, but if Captain Clute can get his team back into the form it showed in the earlier part of the season 10 to 1 would be long enough odds.

On Saturday next the team plays New Westminster here and the locals should not have any difficulty winning. After that they have another game with the Royal City and one with Vancouver. If they win all three Vancouver will be just one point in the lead and that will necessitate the playing off of a drawn game, which would be a very exciting event.

Captain Clute has his men out practicing every evening and is paying special attention to the home, which showed lamentable weakness in the game here a week ago last Saturday.

In regard to the telegram received by the Victoria Lacrosse Association a day or so ago asking if Victoria could go over to Vancouver this Saturday in connection with playing Westminster here, the club has received a second message since revoking the first, so that Saturday's game will take place as per schedule.

Vancouver is trying to arrange an exhibition match with Victoria to either Sept. 2 or 4. A suitable cup and medals will be offered the winning team if the match can be brought about.

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 beautiful 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 marked one day in 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 counterparts will be seen to have any such "sneak" about among the spectators and smilingly entice the charitable offerings from the pockets and wallets of the unassuming but generous public.

At the present time the mermaids are qualifying strenuously for their fins.

POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE

A most successful and interesting meeting of the local branch of the Political Equality League was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. A. Gleason, 1452 Vining street. A large number of members attended.

Miss Bruce, the organizing secretary, who presided, opened the meeting by reading of a paper "Why Women Need the Vote." She mentioned several laws in operation in the province of British Columbia which affected women and children especially.

Following this paper, Mrs. J. D. Gordon gave an address in which she outlined the progress and conditions of the franchise in those countries where it had been granted.

She brought out the point that the characteristics of the men of every country were formed by the mothers, and argued that if the women were given more freedom, and were made better, the men to a corresponding degree would improve. With the granting of votes to women many useless society gatherings and functions would probably pass away. At all events the speaker was certain that in no way would the interest and keenness of the women in their country that the first year they had the ballot 83 per cent of them used it, whereas in the same year only 70 per cent of the men voted, according to the Times, at the Empress Ward, the premier. In Colorado women had only taken up the franchise as a fad.

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SALARIES FOR BRITISH M. P.'S.

London, Aug. 16.—By a vote of 241 to 128, the House of Commons passed a resolution appropriating \$1,340,000 for the payment of members' salaries for the coming year. This action was taken pursuant to a resolution passed August 10, providing for an annual salary of \$2,000 for each member.

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 the competency order by the defendants, United States Inspectors Bolles and Bulger proceeded to-day with the trial of Capt. J. O. Fagan, 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 insisted 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.

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.

DROVE OVER CONCRETE

Alphonse O. Roy Pays \$10 Fine For Disobeying Closed Street Barrier.

The prosecution of Alphonse O. Roy by the city, charging him with doing damage to real property owned by the city, in which he was Tuesday found guilty and fined \$10 with \$2.50 costs, raised the question as to whether the concrete being laid on the city thoroughfares by the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company belonged to the city immediately it was put down, or whether the city did not obtain ownership in it until it took over the completed work from the contractors. The second argument raised was that the roadway on Menzies street is not real property, and if it is, then the liquid concrete is not real property until it has set and become a fixed part of the road.

Alphonse O. Roy, driving his favorite mare harnessed to a rig on which was a \$2-foot stick of house-moving timber, drove down Kingston street August 7 and removed the barrier set at the foot of the street by the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company. On the other side of the barrier the workmen had just poured liquid concrete, and Mr. Roy drove his horse and rig with the load over it. A gang of Italian laborers attempted to turn him back, and all became excited. The horse moved eventually gained the day, and the city has paid the price assessed by the court for his victory.

The technical question as to real or personal property, being involved, raised the question of a dramatic effect, far as a fine was recorded the prosecution wins. A second charge of "language" was not proceeded with.

WORLD-FAMOUS DIVA TO SING HERE SOON

Great Dramatic-Soprano Griselda, Now in City, Lives the Simple Life

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 modest, 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 mellowing hand of time.

With Madam and 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 aroused 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 in the Times, at the Empress Ward, the premier, in Colorado women had only taken up the franchise as a fad.

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RAILWAY MEN READY TO FIGHT

HAVE FUNDS AMOUNTING TO OVER \$3,000,000

Socialist M. P. Attacks How Secretary in House of Commons

London, Aug. 16.—The ultimatum of the railway men's societies demanding that their employers meet them in conference for the consideration of grievances, will expire at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, when the strike on all the railways in the United Kingdom is scheduled to become effective.

Up to this evening, the managers had not indicated a purpose to meet the wishes of the strike leaders. Some managers of the roads predict that the union men, particularly the older ones, will ignore the strike order. Others stated that yesterday's proclamation was the first notice they had received that the men had any grievances.

Sir James Inglis, manager of the Great Western Railway, said: "It is unlikely that the companies will step away to the men at all. We would rather close down the whole system."

Four societies joined in the ultimatum, including the Associated Society of Firemen with a membership of about 20,000. The total membership of the four societies is about 100,000, and it is supposed that 70,000 other railway men are unionists.

While the total number of men employed on the 27 principal railways is 450,000, a majority of the skilled laborers are union men. In the event of a strike the leaders hope to obtain the support of the railway clerks and railway telegraphists.

The unions have funds amounting to \$3,000,000, and claim to have made arrangements which they can disburse eight weeks' strike pay.

George Lansbury, the Socialist member for Bow and Bromley division of Tower Hamlet, who wants to drive the government from power and to teach the ministers because they call for a vote without molestation and without 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.

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