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## DEATH TO THE SQUEALERS IS UNDER-WORLD SLOGAN

Anyone Who Assists in Breaking up the Graft Game in New York Is Marked for Death By the Gang.

### VERRELLA HAS FOLLOWED ROSENTHAL

Becker's Defense will Be That He Is Being Jobbed By the Confessors In Order to Save Their Necks.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, July 31.—That everyone who "squeals" or aids the authorities in any way in uncovering the trail of graft between the police department, the political world and the underworld will be marked for death was the firm belief of many interested in New York's great scandal today. This belief was emphasized by the open declaration that James Verrella proprietor of the Dante cafe at 163 West 34th street, who was killed in a fight in his place yesterday, was murdered because he betrayed "Dago Frank" Ciccolini to the police. Ciccolini is alleged to have been one of the actual murderers of Herman Rosenthal. He used the Dante cafe, a noted resort in the White Light district as a hangout prior to the killing. Verrella was his friend and frequently loaned him money, and it is alleged that information he gave to the police was the direct cause of the arrest of the accused slayer.

The police set the murder of the cafe proprietor down at first as an attempt to rob the cash register. Later, after they had arrested William Lorenzo, a noted east side gunman and Albert Contento for the shooting they were told by friends of Verrella that there was no attempt at robbery, but that in shooting down the cafe owner, the four men who fired the shots cursed him as a squealer, and declared all who squealed in the future would meet the same fate. The men under arrest deny this, and say that they were in the place simply to get a drink; that they made too much noise, that Verrella attacked them with a revolver and a man, who escaped took the pistol from him and shot him.

This denial is not taken seriously, and many at work on the case believe that there will be numerous killings before the present scandal is completely uncovered.

Rose, Webber and Vallon, confined in the West Side prison, are so apprehensive that they will be murdered that a special guard has been assigned to watch them in their cells, although the district attorney professes to believe their fears groundless. But he is taking no chances because of the fate of Rosenthal, who also squealed.

#### The Annual Graft.

The amount of the annual graft collected for permitting gambling in New York, which was fixed first at \$600,000 and then raised to \$2,400,000 a year by Jack Rose, is laughed at today by those who have carefully followed the case. If graft was accepted at all, men who ought to know say the amount was far greater than this and they intimate that these figures were put forth from the district attorney's office chiefly for the effect they might have in getting certain gamblers and men affiliated with them to tell

all they know about the alliance between the underworld and the police. The rumor was generally circulated today that if Lieutenant Becker, under arrest for murder in the first degree, will make a complete confession of all he knows about gambling in New York and give the names of the men who accepted the money, so that they may be reached, he can have immunity. Whitman, it was rumored would be willing to protect Becker if he could get the "man higher up" and especially the civilian who is reputed to have distributed the money that did not go to the police, and a state senator, whose name was used by Rose, Webber and Vallon in their confession, as the man who "took care of legislation" designed to take the police force out of politics. Opponents of Whitman say that he is trying to turn the present scandal to his own advantage as he is ambitious to become either governor, having been a candidate for the nomination two years ago, or mayor, when Gaynor's term expires a year from now. This imputation was bitterly resented by friends of Whitman, who said that he is actuated in the present case, only by the desire to do his duty.

The grand jury today resumed its consideration of the scandal. It was stated that it would follow the lines suggested by the Ros confession in order to trace the progress of the gambling slush fund. The names of the proprietors of the biggest gambling houses in New York have been furnished to the grand jury by Rose, together with the amounts he alleges they paid and in many instances he told just when the money was paid. These men are all to be sought out and forced to tell the grand jury all that they know.

#### Jobbing Claim.

Meanwhile Becker, through his attorney is preparing his defense. Attorney Hart declares that he will show when the police lieutenant is put on trial, that he is being jobbed by the confessors.

He says he has in reserve information showing that the killing of Rosenthal was planned directly by Rose and Webber and that they had not consulted Becker regarding it. The real reason, he said, will be revealed when the case actually comes into court.

It is understood that Hart will call a dozen witnesses who will swear that they heard Rose, Webber and Vallon discussing what they would tell Whitman. They will swear, it is understood, that the trio decided that the public wanted Becker's scalp and that if they could agree on a concerted detailed story, they could sacrifice the policeman and save themselves. This resulted in the confession Hart alleges.

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## HOLE IN THE WALL GANG CHASED BY THE POSSE

### Horse Thieves Burrowed Their Way Out of Jail and Escaped by Aid of Pals.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CRAIG, Col., July 31.—A battle that may prove history-making in the annals of western outlawry is momentarily expected when a sheriff's posse overhauls the famous "hole-in-the-wall" gang, which is believed to have aided Bill Bartelle, Charles Franzel and Andrew Comstock to escape after

the men had sawed their way out of jail. Two of the men are horse thieves who stood off a posse for seven hours on July 13 and who were not taken until the cabin in which they took refuge, was dynamited. The prisoners were furnished with saws and files. With these they sawed a large hole through the floor under their bunk. Then they tunneled through the earth under the jail floor. By the time a posse was in the saddle, it was met by a group of people who told of the arrival of a dozen mounted men, who waited with three quinces, he will dissolve it. If it refuses the cabinet will resign, dissolving it automatically. It is a ruse to satisfy the military league which insists on a dissolution.

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## COUNT CHARGED WITH MURDER

Members of Italian Nobility Accused of Poisoning Their House-keeper and Cremating Body.

### THEY GOT HER SAVINGS

Few Days Previous to Woman's Sudden Death, She Made Her Will in Favor of Her Mistress.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DETROIT, Mich., July 31.—Mme. Anita Halliday Antona, known to Detroit society as Countess Antona, author and teacher, and her husband Count Alessandro Giuseppe Antona, and his nephew Angelo Villa, today reiterated their denials from behind prison bars that they were responsible in any way from the death of their housekeeper, Miss Lizzie Fleming, 63 of Frazerburg, Ohio. The Antonas who claim to be members of the Italian nobility, were locked up after five hours of grueling cross examination by the prosecuting attorney. The case is one of the most mysterious that has come to the notice of the local police department in some time. Miss Fleming died on July 4 after a short illness. The day following her body was cremated. A few days previous to her death she made a will leaving \$1800 she had saved with the exception of a few dollars, to Mrs. Antona. Her relatives in Ohio were not notified of her death, and did not learn of it until three weeks afterwards. One physician was called for Miss Fleming during her illness according to the prosecutor. Dr. E. P. Mills, of Highland Park, a suburb, visited the woman while she was ill and diagnosed her case as intestinal trouble. Shortly after his first visit he was called to make out Miss Fleming's death certificate. Dr. J. D. Fleming, of Frazerburg, Ohio, a brother of the dead woman, started the secret investigation which culminated in the arrest of the Antonas.

## NEWSPAPERS DON'T TELL THE TRUTH

Public is Not Getting All the News According to Two Editors.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MADISON, Wis., July 31.—That the newspaper reading public is not getting all the truth to which it is entitled, was the position taken by the two leading speakers at the session of the newspaper conference. W. H. Ellis, of Gray's Lake, Ill., editor of the Searchlight, who took the place of Samuel Strauss of the New York Times on the program opened the meeting with the citation of a number of clippings taken at random from various newspapers of the country in which he showed that while stories in newspapers were often truthful, nevertheless the facts were frequently arranged so that the reader was led to the wrong conclusion. He declared that there ought to be a law governing newspapers which contaminate the public mind, just as there is a law which prohibits the pollution of a public stream.

L. S. Richards, editor of the Boston Common, cited numerous examples of cases where the readers did not get the news to which they were entitled, for the reason that the papers were in a measure subsidized by controlling interests. He pointed out as a remedy a public newspaper which he called a logical and necessary complement of the public school.

#### Scandalous and Fraudulent.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, July 31.—"Scandalous and fraudulent," was the way Minority Leader Mann of the house denounced provisions of the Indian appropriation bill providing for payment of Indian attorneys for work upon claims rejected by the court of claims. Mann declared the attorneys were merely lobbyists.

#### Parliament to Dissolve.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CONSTANTINOPLE, July 31.—The grand vizier asked parliament today to pass a bill authorizing the sultan to dissolve it at pleasure. If it acquiesces, he will dissolve it. If it refuses the cabinet will resign, dissolving it automatically. It is a ruse to satisfy the military league which insists on a dissolution.

## MORMON HORSES USED BY REBELS

Mexican Revolutionists Take Animals From American Colonists and Ride Them to Victory.

### BLANCO BEATS RETREAT

Federal Army of 1,500 Men Driven Off by General Salazar and His Band of Raiders.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] EL PASO, Texas, July 31.—With ammunition seized from Americans at Casas Grandes, Pearson and the Mormon colonies, General Salazar's rebel forces have driven General Blanco and his federal army of 1,500 from Ojitos into the mountains of Sonora after a desperate battle which lasted two days. This was the word which reached here today. For nearly a week the rebels had been concentrating their forces at Corralitos to march against Blanco, who was entrenched at Ojitos awaiting Colonel Sanjines with reinforcements. Forced marches overland from Corralitos to Ojitos, were made Sunday by the rebels, the rebel cavalry riding Mormon horses and the infantry carrying many guns of American colonists. The battle was a severe one, with the issue in doubt until the last hour, when the federals finally broke for the mountains, leaving many dead in the narrow pass at Ojitos. Rebel losses also were heavy, but rebel leaders at Casas Grandes refuse to give the number killed. Blanco's defeat apparently was due to the failure of reinforcements to arrive and with his defeat the federal menace of the rebel territory in western Chihuahua is removed. News of the rebel victory was reported to General Orozco early today. All available equipment of the Mexican Northwestern railroad today was rushed south to bring up the more than 2,000 colonists who remain in the Casas Grandes country. Rebels are offering no resistance to the flight of the colonists.

## ANOTHER JUDGE FACES RECALL

Mayor Wrote Caustic Letter to the Court and is Cited for Contempt as a Result.

### MONEY AT THE BOTTOM

Huff's \$150,000 Estate Has Been Tied up in Litigation for Thirteen Years and He is Tired.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MACON Ga., July 31.—That Judge Emory Speer, of the United States district court will be compelled to defend his action in declaring former Mayor Colonel W. A. Huff, of this city in contempt of court for writing him a letter assailing his record on the bench seemed certain today. In his letter Colonel Huff bluntly told Judge Speer that he intended bringing charges against him in the hope that the house of representatives would predicate impeachment proceedings thereon. As soon as Speer received it he called off a trip he was about to make to Nova Scotia and sent a bailiff to place Colonel Huff under arrest for contempt of court. The two men had a stormy session in the judge's chambers after which Speer ordered Huff to appear before him today to purge himself of contempt. Colonel Huff insisted today that he will not recede from his position, but that he will bring his charges to the attention of congress. He declares that his estate of \$150,000 has been in Judge Speer's court for thirteen years in a bankruptcy proceeding and that the judge had been derelict in his duty in failing to settle it.

Daily River Bulletin. Stage, Height, Change, Weather.

St. Paul	14	1.8	0.0	Clear
La Crosse	12	3.2	x0.2	Clear
Dubuque	18	4.4	x0.3	Clear
Davenport	15	3.8	-0.2	Clear
Galland	8	1.8	-0.1	.....
Keokuk	15	3.8	-0.1	Pt Cldy
St. Louis	30	10.1	-0.4	Pt Cldy

River Forecast. The river will remain nearly stationary, or fall slowly from Davenport to Keokuk during the next forty-eight hours.

Local Observations. July. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 30 7 p.m. ... 29.84 79 NW Clear 31 7 a.m. ... 29.94 63 NW Pt Cldy Mean temperature, July 30, 73. Highest temperature, 90. Lowest temperature, 66. Lowest temperature last night, 62. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

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## BOTTLE MESSAGE FROM ARCHIE BUTT

Picked up Off Rhode Island and Perhaps Was Last Message by the President's Aide.

### ECHO FROM THE TITANIC

More Probable That Some One Threw the Bottle into the Sea as a Ghastly Joke.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PAWTUCKET, R. I., July 31.—A message purporting to be the last word from Major Archibald Butt, aide to President Taft, was picked up in a bottle off Block Island today and read as follows: "April 16, mid-ocean—Help—on a raft—Titanic sinking—no water, or food—Major Butt." The message was written on a wireless blank, bearing the official imprint of the Titanic. The message, bearing the date of Tuesday following the Monday morning when the Titanic went down, was brought here by Joseph Alken, of North Attleboro; A. J. Loran, of New York and W. H. Jones of Paterson, N. J. They said they found the bottle while out sailing. At first they said they were inclined to regard it as a ghastly joke, but on second thought decided to report it. Numerous witnesses testified that Major Butt stood on the deck of the great liner as she went down. It is suggested here that in the whirling waters that marked the ship's disappearance, Major Butt might have caught hold of a raft and have floated away from the scene. The fact, however, that so many bodies and boats remained right on the scene of the wreck, and later were picked up, seemed to make this theory extremely improbable. It was also pointed out that it would have been very unusual for the president's aide to have signed his name "Major Butt." Opinion was strongly divided as to the possibility of the message being authentic and an effort will be made to have the handwriting identified. News of the finding of the note was brought here from North Attleboro, Mass., where Joseph Alken runs a barber shop. Except that the note was declared to have been written on Titanic wireless paper and that it was enclosed in a bottle with a metal cork, no other details were given out by the men. The note was taken by W. H. Jones to his home in Paterson. He said he would forward it to President Taft or some other friend of Major Butt, to be identified.

## THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature. For Illinois: Fair and continued cool tonight and Thursday. For Iowa: Fair tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature. For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. No important change in temperature.

Weather Conditions. There have been scattered showers between the mountains and the Mississippi valley, in the lake region, the southeastern states and in Arkansas. The pressure continues high in the northern plateau region, and is causing cool weather from the mountains to the lake region, while temperatures are high in the southern states.

Conditions indicate fair weather, with little change in temperature for this section tonight and Thursday.

## UNCLEAN HANDS OF ROOSEVELT

Bartholdt Thinks That There is Quite a Job Ahead for the Manicure Experts.

### SECOND TAFT SPEECH

Missouri Congressman Hands the Colonel Some Hot Shot on the Subject of the Campaign.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, July 31.—Coining new metaphors in an attack on Colonel Roosevelt, Representative Bartholdt of Missouri, today delivered in the house the second speech of the Taft campaign defense against the "stolen delegates" charges. The Missouriian was even more bitter in his charges against Roosevelt than Representative Mondell who fired the opening Taft defense gun. "A crime, unprecedented in its brutality, has been committed against the republican party by those who rashly denounce the national committee and vilify its members without knowing the facts," said Bartholdt. "Who composed the national committee? Political accidents, ephemeral nondescripts, satellites of a new will-to-th-wish, brought to the surface by minority primaries? No; they were earnest, high minded men of integrity, experience and standing." Bartholdt declared the committee was "bulldozed and threatened with being mobbed by the Roosevelt enthusiasts." "Most of the contests were bogus, started as an after-thought, devised for the sole purpose of deceiving the public, he asserted. "It is a rule of equity that a man must come into court with clean hands. "Are not the hands of Roosevelt reeking with the filth of deception? Has he not as a result of this bunco game, forever forfeited his right to raise a moral issue with anybody on any pretext? "The truth has been mortally wounded by poisoned arrows from Oyster Bay yet our great party cannot be killed by prevarication." Bartholdt declared that the law punished the Chicago anarchists of the Haymarket riots for "incendiary language." "Is there no law to reach a prominent offender?" he thundered. "To poison the minds of the people is nothing more than criminal." The speaker branded Governor Johnson of California as an "alleged republican"—and declared Johnson tried to "steal the San Francisco district" from Taft by pushing through a unit rule, state-wide primary laws. "Every one of the seventy-two delegates questioned by Roosevelt," the Missouri representative asserted, "was honestly and justly seated. The republican who continues to talk of 'stolen delegates' is only befouling his own nest." Bartholdt asserted that Roosevelt never intended to abide by the result of the convention. "Examine the fingers which are trying to throttle the republican party," Bartholdt challenged. "In the Columbus speech the name 'republican' was not even mentioned. He came to Chicago with treachery in his heart and fully determined to bolt. In order to put a new party on its feet it became necessary to run down the old one. He seized the handiest 'big stick'—for the work of destruction." Bartholdt reviewed nearly all of the contests.

## MARRIED EIGHTH DAY AFTER SECURING DIVORCE

### Society Woman Has Run Afoul Wyoming Laws by Being in Such a Hurry.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 31.—Married only eight days after she got a divorce from her first husband, Mrs. Charlotte Silsbee Smith of Colorado Springs, who on Saturday last was united in marriage to Robert A. Walsh, of Sheridan, Wyo., has run afoul of the Wyoming statute. She and her new husband are here today endeavoring to straighten out their marriage tangle. The Wyoming statute provides that no divorced person shall be married again within the state until one year after his or her divorce has been granted. Walsh secured his license Saturday. The county clerk says Walsh swore to his answers of the usual questions and his bride also. But on hearing that the ceremony had taken place only eight days after the bride's divorce he refused to certify the marriage license or to turn it in. The county attorney has ruled that a marriage performed in less than a year after a divorce is not a marriage at all, under the Wyoming law. The bride was prominent in society at Colorado Springs.

## HOW MRS. GRACE IS DRESSING

In Court Today She Was Arrayed in a White Summery Affair Which Looked Cool.

### CHANGES EACH DAY

Second in Importance to Her Coattails, is the Outcome of Her Trial on Charge of Assault.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ATLANTA, Ga. July 31.—To complete its evidence in the direct case against Mrs. Daisy Optie Grace before noon was the plan of the prosecution when the trial reconvened today. The examination of witnesses was expedited by every possible means. Mrs. Grace looked cool and comfortable in a summery dress—the third dashing costume she has worn in the three days of her trial. The heat is extremely trying to Grace, the victim of the shooting. His physicians have been permitting him to remain in the court room only half a day but he pleaded so hard today he was permitted to remain on his cot that he might face his wife if she took the stand this afternoon that they reluctantly.

Convening of court was again delayed today, pending conferences between counsel and because of a wait for Grace. The wounded man had suffered a slight relapse last night owing to the heat and excitement. Grace was determined to be in the court room when his wife testified, and the prosecution was banking on the pitiful spectacle of the half paralyzed man breaking Mrs. Grace's composure with his accusing eyes during her ordeal of cross examination.

During the delay in the convening of the court, the crowd sat wedged in the seats, literally panting with the heat. Mrs. Grace made some concessions to the heat today, appearing in a shirt waist suit and fanning vigorously. She was in unusually good spirits. "The defense will not take long to present its evidence," she declared. "What our witnesses will say will be the whole truth and it doesn't take long for that to be told. Our witnesses won't be tripped on cross examination because they will not testify what lawyers told them to say, but tell the facts as they remember them. I do hope that they will let me get far enough along to take the stand today. I want to get through with it." The prosecution sprung a surprise immediately at the opening. Solicitor Dorsey demanded that Judge Rosser, chief counsel for Mrs. Grace take the witness stand. Rosser mounted the witness box, but refused to be sworn. Dorsey then demanded to know whether he had not taken a certain make of typewriter from the residence of one of Mrs. Grace's friends. It was plain that the attorney was seeking to establish authorship of the so-called "alibi letters" which have been introduced in the case, but whose exact contents have not yet been revealed. Rosser's objection to answering the question was promptly sustained by the court, and Mrs. Grace turned delightedly to one of her counsel with the audible comment "That's another point we've gained."

Lewis H. Hill, Grace's half-brother, was recalled. He testified in regard to the so-called alibi letter. Mrs. Grace, Hill said, preferred to stay in the Grace home the night after her husband was wounded, rather than remain at his bedside in the hospital. (Continued on page 3.)