

ACCUSED, TRIED, SENT TO PRISON IN FOUR HOURS

RICH CHICAGOAN CONFESSES TO \$700,000 FORGERY

APPEALS FOR PUNISHMENT AND GETS IT QUICKLY

Admits That for Twenty Years He Has Obtained Money by Fraudulent Deeds and Notes

[By Associated Press.] CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Peter Van Vliening, a real estate dealer, for years classed among the first of Chicago's prosperous and reputable business men, confessed today having obtained through forged deeds and notes more than \$700,000, and a few hours after his arrest on his own urgent appeal to be punished, was sentenced to the penitentiary.

Had Unique Device In forging notes, he declared, he had perfected a unique device. This consisted of a plate glass desk top, so arranged that by an electric light thrown up from beneath he could readily trace from originals forged signatures onto worthless paper.

Relative of Roosevelt The bride was a daughter of Wilton C. Roosevelt. She had been divorced from a dentist named Blend.

Cause of Arrest The special charge which led to the spectacular arrest of Van Vliening today was made by two men who had bought forged mortgage notes. They are T. J. Lefens and William O. Seipp, who have offices in the same building as that occupied by Van Vliening.

Chronology of Case 1:30 p. m.—Van Vliening confronted in his office by a detective and asked to go to the office in the criminal court building.

Just a Few Times "Once, and in, I think, two or three instances, twice."

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WILD'S BALLOON SOARS SWIFTLY TOWARDS EAST

AERONAUT PASSES MOUNTAIN RANGES SUCCESSFULLY

MUELLER QUITS ONLY AFTER DESPERATE STRUGGLE

Last Report States "United States," at Elevation of Nine Thousand Feet, is Headed Toward Nevada

Bulletins from the "United States," At 1:10 o'clock to The Herald via Mr. C. A. Konyon, 230 West Twenty-fifth street: "We tried 2500 feet; wind out to ocean. We came down 500 feet. Wind east; low current best. All well on board. Just ate some chicken. "CAPTAIN WILD, "LEROY KEZ."

THE NEWS SUMMARY

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair Tuesday; light west wind. Maximum temperature yesterday, 82 degrees; minimum, 50 degrees.

LOCAL

Board of supervisors cannot award printing of good roads bonds to W. P. Jeffrey company. Fourth street fire loss estimated to reach nearly \$200,000.

COAST

San Diego man commits suicide in fit of despondency. Swedish miner ends life by bullet in saloon at Redding.

EASTERN

Petition for habeas corpus of Sing Sing life term convict who killed Millionaire Rice of New York denied by United States supreme court.

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Fire Brigade Fighting Dangerous Blaze in Sherman-Clark Building on Fourth Street



THROWING POWERFUL STREAMS FROM THE WATER TOWER TO EXTINGUISH FIRE IN BASEMENT

FOURTH STREET FIRE LOSS MAY TOTAL \$200,000

SHERMAN-CLARK BUILDING IS SWEEPED BY FLAMES

BROADWAY DEPARTMENT STORE SAVED BY HARD WORK

Organized Brigade of Employees Prevents Spread of Blaze—Clerks and Customers Got Out Without Panic

FIRE that caused the destruction of property valued at approximately \$200,000 broke out in the basement of the Sherman-Clark or Los Angeles-Pacific Railway building at 214 West Fourth street yesterday afternoon.

Under the personal direction of Arthur Letts, proprietor of the Broadway department store, the fire organization, composed of employees of that firm, valiantly fought back the flames with their own fire apparatus, doing excellent work on the adjoining building and practically saving the big department store.

The estimated losses are: Sherman-Clark building \$75,000; Knox lodging house 10,000; Cecil Hair emporium 5,000; Sunset Tea and Coffee house 3,000; Newman millinery 2,000; Los Angeles-Pacific railway 5,000; Other losses were the Clarendon hotel, damaged by smoke and water, and the Fourth street cafeteria.

CARRYING A LINE OF HOSE TO THE ROOF OF THE SHERMAN-CLARK BUILDING

SCORES OF OFFICERS GUARD COURT; RUEF TRIAL IS RESUMED

CHANGE OF VENUE IS SOUGHT BY DEFENSE

Case Continued Amid Great Excitement—Heny Improving Rapidly. Bullet Is Removed—Public Feeling Bitter

[By Associated Press.] SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—With Judge Lawlor's court room thronged by policemen, special detectives, deputy sheriffs and other peace officers, while the streets about the building were guarded by mounted police and many patrolmen, the trial of Abraham Ruef was resumed today, after its interruption on Friday, when Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heny was shot down in the court room by Morris Haas.

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[By Associated Press.] LONDON, Nov. 16.—The approaching visit to this country of Patrick Ford, editor of the Irish World of New York, and O'Meara Condon, was the occasion for an extraordinary attack in the house of commons today.

DEATH OF CHINESE MONARCH SPREADS SINISTER RUMORS

PAPERS IN TOKIO HINT AT FOUL PLAY

Stock Market is Seriously Affected. Nipponese Prepared for Eventualities—Looks to United States for Co-operation

[By Associated Press.] TOKIO, Nov. 16.—Announcement made at Peking of the death of both the emperor and the dowager empress caused a heavy fall in the stock market in Tokio, but official views are optimistic.

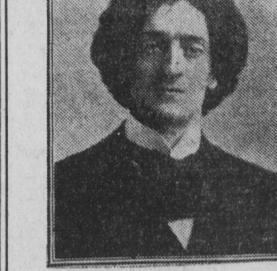
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Richard Le Gallienne



Post, Idealist, Idyllist, Le Gallienne won prominence for himself in England, and then came to this country where he could soon claim equal recognition. He is almost of the literary movement of the day and in the front rank of those who are carrying it forward.

One of the \$25,000 group of contributors to the Los Angeles Herald during the coming year.

Fifty-two stories, averaging 10 cents a word; no story to cost less than \$500. The best short-story writers of our time engaged to write for the Los Angeles Herald. All stories to be illustrated by artists ranking with the writers.

A New Announcement Daily

Supply insufficient "It is not possible that the Philippine islands could supply the actual increase in demand for sugar year by year in the United States. In that

POLICE FROM PASADENA COME TO ASSIST AT FIRE

Chief Favour of the Pasadena police department, Police Captain J. J. O'Connell and several patrolmen from Pasadena were visitors at the central police station yesterday afternoon. They came not merely as visitors, but to assist the local police in handling the crowds at the fire at Fourth and Broadway.