

CAPTAIN BROOKS SLAIN ON THE YACHT CHISPA

MURDERED AS HE SLEPT IN HIS BUNK

Tragedy on the Bay at Sausalito.

DECKHAND UNDER ARREST HIMSELF SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE LEG.

Claims That Two Robbers Committed the Crime, but There Are Suspicious Defects in the Story He Tells.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAUSALITO, Sept. 24.—Captain James Morse Brooks, the navigator of Commodore Isadore Gutte's yacht, the Chispa, was murdered while asleep in his bunk aboard that vessel at about 12:30 o'clock this morning. Peter Nelson, a deckhand, claims that the crime was committed by the proverbial "two men, one tall and the other short," and that he himself escaped death only by leaping over the side and swimming for his life. The circumstances are so peculiar that the authorities believed themselves warranted in arresting Nelson on the suspicion that he was the assassin, and he is now confined in a cell in the San Rafael Jail.

At the hour named the town was aroused by somebody crying "Help! murder! robbers!" cries being punctuated by three revolver shots. The noise seemingly came from the direction of the Chispa, which was anchored about 200 yards off the San Francisco Yacht Club house. A game of cards in which several citizens were engaged had just ended and the players were all on the street at the time. William Harrison, the poolroom broker, was standing near the water's edge. He and Night Watchman Chester Johnson jumped into a boat and rowed for the yacht, closely followed by Deputy Marshal Jack Susavilla, Harrison's private watchman, Marshal Hannon and Constable Eugene Cramer.

Just as the first boat reached the scene Nelson was picked out of the water by Peter Nelson, keeper of the yacht Ramona, toward which he had swum. He gasped that two men had killed Captain Brooks and that he had been forced to jump and swim for his life, being wounded in the right leg by the second shot fired at him.

The Chispa was boarded by the party and a terrible sight was revealed. Captain Brooks lay on his right side in his bunk, with his right hand under his head. His head and face were covered with blood, flowing from two ghastly wounds. One was in the edge of the hair above the left temple and the other above the right ear. Both had been inflicted with some sharp instrument. The bed clothing, the head of the bed, the floor and every article close by was spattered with the dead man's life blood. The robbery had been the more terrible deed was shown by the fact that the pockets of all the clothing in the room were turned inside out, the drawers of the lockers drawn forth and the room in a tosy-turvy condition. On the floor was found a common ice pick, covered with blood, a silver quarter and a dime and a small bone-handled penknife with the blade broken open.

"I had been in town with the captain," said Nelson, "and we had been drinking beer at Garcia & Payne's tannery cafe. The captain was under the influence of liquor at the time and when we left there we went to Dexter's cafe. After that we came aboard and both went to bed. This was about 9:30 o'clock. I slept soundly until I heard shouting. I got up and found the captain moan 'Pete, help! They are killing me.' I got out of bed and started for the stateroom where he slept. As the door opened a short, fat man sprang toward me, and he hit me and stop that groaning. Kill that 'too,' meaning me. I ran back and climbed through the hatch on deck.

"By the light of the anchor lamp I saw another man, and he shot at me and swam for his life. Two more shots were fired and the second hit me in the calf of the right leg. I called for help but no one picked up by the keeper of the Ramona.

"Captain Brooks and I never had any words and I have worked on the yacht only two weeks. He showed only a friendly while he was aboard, and that was when he paid for the beer at Garcia & Payne's."

There are four things that throw a peculiar side light on the murder as described by Nelson. It was only about five minutes after the shots were fired that the party from shore boarded the boat. Yet Constable Cramer and William Harrison both assert that the body of the dead man was already cold, showing that he must have been killed some time before the commotion.

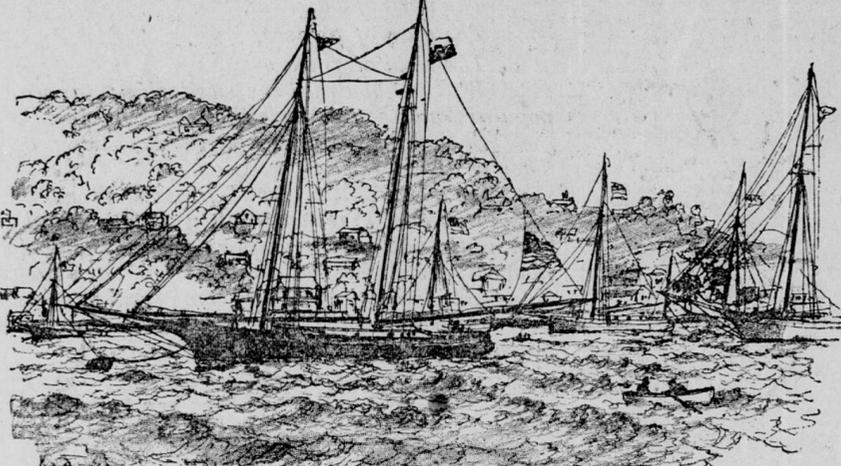
Again, Nelson asserts that the second shot, the one that hit him in the leg, was fired while he was in the water. In swimming, a man's body is necessarily in an oblique position, yet Nelson claims to have been hit in the lower part of the calf, which is the deepest in the water. A bullet under such circumstances generally glances. The wound is superficial, and Sheriff Harrison says it must have been made from the side, while Nelson's story shows swimming directly away from the shooter. It could have been made with any sharp-pointed instrument, and the ice-pick might have been used to inflict it.

The description given of the tall man on deck was positive and exact in detail. Nelson said he was tall, wore a black Fedora hat, was dark complexioned and smooth-faced. When asked how he could make out so many things in the dim light and when he had rushed up and jumped overboard so quickly he hesitated and became hazy about the smooth-faced man, and admitted that the hat might have been dark brown.

The deckhand was picked up within two minutes from the time he jumped overboard, and yet none of those who came from the shore saw any boat leave the yacht. The light was dim, but it appears to the authorities that they could have noticed that fact.

Sheriff Harrison and Constable Cramer think he is not. He says he has two men under suspicion, and if he can secure evidence will arrest them.

"Pete" as the deckhand is called, is 28 years of age. He says he formerly worked on the steamer James A. Garfield. He had been in Captain Brooks's employ only about two weeks and is the



YACHT CHISPA, ON BOARD OF WHICH CAPTAIN J. M. BROOKS WAS MURDERED.

only man the latter is known to have had a quarrel with in that time. Brooks had the reputation of being a hard man for his help to get along with, and once discharged three men in a week.

The remains were taken to San Rafael to-day by Coroner Eden and now lie on a slab at the Morgue. The autopsy and inquest may be held tomorrow, but probably not until Monday. Brooks was 50 years of age and a widower.

It is not known how much booty the robbers secured, aside from a gold watch and chain. Captain Brooks would not have received his payment for this month's services until October 1, according to Mr. Gutte. Whether this was known to the murderers or not cannot be learned. Nelson had not been hired long enough to know the fact. Captain Brooks had some money on Thursday evening, for he asked Captain Dexter at the Narragansett Pier House to change a \$20 piece for him.

"Captain Brooks was in my employ for nearly nineteen years and a more faithful man I never met," said Commodore Isadore Gutte. "The first news of his death was sent me by the telephone company. The message read:

"Isadore Gutte, 217 Leavenworth street; Captain Brooks was murdered on board the Chispa at 12:30 o'clock this morning. You had better come over."

"I took the first boat to Sausalito, and found that robbery had led to the murder. Captain Brooks slept in the cabin of the yacht, and Peter, the deck hand, slept forward. The following account of the tragedy I got from Peter. About 1:30 a. m. two men boarded the yacht. One was tall and the other short. Both men seemed to know the plan of the Chispa well, and lost no time in making



CAPT BROOKS



PETER NELSON

THE MURDERED MAN AND HIS SUSPECTED SLAYER.

their way into the cabin. The next thing the deck hand heard was the rattling of the lockers, and then a thud, followed by a moaning and a cry of 'Help! Murder! For God's sake, Peter, help!' As Peter crept forward the rattling of the lockers still went on, and so did the moaning of the wounded man. Then he heard one of the men say: 'Oh! Shoot the old — and have done so it.'

"Before Peter got to the companion way one of the men started to come on deck, so Peter jumped overboard and swam toward the yacht Ramona. When the murderers heard the splash they ran on deck and fired three shots at Peter. One of them took effect in his leg, but still he swam on and got aboard the Ramona. The shooting woke up Sausalito, but before anybody could row out to the Chispa the two men had got into a boat and rowed away.

"The anchor light shows full on the face of one of the murderers and Peter would know him again among a thousand. The robbers were in a hurry, as they left a 25-cent piece and a dime on the floor of the cabin. Still they took Captain Brooks' studs and sleeve links out of his shirt. Captain Brooks was a great collector of coins, and it was generally believed that he had quite a sum invested in that hobby, and that the coins were aboard the yacht. Whether that was so or not I can't say. The deceased was a widower and his only relative is a father living in England."

Suit to Compel Registration.

SANTA ROSA, Sept. 24.—Frank Philbe, a resident of this city, through his attorney, J. R. Leppo, has brought suit against County Clerk Fulton to compel him to register the great register, and place his name thereon. Judge Burnett, before the case came up, has issued an alternating writ of mandate ordering the clerk to enter Philbe's name upon the register or appear in Department 2 of the Superior Court on Monday morning and show cause why he should not do so. This is understood to be a test suit, and its outcome is awaited with interest, for it is the first time the matter has been brought up in Sonoma County.

OVATION TO GAGE AT SAN BERNARDINO

Enthusiasm at High Pressure.

THOUSANDS ARE ADDRESSED

GENERAL BARNES SHARES IN THE GREETING.

Republican Party's Stand for the Reclamation of Arid Lands Explained by the Head of the Ticket.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN BERNARDINO, Sept. 24.—The Republicans of this county simply out-

Men's Republican Club, who lined either side of the vehicle. A cadet band led the procession.

The enthusiasm displayed put that at the Maguire meeting held last night in the shade. It is not the same kind—it was not of the forced order noted before. Every one was thoroughly in earnest, and when the Young Men's Club lent its bells the ovation seemed complete, indeed.

Judge John L. Campbell, as chairman, called the meeting to order, and the secretary read the list of vice presidents. Then came a treat in the way of a vocal solo by Miss Elize Buford. She sang "The Star Spangled Banner" in a rich contralto voice, and responded to an enthusiastic recall.

After a patriotic selection by the band, the chairman arose to introduce the first speaker. He remarked that on this occasion there were present two of the greatest men in the State; that under the circumstances anything more from him than the necessary introduction would be an imposition on the people. Therefore, without further ado, he would discharge the honor and duty intrusted to him, present to the people of the imperial county Henry T. Gage.

The audience received the introduction of Mr. Gage with a great outburst of applause. The nominee for Governor gracefully acknowledged the compliment and said he well understood that the vast throng assembled on the streets of San Bernardino to-night had not come together to welcome an individual, but to express confidence in the triumph of Republican principles. He thanked the people of San Bernardino County for the support which he received from this county in the Republican State Convention. He repelled the charge nightly made by Mr. Ma-

our State branch of the great party, which has never failed in its public promises, and whose past history and present position in the national administration is a guaranty for the future.

"The present year has demonstrated again the necessity for a complete system of irrigation, and that should not be left to the landowner to use in dry and rainless summers the water that is so plentiful in the winters and by its means secure fruitful crops from what is now worse than wasted soil. The redemption of the many million acres of the present arid land of our State is a task which should engage the attention of the authorities, both State and Federal, for its success will add promptly and immeasurably to our taxable wealth and population. The conserving of the flood waters of winter will require the investment of many millions of dollars, which if invested by private capital would subject the settler and landowner to imposition of the burden of the debt. It is the duty of our representatives in Congress to the policy of the location and construction of a system of storage reservoirs by the General Government.

The fusion Democrats and Populists, ignoring the interests of the cultivators of the land, have made a plea for no reference to the subject. Content with the determination of Mr. Maguire to impose the burden of the debt upon the farmer, fruit-grower and land-owners generally through the medium of the sinning and eating the water is to be paid by the land-owners in the district. With the method proposed by the Republican party of securing Government aid in collecting and storing the mountain waters for the dry seasons and the irrigation of the valleys, the water may not only be supplied, to what are now arid regions, but all settlers in farming districts will be able to purchase at practically nominal rates in comparison with the present cost of irrigation.

The Wright irrigation system, while it has benefited certain portions of the State at great cost to the people of the districts, has again ruined the values of the other portions, and is a case of common knowledge, that all similar plans must necessarily prove ineffective and burdensome where the expense of purchasing and storing the water is to be paid by the land-owners in the district. With the method proposed by the Republican party of securing Government aid in collecting and storing the mountain waters for the dry seasons and the irrigation of the valleys, the water may not only be supplied, to what are now arid regions, but all settlers in farming districts will be able to purchase at practically nominal rates in comparison with the present cost of irrigation.

In the report of the special committee of the United States Senate on the irrigation and reclamation of the arid lands, the following statements were embodied:

"It is difficult to make anything like a close approximation of the reclaimable area of California. With the water in sight, certainly 12,000,000 acres will be a conservative estimate. The cost of reclaiming such an area, such as the conditions warrant, will require the reclamation of at least 20,000,000 acres. The cost of irrigation whatever area may be reclaimed will necessarily be devoted to the raising of the price of the water. The cost of irrigation is among the best in the world. It bids fair to become the successful rival of the best wine, olive and wine making lands. Its nectarine, prune, grape and orange are already in the market, and the water of the olive, fig, almond, date and other semitropical fruit are fast becoming of great commercial importance. Nearly all these products are the direct results of irrigation. They are all benefited by it when wisely directed."

When the estimate from the Senate report of the reclaimable public lands, at twenty millions of acres and multiplying by the average cost of irrigation, we have a total of \$25,000,000, in the event of the land being made by irrigation desirable for the farmer, the amount being received by the general Government by the sale of land made reclaimable by irrigation and expended in the construction of reservoirs, flumes and canals which would in five years enhance the value of this land to \$20 per acre, making a grand total value of \$400,000,000. This sum would yield to the State of California \$2,000,000 per annum at a tax rate of 50 cents on each \$400 worth of this new worthless realty. It would create homes for 125,000 families, each the possessor of 20 acres of irrigated and productive land. Still another step: these families would add \$25,000 to the population of the State. With this increase in the value of the now irreclaimable value of all other land now farmed and cultivated would more than double that value. The result to the State and nation so greatly increasing the material wealth by the development of the arid public lands, the general Government which specifically provides the prospective advantages, would relieve the existing distressed condition of labor by giving employment to many delinquent unemployed people of the State.

At the conclusion of Mr. Gage's address the chairman presented General W. H. L. Barnes. The general received a superb greeting from the vast audience.

General Barnes' address was a masterly and eloquent review of the leading questions before the people to-day. General Barnes replied to the criticisms of Democrats and Populists, and Mr. Gage spoke with his hands in his pockets. The general reminded the audience that Gage's hands were not in any other man's pocket, and mentioned incidentally that Maguire as an office-holder for the past fifteen years had drawn \$60,000 from the pockets of the people, yet to-day he was indorsing a platform declaring that public servants should receive no more than the wages of a laborer.

Maguire was again handled without gloves, and the people applauded every point made against the nominee on the fusion ticket.

Tremendous enthusiasm greeted the sentiment in favor of holding every inch of territory that has been consecrated by the blood of American soldiers. In several instances the audience surpassed his great effort at Ventura on Friday night. His hearers listened with breathless attention to his closing utterances, wherein he traced the error and expansion of the American nation and declared that the one hundred millions of people in this country would never permit the geography of this earth to be changed, unless they had something to say about it. The sixteen to one doctrine to which Barnes bears allegiance—that is the destruction of sixteen Spanish ships to compensate for the loss of the Maine—produced the wildest enthusiasm.

In addressing the Silver Republicans, the orator was persuasive rather than caustic. He invited them to come back to the true faith and uphold the administration of that great President, William McKinley.

After the meeting adjourned Mr. Gage received with General Barnes the congratulations of a multitude. Men and women pressed forward on the stage to clasp his hand and cheer him with assurances of individual support. The crush at the Pavilion was so great that the chairman of the meeting announced that the Republican nominees for Governor would continue the reception at the Stewart House.

NAPA COUNTY NOMINEES.

Democrats Name but a Portion of Their Ticket.

NAPA, Sept. 24.—The Democrats of Napa County held their convention to-day. David Dundrop, for Sheriff; W. E. Dewesse, for Recorder and Auditor; E. A. Bell, for District Attorney; A. D. Burnett, for Superintendent of Schools; and George F. Gardner, for Treasurer, were nominated by acclamation. No nominations were made for Assemblyman, Clerk, Coroner or Surveyor.

A County Central Committee was appointed as follows: A. E. Dunlap, D. L. Inman, W. W. Lyman, H. S. Sammons, E. A. Rety, J. K. Garness, Phil Adams, E. A. Rety, W. G. Rans, J. T. York, E. Hottel, E. M. Norris, E. A. Hozer, J. Kelly, L. H. Sweitzer, H. H. Harris, C. F. Reid, G. W. Fee, Enoch Bates, D. Madigan, E. T. Chamberlain, J. W. Gardner, George H. Poston, Thomas Jackson, Supervisor, First District, Williamson Plinnel, Justices of the Peace, Napa-3, J. Palmer, Jr. and A. K. Reed.

A mass meeting to-night was addressed by Hon. Walter P. Bradley.

BALLY AT REDDING.

Congressman Barham and E. B. Edson Address Republicans.

REDDING, Sept. 24.—The Republican party was opened at Redding to-night by Congressman J. A. Barham and E. B.

DEMOCRATS WILL SUPPORT MR. GAGE

At Los Angeles They Are Openly Declaring Their Disgust for the Fusion Ticket.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 24.—Democrats of Los Angeles County are coming boldly out into the open and declaring themselves for Henry T. Gage and the Republican State ticket. Within the past week as many as fifty former leaders of the local Democracy have openly declared their intention of supporting Gage for Governor. The result has been that the Democrats and their Populist brethren are alarmed at the manner in which the supposed supporters of Maguire are falling away. Democrats who supported Bryan are hotting, declaring that they will not indorse the triple alliance in California.

The latest Democratic nominee of the Democratic party for Senator in Bulla's district, and was defeated. In 1890 he was elected on the Democratic ticket as District Attorney of San Diego County, and he was formerly Adjutant General under a Democratic administration in North Carolina. General Jones, in speaking of his position in this campaign this evening said: "I have been a Democrat from the time I cast my first vote, but the arrangements and deal that has been put up in California this year does not meet with my approval as a Democrat, and I cannot give it my indorsement at the polls. If this policy of taking in all the disaffected political elements is to be continued the result will be the utter ruin to our party. The time to put the stamp of disapproval upon it is now, and in the in. I will be cleared for true Democrats to go into the Presidential campaign unburdened by these side shows that give us so much trouble and cause us to make so many explanations. I am glad, feeling as I do, that I can cast my vote for Mr. Gage. I know him well, and he is an honorable and high-minded gentleman. I hope he will be elected, and if by my vote and the votes of such friends as I can control, will affect the result, it will be accomplished."

L. Claiborne, a prominent local attorney and lifelong Democrat, has also announced his intention of supporting Gage.

Edson, candidate for Railroad Commissioner in the First District. Delegations came from surrounding towns, swelling the crowd to unusual proportions. A great deal of powder was burned. Armory Hall was filled to overflowing. Patriotic and campaign songs were sung by the Manhattan quartet.

Congressman Barham's able address was warmly received. Mr. Edson spoke for a few minutes and made a flattering impression on the voters of this county. Local speakers also addressed the meeting, which was maintained throughout by uncommon enthusiasm.

Contra Costa's Democratic Ticket.

MARTINEZ, Sept. 24.—The Democratic convention of Contra Costa County met at Crockett to-day. The following ticket was nominated: For Assemblyman, Curtis Montgomery; County Clerk, J. R. Conway; Sheriff, F. M. Humburg; District Attorney, George Hyde; Recorder, James Walton; Auditor, F. M. Humburg; Superintendent of Schools, J. D. Smith; Coroner, H. J. Curry; Public Administrator, Frank

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Sailed—Sept. 24—Maasdam, Rotterdam; Umbria, Liverpool; La Normandie, Havre; Palatia, Hamburg; Belgenland, Southampton.

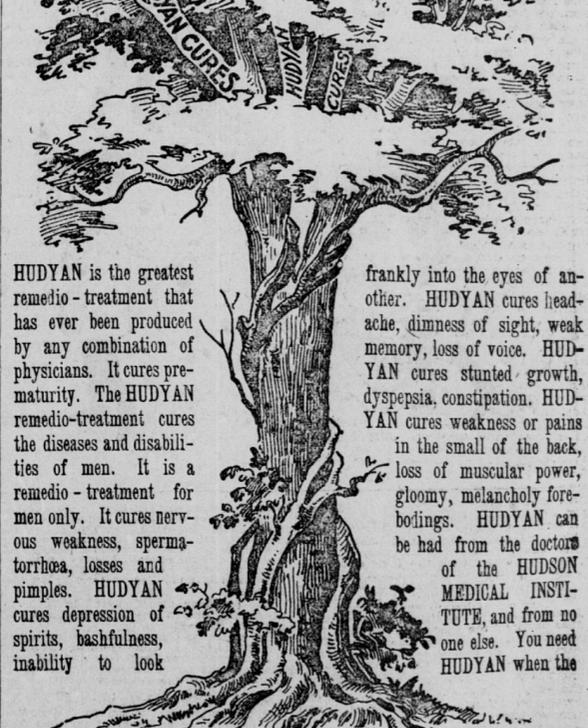
NAPLES—Sailed Sept 24—Stmr Fulda, for New York.

ANFWERP—Sailed Sept 24—Stmr Southwark, for New York.

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