

# ARREST POST GETS AWAY

## Mysterious Escape of the Fort Stevens Culprit.

### His Cell in an Underground Prison Is Found to Be Empty.

#### Aided by Confederates After Confessing Numerous Attempts to Destroy the Barracks.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 25.—The mystery which surrounded the repeated attempts to destroy the new military post at the mouth of the Columbia is rivaled by that attending the escape of the confessed incendiary, Private Thompson, from the underground prison in which he was confined at Fort Stevens. At 5:30 o'clock last evening Thompson was in his cell when the sentry gave him his dinner, but during the night he disappeared as though the earth had opened and swallowed him. All efforts to effect his recapture have thus far failed in failure and there seems little probability that he ever will be taken.

It is learned that Thompson was the soldier whose arrest was brought about through the clever work of a secret service agent. The Government agent enlisted at the fort and singled out Thompson as the ringleader of the incendiaries, whose daring attempts to burn and blow up the post had filled officers and men with terror. One day Thompson came to Astoria and the secret service man followed him. Here the soldier said he intended to desert, and the detective agreed to desert with him. Together the men went to Portland, where the soldier, in an outbreak of confidence, made a sweeping confession, implicating two other enlisted men.

Thompson was at once placed under arrest and returned to the fort. There he was confined in the underground prison, pending trial by court-martial. Subsequently he made a written confession, in which he exonerated the men whom he had previously implicated, assuming sole responsibility for the acts of vandalism. The other men were then released from custody.

There are two entrances to the underground cell, and a sentry was stationed in front of one of them. The location of the prison made it seem impossible that a prisoner could escape, but when the guard went to the cell this morning with Thompson's breakfast the soldier was gone. A ventilator extends into the cell, and it is believed some confederate provided the soldier with a wrench by passing it through the tube, and that Thompson loosened the bolts of the door.

A boatman had been observed on the river near the fort during the day, and the officers believe Thompson was taken aboard one of the ships in the harbor. The quarantine tug Electro was engaged to visit the vessels with a squad of men, but no trace of the missing prisoner was found. Search has been instituted through the country surrounding the fort, but his likeliest has resulted in failure. That the culprit has made good his escape seems probable.

From authentic statements to The Call correspondent it appears that Thompson is mentally unbalanced. He frequently started fires in the building where he slept, and when asked the reason broken down and said he had none. His written confession is a sweeping allegation against himself.

The theory of the officers will now be directed toward the arrest of the men who helped the prisoner to escape. The fact that he was aided tends to confirm the belief that Thompson was not alone in his plan to destroy the post, despite his contrary confession.

## RANCHER'S WIFE SHOTS AT A VALLEJO HUNTER

### Bullet From Her Rifle Cuts Furrow in the Scalp of Her Intended Victim.

VALLEJO, Nov. 25.—Charles R. Clark, a young man of this city, had an experience several miles north of here yesterday that he will not soon forget. He was duck hunting with a friend and wounded a bird. This occurred in Napa County. The wounded bird flopped across a road. Mrs. Brazzi, a rancher's wife, came out of a house near by and ordered Clark to leave the field. As the hunter did not move quickly enough to please her she brought a rifle from the house and fired at Clark. The bullet cut Mrs. Brazzi's scalp several inches long. He had the wound dressed in this city. Clark went to Napa to-day and swore to a complaint charging Mrs. Brazzi with assault to commit murder.

## LOSES HER DIAMONDS ON A FERRY STEAMER

### Satchel Holding Mrs. William Gerstle's Gems Is Stolen While She Crosses the Bay.

SAN RAFAEL, Nov. 25.—Mrs. William Gerstle has reported to the police here that a satchel containing many valuable diamonds was stolen from her in this afternoon. Mrs. Gerstle, who lives in San Rafael, went to San Francisco this morning, returning via the broad gauge. On the return trip on the ferry-boat she had the satchel containing the jewelry by her side. On arising to leave the boat she found that the satchel was missing.

## Rheumatism

Is a rack on which you need not suffer long. It depends on an acid condition of the blood, which affects the muscles and joints, causes inflammation and pain, and results from defective digestion and a torpid action of the liver, kidneys and skin. Sciatica, lumbago and stiff neck are forms of it. "Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured me of rheumatism. I was so I could not lift anything and my knees were so stiff I could hardly get up or down stairs. Since taking three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla I have never felt a symptom of rheumatism, and I gladly recommend Hood's for this disease." Mrs. Hattie Turner, Bolivar, Mo.

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Neutralize the acidity of the blood, perfect digestion and excretion and radically and permanently cure rheumatism.

# PLAN FOR A WHOLESALE PRISON DELIVERY AT SAN QUENTIN IS FRUSTRATED, AND ONE OF THE RINGLEADERS CONFESSES

## Convict Harry Hammell Caught by Warden Aguirre While Emerging From a Tunnel in the Digging of Which He and a Confederate Had Worked Diligently for Several Weeks.

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SAN RAFAEL, Nov. 25.—San Quentin's officials have frustrated a daring attempt at jail-breaking. For several weeks two convicts have been digging a tunnel under the walls. With the completion of their labor a large number of prisoners were to have escaped. Yesterday one of the men was caught while at work, and to-night, after having undergone an all-day "sweating," he confessed, revealed the entire plot and named his accomplices.

James Roup (No. 17581), a life-terminer, was the instigator of the plan of escape, while Harry Hammell (No. 19194), serving a twenty-five year sentence, aided in digging the tunnel. Both men work at looms in the jutemill, and the wall of that building, near their stations, was the first barrier. Just how long ago the escape was planned or how long the men have been working on the several barriers to liberty is not yet known. Warden Aguirre believes that operations commenced about two weeks ago. Aguirre said to-night:

"Roup and Hammell had cleverly carried out their plot as far as it went, and had it not been that we discovered the tunnel when we did it would have meant the escape of two of the most desperate prisoners I have, as well as the liberation of many fellow convicts. Just how many men were in on the secret I do not yet know. I caught Hammell emerging from his forbidden work, and he has confessed that Roup was an accomplice. I expect to learn further details from Hammell.

"Although I was suspicious last week that something unusual was going on and suspected Hammell was in it, yet I had no positive proof until yesterday. When I caught Hammell I put him through a thorough cross-questioning and gained from him the plan of escape, but not until he had been 'sweated' for many hours would he tell of his accomplice. Hammell for the past several weeks had been very expeditious in his work, which was unusual for him. I had him watched and finally caught him myself as he was coming out of the tunnel to report for lock-up. Hammell's tools had been procured from the tin shop. The wood partition back of his loom had been removed, a portion in a small hallway had been sawed through, timbers four-by-four had been cut through and the tunnel had been commenced. From Hammell I learned this tunnel was to lead to the main prison sewer. The sewer pipe was to be cut, and by this viaduct, which runs under the main outside wall of San Quentin, the escape was to have been made. The prisoners would have come out at the water's edge, many hundred feet to the west of the wall. Roup and Hammell will remain in solitary confinement for some time."

James Roup is a life-terminer. He has served several terms in Folsom and San Quentin, and has many aliases. His first term in San Quentin began in 1881. On October 16, 1896, during Hale's administration as Warden, he escaped, but was recaptured two weeks later. On June 7, 1898, he was sent up from Napa on a charge of burglary, and on account of prior convictions was sentenced to life servitude.

Harry Hammell is likewise a well-known crook and is now doing twenty-five years for a burglary committed in Redwood City. He was sentenced on September 28, 1902. During his detention in San Mateo jail he escaped, but was retaken.

## MENTAL SLAVERY TO MRS. TINGLEY

### Southern Pacific Fireman Makes Peculiar Plea.

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BAKERSFIELD, Nov. 25.—V. A. West, a Southern Pacific fireman, has made an affidavit in reference to Mrs. Katherine Tingley, of whom he was formerly a disciple. He says that while in Sacramento some years ago he heard her lecture, and when she turned to him and said, "There is something in store for you," he was much impressed and asked what it was. She replied: "I cannot tell you, but it is something good."

West then went to Point Loma and became one of her followers, contributing from his earnings to the support of the society, until he became convinced that he was gaining nothing and withdrew. Since that time, he declares, he has been possessed by a "master mind," directed by Mrs. Tingley, which has sapped his strength of mind and body so as to interfere with his work and prevent his promotion to an engineer's position. He has written to Mrs. Tingley several times, begging her to relieve him of the influence of the "master mind," and she replied that he must suffer patiently for a while, as it was all for his own good. These letters were written by Pierce, Mrs. Tingley's secretary. West asserts that, in some mysterious way unknown to him, Pierce has regained possession of the letters.

West says that the disciples at Point Loma are put through a course of training in the occult sciences, called "Raja Yoga," which renders them completely subject to an engineer's position. He has written to Mrs. Tingley several times, begging her to relieve him of the influence of the "master mind," and she replied that he must suffer patiently for a while, as it was all for his own good. These letters were written by Pierce, Mrs. Tingley's secretary. West asserts that, in some mysterious way unknown to him, Pierce has regained possession of the letters.

## PROMISES BIG SENSATION.

### Commodore Gerry Talks of Mrs. Tingley's School.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Commissioner of Immigration Williams says that the hearing in the case of the children before the special board of inquiry on Ellis Island, which was reopened at Mrs. Tingley's request, probably will be held early next week.

"Of course, I do not know what Commissioner Sargent saw at Raja Yoga school, which was his impressions of it," said Commodore Gerry, "but if his impressions are favorable I think he will be very apt to change his mind regarding Mrs. Tingley when he hears the testimony the society will submit at the next hearing."

"In my opinion Mrs. Tingley is not a proper person to have the care of any child. She is perfectly frank to say that hers is the religion of nature—she believes and teaches that 'whatever is natural is right.' But the point is that children at the Raja Yoga School receive no religious training. Nine of the eleven children whom the court special inquiry has ordered back to Cuba are Catholics; two are Protestants. If they should arrive in Mrs. Tingley's school all will be denuded of their parental religion which is guaranteed to them by the constitution of the United States."

## White Attacks the Injunction.

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 25.—M. J. White, on behalf of himself and the California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon filed before the Superior Court a motion asking for the dissolution of the injunction granted to the Point Loma School, restraining himself and the California Society and the Gerry Society of New York from investigating the Raja Yoga School.

## Yukon River Purser Murdered.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 25.—The steamer Amur, which arrived to-day from Skagway, brought the first arrivals from Dawson since the ice formed. The travelers report that Purser Ayres of the river steamer Prospector, who left his steamer with three companions on October 21, when the stern-wheeler was frozen in at the mouth of the McQuestan, to notify the miners on Duncan Creek to come for their freight, perished on the journey. His friends believe he was murdered for the money he was known to have carried.

## Beaten Until Almost Dead.

SALINAS, Nov. 25.—Chris Bowen, a rancher residing near Corralitos, was found lying on a vacant tract near Watsonville this morning, suffering from exposure and severe injuries. He has been missing since Sunday noon. Bowen had been beaten on the head with a club, and his left leg was fractured just above the ankle. Bowen says he knows his assailants, but he will not give their names, though informed that his death is probable.

## Railroad May Build a Church.

TACOMA, Nov. 25.—Local officers of the Northern Pacific Railroad have sent a recommendation to the St. Paul officials of the company to the effect that the road donate the site for a church to be erected in Hartford, Snohomish County. Many Hartford residents are inclined to the belief that the Northern Pacific will not only donate the site, but also build the church as a contribution toward the town's growth.

## LOST HUNTSMEN ALMOST PERISH

### Tudor Tiedemann One of an Unfortunate Party.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 25.—Tudor J. A. Tiedemann, general agent of the Scottish Loan and National Insurance Company and a prominent sportsman of San Francisco, who is in Victoria on a visit, suffered severe privations and had a narrow escape from death on Saturday last. In company with two Victoria sportsmen, C. Young and Frank Davy, he was lost on Braden Mountain, near Goldstream, and about seventeen miles from Victoria. They wandered for twenty-four hours in the woods and almost perished as a result of their exposure in the heavy gale which raged at that time.

The three men left this city on Friday night and started to stalk deer on Braden Mountain on Saturday morning. Tiedemann got a deer soon after they began to hunt, and they started to bring it out over the trail. A fog came up and enveloped the mountain, and soon they could not see the blazes which marked the half-hidden trail. It was not long before they realized that they were lost, and they fired many shots in the hope of getting a signal from some prospector's camp or the hotel at Goldstream, but without any result. They were compelled to abandon the deer, which Tiedemann was carrying, and found themselves walking in circles near the summit of the mountain.

Rain began to fall, and everything being wet and rainsoaked they were unable to make a fire. Toward nightfall the weather became very cold and the trio were obliged, having failed in all their efforts to build a fire, to keep walking to prevent freezing.

Their hands and feet were swollen and they suffered otherwise as a result of their exposure before they were found late next morning by some other hunters and shown the way to Goldstream, whence they drove to this city yesterday. They were without food for thirty-five hours.

## SMALL HOPE FOR SAFETY OF THE GENERAL SIGLIN

### Cutter Manning Brings News That Indicates the Loss of the Schooner.

SEATTLE, Nov. 25.—More definite news concerning the long overdue fishing schooner General Siglin is at hand from officers of the United States revenue cutter Manning, Captain C. H. McLellan commanding, and their report only tends to intensify the fears entertained for the famous little vessel. The Manning passed the Siglin at 3:45 o'clock on the afternoon of October 13, both bound for Dutch Harbor. At that time the Siglin was forty miles off False Pass, in the Aleutian archipelago, and seven days out from the mouth of the Kupukwina. With anything like the weather she should have reached Dutch Harbor on October 15. The Manning made that port on October 14, or the following day after sighting the Siglin.

About 11 o'clock on the night of the 12th a storm set in, which gathered such force and fury that on the following day it was declared to be the severest of the season on Bering Sea. Nothing could have prevented the Siglin being caught in this terrible gale and it is this knowledge that is causing such anxiety. It taxed the seaworthiness of the Manning, her 2500 horsepower engine being brought into full play before the vessel could reach Dutch Harbor, where she sought anchor during the closing hours of the storm.

The Manning lay at Dutch Harbor from October 15 until November 5, but during all that time the Siglin, though within two days' run, did not put in an appearance.

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## FICKLE FORTUNE RIDING BRYSON

### Miss Howell's Long Pursuit May Yet Prove Futile.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—On the arrival by to-morrow of the officer from Tennessee with requisition papers for the charge of abduction depends the liberty return of Hugh Bryson to that state on of Bryson. The officer has not yet appeared, and unless he comes by the time the case is called in court to-morrow there will be practically nothing upon which Bryson can be held. District Attorney admits that he cannot detain Bryson on the complaint sworn to by Miss Priscilla Howell charging him with being a fugitive from justice, and in the event that the officer does not come the effort to obtain a continuance may not be successful.

If Bryson be released from custody by the court Miss Howell may have to again begin her search for him, for it has been learned that he is prepared to leave the city as soon as he is given his liberty.

Miss Howell returned to-night from Oxnard, where this morning she gave bonds in \$1000 for her appearance on Friday, funds having been telegraphed to her from Memphis to pay all the expenses of the case. She said to-night that she knew positively that there was a warrant out for Bryson in Memphis charging him with abduction, and she has received telegrams stating that an officer is on the way hither to serve the warrant upon him. She will contest Bryson's efforts to obtain his release and to have the case tried here. She has engaged the assistance of able counsel, both for her own defense and for his prosecution, and every effort will be made to hold Bryson for a few days more.

## SHOOTS THE CHUTE DOWN WATER FLUME

### Trinity County Workingman the Hero of a Thrilling Two-Mile Voyage.

REDDING, Nov. 25.—Otto Jensen, employed at the Le Grange hydraulic mines in Trinity County, had a thrilling experience on Saturday. Jensen was at work on the upper flume of the company. He put a board across the flume and started to cross upon it. One of his companions called to him from the rear and Jensen, in looking back, lost his balance and slipped into the flume.

The big V-shaped carrier was full of water and debris, and being at an angle of about 30 degrees, it carried Jensen swiftly down stream. For fully two miles he floated, bobbing up and down among large and small logs and particles of timbers. At the end of this stretch he was dumped into the lower flume, a distance of twenty feet below. Down he was carried in the flume for 50 yards, when he was shot out from the flume end and down twelve feet to the debris pile. He was caught up by some workmen and carried to camp more dead than alive, but the hero of a ride that few men can boast of. His injuries may be fatal.

## CAR MANGLES CHILD IN SIGHT OF PARENTS.

### Outing of a Los Angeles Family Ends in Tragedy on a Street Railway.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—Basila Ramos, aged 7 years, was ground to pieces under the wheel of a car of the Alhambra electric line last evening, before the eyes of her parents, who stood only a few feet away, powerless to avert the tragedy. The family had been taking an outing in a city park and were returning home. The mother, carrying a 2-year-old baby, had crossed the tracks, and the father was following. Behind him was the boy. The father saw the car approaching and crossed the track ahead of it. Just as he turned to warn the child not to follow, the little fellow started to run across the track and the car struck and killed him.

The mother laid her babe upon the ground and threw herself upon the body of her boy and could not be moved except by force. It is feared she will lose her reason.

## FLOOD BURSTS UPON BONANZA

### Klondike Miners Tap a Swift Subterranean Stream.

DAWSON, Nov. 25.—Miners of Bonanza spent yesterday afternoon trying to save their buildings and shafts and the rich gold dumps from the most curious winter flood that has ever occurred in the Klondike. From a distance of more than 200 feet up through the rock and frozen clay of El Dorado Creek a gush of water is coming that is causing more excitement and threatens more damage than any similar phenomenon ever witnessed in the north.

Several layers of gold-bearing sands alternating with loose rock and muck similar to the surface diggings were encountered after the first 100 feet had been completed. The theory of the promoters of the work is that after these loose layers have been passed the genuine bedrock will be encountered and a great quantity of gold will be found immediately above that. These layers have been passed through one by one, and yesterday at noon the men were down 210 feet. At that depth the ground was still frozen with ice that could be measured only by the lapse of centuries, and thawing machines and powder in plenty had to be used, the same as above ground.

Yesterday the miners left for dinner and the steam thawers were hard at work. When the men returned they found water at the bottom, and the men who first descended had to return to the surface immediately to escape drowning. In six hours the shaft was filled to the brim. Then the overflow began to run down the hill. The torrent ran through part of the town of Bonanza, causing some damage by undermining small buildings and making a new stream to the main river. Fully 50 inches of water, in a stream from twelve to eighteen feet in width, was soon coursing among the dwellings of the miners and washing away a ravine for itself down the center of the village.

## Stabbed by Unknown Assailant.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—Gus Trainer, a lineman, was seriously stabbed last night by an unknown man. The assault was committed while Trainer was standing on the sidewalk on South Main street, talking with friends, and apparently was unprovoked. The assailant stepped up to Trainer, plunged a knife into his abdomen and escaped through a saloon. Trainer may die.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 25.—Superior Judge Hart this afternoon declared the city ordinance imposing a license fee of \$150 a quarter upon all merchants handling trading stamps, in addition to the regular license fee for conducting their business, to be invalid, as it conflicts with the provisions of the city charter relating to licenses.

## Line Up for Maneuvers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The heavy ships of the North Atlantic squadron which are to participate in the winter maneuvers in the Caribbean Sea arrived at Culebra yesterday. They are the Kearsarge, Alabama, Massachusetts, Des Moines, Cincinnati, Fortuna, Machias and Culgoa. The Culgoa, which is a supply ship, accompanied by the collier Lebanon and cruiser San Francisco, proceeded immediately for the Gulf of Fara, island of Trinidad, where they will await the European and South Atlantic squadrons, which are to rendezvous there. The maneuvers are to begin December 3.

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## KITCHEN REQUISITES.

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## LAYS CLAIM TO ACRES IN LOS ANGELES

### Mary J. Bell to Begin Sensational Attack on Titles.

#### Will Sue for Large Tract in the Center of the City.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—Secret preparations are under way for the most sensational legal fight for land in the history of Los Angeles. Eastern heirs claim ownership and intend to sue for possession of property in the heart of this city aggregating in value several millions of dollars. Hundreds of titles are threatened.

Among the many big properties claimed is the County Courthouse site; twenty acres between Second and Fourth streets and Main and Broadway; one-seventh of the 900-acre San Antonio ranch, and numerous scattered lots.

The claimant is Miss Mary J. Bell, whose home is in Washington County, Pennsylvania. She is a niece of Jacob Bell, a pioneer of this part of the State and once one of the largest land owners in this city.

In 1875 Bell was murdered by a man named Lechanus, who was lynched the day after the murder. At the time of his death Bell owned many acres of land, some of which is now in the center of the city and worth many hundreds of dollars per front foot.

The estate was administered by Captain Cameron Thom, in whose report many parcels of land are mentioned as "supposed to belong to Jacob Bell," but there is said to be no record of any transfer of this land. The land was not valuable in 1871, for the city was little more than a hamlet.

Miss Bell arrived here from Pennsylvania the weeks ago and has since been searching the county records. She refuses to disclose the documentary evidence in her possession. She has retained former Supreme Court Justice John D. Works and Bradner W. Lee to prosecute her claims. No formal demand has been made for the property, but preparations are being carefully made for the legal fight which will follow such demand.

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