

JURORS ARE IN A REED ON VERDICT

After Spending Five Hours
in Deliberation on Ep-
pinger's Fate They Are
Locked Up for the Night

ATTORNEY DUNNE PLEADS FOR MERCY

Byington Tears to Pieces
Pathetic Pictures Drawn
by Defendant's Counsel
of Their Client's Virtues

The case against Jacob Eppinger, charged with obtaining money by fraudulent representations, was given to the jury at 4:50 p. m. yesterday. At 11 p. m. the jurors had not agreed on a verdict and were locked up for the night.

After a trial lasting over six weeks the case of the people of the State of California against Jacob Eppinger, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, was submitted to the jury shortly before 5 o'clock last night and the defendant remanded to the custody of the Sheriff. He was not at once taken to the County Jail, like a common felon, but at the urgent request of his counsel, backed up by affidavits from physicians as to his health, the Sheriff took the responsibility of permitting the prisoner to go home for dinner under his escort.

The concluding arguments in the case and the charge to the jury occupied the entire day. The courtroom was crowded with onlookers, eager to take advantage of the last opportunity to see the aged millionaire on trial for his liberty. Eppinger was accompanied in the courtroom by his wife, his sons, Joseph and Morris, and his nephew, Herman. Throughout the scathing arraignment by District Attorney Byington he maintained his composure, but Mrs. Eppinger broke down and wept copiously.

Attorney Ach, of Eppinger's counsel, had requested the indulgence of the court to make a brief closing statement, but at the close of Attorney Dunne's argument he announced that, while he had much to say, he preferred to let the matter go to the jury without further remark, intimating that he was wrought up over the closing words of Dunne's speech and their effect on the defendant, who was in a lachrymose condition.

BLAMES EITTLINGER.
Attorney Dunne's argument dealt largely with the doings of the missing Bernard Eittlinger, on whom he attempted to throw the blame for any wrong transactions. He made an impassioned plea for mercy to the aged defendant. He led the jurors through a maze of figures, seeking to show the magnitude of the business of Eppinger & Co. and the utter improbability of Jacob Eppinger seeking to defraud any man out of so paltry a sum as \$8900. During the course of his argument he said:

"We claim that the transaction of April 14, 1903, was Bernard Eittlinger's. If it is proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Jacob Eppinger was the man responsible, then and then only have you a right, in the juryroom, to award the money to Bernard Eittlinger. The warehouse company was identical with the firm of Eppinger & Co., and when the firm pledged grain with banks it knew that the grain, or its equivalent, was in the Eppinger warehouse. By a mere accident lots 107 and 108 found their way aboard the Pierre Loti and were shipped off to South Africa, but found of equal quantity and quality retained in the warehouse. I will leave you this old man. In his present condition of health there is little left of him to do in the course of nature but die. Won't you let him die in his own bed, with his wife, who has been his faithful companion for forty years, beside him? Her blood is streaked and she will die with him in the last. Will you, on the word of Bernard Eittlinger, send him to his death in a felon's cell?—for that is what conviction would mean—or will you return him to his wife and family as you expect to-morrow to return to your loved ones, from whom you have so long been separated?"

JACOB SIGNED CHECKS.
At 2 o'clock Byington took up the argument for the prosecution and started to tear to pieces the elaborate structure of the defense. He attempted no brilliant flights of oratory, dealing solely with the evidence and the transactions of the firm prior to its failure. He said in part:

"It has been drilled into you by the defense that Bernard Eittlinger was guilty party, because on April 14, 1903, he signed checks that Jacob Eppinger did. It is true that on April 14, 1903, he signed checks, but their aggregate was but \$20 35, while Jacob Eppinger signed checks amounting to more than \$100,000. During the months of February, March and April 80 per cent of the checks were signed by Jacob Eppinger and but 9 per cent by Bernard Eittlinger, yet they claim Jacob Eppinger was not actively in the business. We have shown that Jacob Eppinger committed the most stupendous crime ever perpetrated in this State. It was not a failure. The rottenness of the firm extended over a period of years. No reputable business house knowingly forges certificates, but this firm issued warehouse receipts for grain that had not even been planted. The evidence shows that only 2600 tons of good shipping wheat were in the warehouse, where there should have been forty to fifty thousand, and Deming, superintendent of the warehouse, with his hand on the door, and lies dropping from his lips, says the wheat was actually there."

WILL PROSECUTE ALL.
At this point I wish to give warning that every person who has falsely testified on this stand and every person who had any guilty connection with these frauds will be prosecuted. The defense has boasted that shipload after shipload of wheat went to foreign ports. Jacob Eppinger knew that wheat did not belong to him, but to the Colusa Bank and he stole it. On one lot of grain money was borrowed three times, and it was afterward traced away from the bank. Where has this money gone? Has it been used to buy a house? Has it been used to pay obligations? Why were they afraid to meet the books in court? An honest merchant does not fear an inspection of his books. Gentlemen of the jury, do not let the man who steals hundreds of thousands of dollars go free while the man who steals a farthing goes to jail. With the firm conviction that you will do your duty I now leave the case with you."

Judge Lawlor's instructions to the jury, while lengthy, were confined to the laws governing embezzlement, and after the jury retired he ordered a recess until 8 o'clock. At 11 o'clock no agreement had been reached and as there seemed no hope that a verdict would speedily be found the jury was locked up for the night.

FAILURE OF THE FIRM.
The firm of Eppinger & Co., consist-

YOUNG WOMAN DIES ON BEACH

Body Supposed to Be That
of Anna McCoy Discovered
Near Life Saving Station

CAUSE IS A MYSTERY

Pretty Girl With Flowing
Brown Hair Lies on Slab
at Morgue Unidentified

A young woman, supposed to be Anna McCoy, was found dead in the sand dunes at the beach last evening. The corpse was discovered lying face downward a quarter of a mile south of the United States Life Saving Station by a man and woman whose names are unknown. They notified Captain Varney of the life saving station. Varney did not know that the woman was dead and notified the Park Hospital. Dr. Pawlicki responded to the call and on his arrival pronounced the woman dead. In his opinion she had been dead for several hours. He could not tell what had caused her death.

Deputy Coroner Fennel removed the body to the Morgue. There was nothing in the way of a positive mark of identification among the woman's effects. In her purse was an aluminum tag bearing the name "Anna McCoy." A chateleine bag of brown leather was found near the body. In it was a small purse containing 10 cents and a shirt stud bearing an imitation diamond. She had a handkerchief with the initial "A" embroidered in one corner. In the handkerchief were several small red candies and a key.

The dead girl wore a wedding ring and a plain band gold ring on the first finger of the right hand. On the third finger of the left hand she wore a small imitation gold ring with two blue stones set in it. The woman was about 27 years old, about five feet in height and of medium build. Her features are regular and the head is crowned with a wealth of pretty brown hair. Her right upper eye tooth is gold crowned, and the bicuspid immediately back of it is broken away. The piece of the broken tooth was found in the handbag. She wore a brown tailor-made suit, pale blue straw hat with pale blue flowers as a trimming. The jacket of the suit was trimmed with yellow lace. In the girl's white waist was a small silver heart pin.

Deputy Coroner Fennel is inclined to think that the girl was sick and fell in the sand and became smothered. Her mouth and nostrils were clogged with sand. Another theory is that she took poison of some kind, speedy in its action, and fell unconscious on her face. Up to a late hour this morning the corpse had not been identified.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS GO TO LOS ANGELES

San Francisco Will Be Well Represented at Banquet in Southern City To-Night.

William M. Cutter of Yuba, who was chairman of the Republican State Central Committee in the memorable campaign of 1902, was in San Francisco yesterday on his way to Los Angeles to attend the dedication of the clubhouse of the Union League in the southern city.

At the banquet in Los Angeles to-night San Francisco will be represented. An excursion party consisting of the following left here last evening for the south in a special car: Colonel George H. Pippy, Mrs. George H. Pippy, Miss Florence Pippy, Miss Ethel Pippy, Colonel J. B. Fuller, T. K. Kase, Mrs. T. K. Kase, E. Tausky, Mrs. E. Tausky, Colonel Charles Sonntag, Ira A. Manning, J. R. Tregloan, Mrs. Grace Moore, F. H. Short, R. H. Schwarzkopf, Harry Horn, J. H. Russell, R. E. Miller, A. C. Bates, A. J. Ranken. Ferd K. Rule, president of the California League of Republican Clubs, was in the city yesterday. Early in the day he conferred with General George Stone, chairman of the State Committee, and later went to Sacramento.

W. D. Tillotson, a Republican leader in Shasta County, is in San Francisco.

Two Japanese Missing.

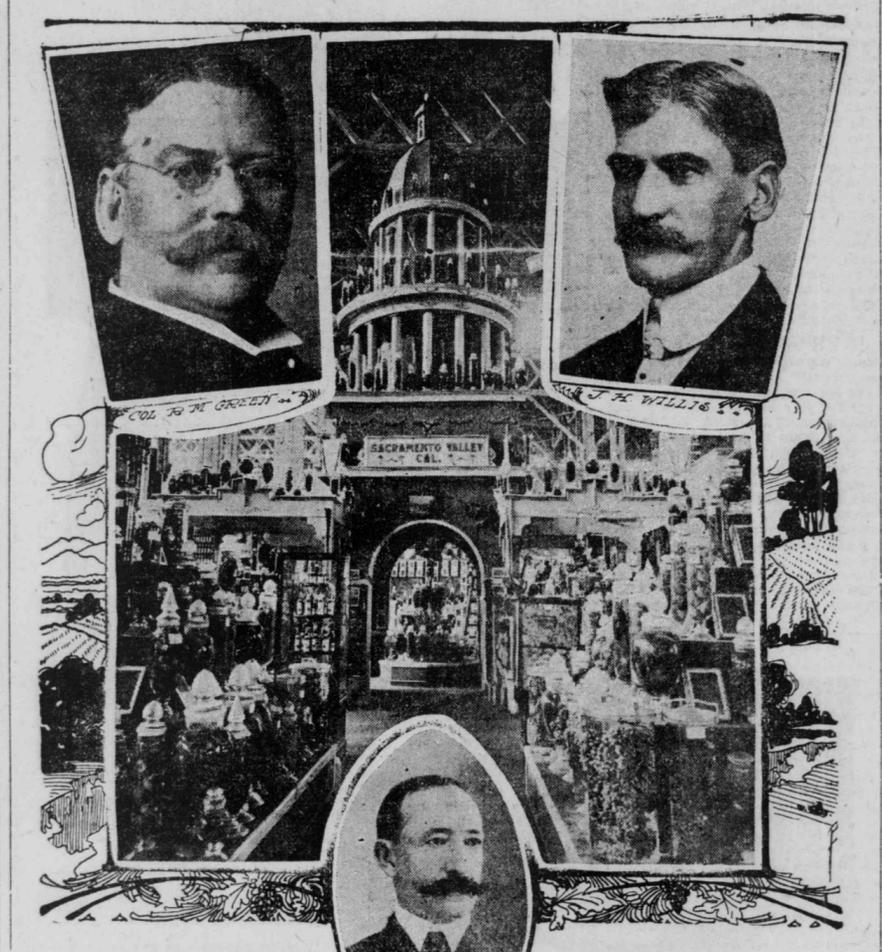
M. Yamanoto, a Japanese fisherman, was rescued from the bay at the foot of Second street on Monday. When conveyed to the Emergency Hospital he was booked as "John Doe," as he could not speak English. Since then he has communicated with his countrymen, to whom he said that he and three others had been fishing up the bay. On their return they had sprang a leak and they were compelled to swim for their lives. The survivor does not know what became of his companions.

ing of Jacob Eppinger, his brother Herman Eppinger and Bernard Eittlinger was one of the largest grain dealing firms in the world. On June 6, 1903, shortly after the "Big Pour," which included Eppinger & Co., had attempted to corner the grain market of the world, announcement was made that the firm had suspended.

The notice came like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, and the business community was electrified. The firm was supposed to be worth millions. For a quarter of a century Jacob Eppinger's word had been accepted without question among bankers and he could borrow as he chose. There was a hurried consultation among the business men, a creditors' meeting was called and even the most conservative of the creditors described the failure as "rotten, very rotten." The liabilities of the firm were over \$1,250,000; its assets were practically nothing. The outside holdings of ranches and stores were heavily mortgaged to various banks, and the warehouses supposed to be full of grain contained little but sweepings. The matter was brought to the attention of the Grand Jury, and after an investigation Jacob Eppinger and Herman Eppinger were jointly indicted on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses, the specific charge on which the indictment was based being a transaction with the International Banking Corporation on April 14, 1903.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY WORKERS ARE PRODUCING GREAT RESULTS

Visitors at the St. Louis Exposition Are Being Given Ample
Demonstration of the Productiveness of the Great Northern
Section of the State---Foreign Expert Praises Our Wines



BY PAUL EDWARDS,
CALL BUREAU, PRESS BUILDING,
ST. LOUIS, July 22.—For wideawake, active work at St. Louis there is probably no section in California that is excelling Sacramento. The advantages of the great Sacramento Valley are presented to the exposition visitors in a manner that arouses interest from the very start.

The scheme has been placed in the hands of men who understand that they have been sent to St. Louis to accomplish a special purpose, and that purpose is to convince the people that the Sacramento Valley is the greatest producing section in the country. To see it to believe, but it requires hard effort to get the people thinking in this line when they are 2000 miles away. But this is what the Sacramento Valley promoters are doing.

Great credit is due Colonel R. M. Green, J. H. Willis and J. Reith Jr., the Commissioners who are so ably representing the northern portion of the State. The representatives of Sacramento City also are doing splendid work. The work is under the direction of General J. G. Martine, and he is assisted by J. H. Devine and H. P. Rowley. The headquarters are at the Hamilton Hotel, although excellent missionary work is being done at all the hotels.

Sacramento, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Placer, Shasta, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba and Yolo counties are embraced in the association. Good work for each of them is being done by the representatives here. There is an Oakland merchant at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition who has learned something concerning the excellence of California wines that will be of benefit to him. It does not look reasonable that new customers for California goods could be found among Californians visiting the fair, but unfortunately there are denizens of the Golden State who have the foreign label mania—only excusable, if the foreign article is really better—as badly as the people of the East.

The merchant in question, whose name is well known in California commercial circles, entered the wine display of his native State in the Palace of Agriculture and sampled some sauterne, toward which variety of wine he has a leaning. Setting down his glass he asked of Ferdinand Haber, who has charge of the display: "You tell me this is a California wine?" "Look at the label," said Haber. "We wouldn't risk selling anything from the European laboratories under our esteemed label," and his chest puffed out. The Oaklander saw that the bottle bore the brand of a well-known California winery. He asked the price of the vintage and was informed on that point.

"Well, I never knew," he said, "that any sauterne as good as that was produced in California. I've been for years using an imported sauterne at my table and this is actually better and cheaper. I'll use it instead of the foreign article hereafter." Haber couldn't miss the chance for an oration, and to the Oakland merchant and the rest of those present he said: "If Californians were like the French and Germans—loyal to their soil—the State would prosper more. The Frenchman and the German will not eat anything, wear anything or drink anything not produced by the soil of their country, provided their countries supply them good articles. Let the Californians recognize the merit of their own wines, their own olives and their own olive oils, and the producers will be more prosperous." Haber was revived after this effort with a dash of French cognac that was handy. Most any one who is hospitably treat-

**IS PROBABLY
THUG'S VICTIM**
Mrs. Angela Fawn Is Found
Unconscious on the Street
With Her Skull Crushed

With her skull crushed and one arm broken, Mrs. Angela Fawn of 915 Washington street was found late last night lying unconscious near the corner of Ninth and Stevenson streets. She was taken to the Central Emergency Hospital, where Doctors Stephen and Kusick examined her. The surgeons say positively that the woman was struck on the head with some blunt instrument, probably a hammer. There is little hope for her recovery. The case looks very much like an attempt to murder. Detectives are now working on that theory. The woman regained consciousness long enough to give her name and then relapsed into a state of coma, from which she will probably never recover. The surgeons were attempting to trephine her skull at a late hour this morning.

DRINK CAUSES FATAL QUARREL

Los Angeles Woman, While
in an Intoxicated Condi-
tion, Tries to Shoot Spouse

Special Dispatch to The Call.
LOS ANGELES, July 22.—In a fit of rage induced by drink, her appetite for which she could not control, Mrs. Ranneb, wife of J. Will Ranneb, a Los Angeles attorney, fired three shots at her husband Wednesday night at Norwalk, this county, and then turned the weapon upon herself, inflicting a wound from which she died to-night. The couple were married a year ago. Soon after the marriage the husband discovered that his wife had acquired an ungovernable appetite for drink. He took her to the McCarthy ranch near Norwalk, in a remote section of the county, hoping by absenting her from places where liquor is sold to be able to cure her. All went well for a time, but the woman found the means of securing liquor and this led to frequent quarrels.

Wednesday night Ranneb returned and found that his wife had been drinking. A quarrel of more than ordinary violence followed and during it the woman seized a revolver and began shooting at her husband. Her condition was such that her aim was not good and he escaped injury. She fired four shots at him, all of which went wild. Her failure to effectively use the weapon seemed to anger her the more and turning the revolver on herself she sent the last bullet into her left breast above the heart. Had she recovered the public probably would never have known of the shooting, but her death to-night rendered it necessary for the physicians who attended her to notify the Coroner. The husband is almost crazed over the death of his wife. He is a son of S. D. Ranneb, a well-to-do real estate dealer in this city.

FEAST UPON WATERMELONS.

Luscious Repast Enjoyed by Visitors
at the California Building.

ST. LOUIS, July 22.—A watermelon feast was given to-night on the large lawn at the rear of the California building to California visitors and the public generally. A half carload of the watermelons had just been received from California. The melons were flavored with several kinds of California wine. The feast was attended by many prominent Californians, who pronounced it one of the pleasantest affairs that has yet graced the California building.

SUING HEINZE FOR MILLIONS

Two More Actions Are Filed
in Court to Recover Value
of Ore Said to Be Stolen

GREAT SUMS INVOLVED

Totals Asked in Various
Suits Against Butte Mag-
nate Amount to \$16,000,000

BUTTE, Mont., July 22.—Two more suits were begun in the District Court to-day by the Boston and Montana Company to recover damages to the amount of many millions of dollars on account of the alleged looting of large quantities of valuable ore from the adjoining mines through the Minnie Healy workings. In the two suits that were begun to-day judgments are asked to the amount of \$7,400,000, making a total, with the big suit that was begun on Thursday, of \$13,150,000 for ore alleged to have been unlawfully extracted from the veins of the Colusa, Piccolo and Gambetta mines through underground workings in the Minnie Healy.

In the five suits that have been begun against Heinze and his agents, alleging the looting of ore from the Michael Davitt, Little Mina, Colusa, Piccolo and Gambetta mines the judgments in damages that are asked aggregate \$15,850,000. The two suits begun to-day were against Heinze corporations alleged to have been in charge of the Minnie Healy at different periods in the complicated proceedings that have arisen through the litigation over the property.

SIX PERSONS INJURED AT WORLD'S EXPOSITION

Serious Accident Caused by the Care-
lessness of a Scenic Rail-
way Gripman.

ST. LOUIS, July 22.—Six persons were injured in a car on the scenic railway at the World's Fair to-day. The injured: Miss Helen Woodward, Omaha, right ear torn; W. N. Chandler, St. Louis, right ear torn; Mrs. J. D. Thomas, Kansas City, right ear torn; Lewis Wilson, St. Louis, knee sprained; C. W. Porter, Muskogee, I. T., knee hurt; Miss Mabel Rossington, Pueblo, ear torn.

The accident was caused by the gripman, whose attention had been diverted from his work, losing control of the car, which ran against the side supports. Four of the injured had their ears almost torn off.

BLAZING CAR ON WILD RUN

Electric Motor Catches Fire
and Then Makes Spectac-
ular Trip Down Town

FIREMEN LEFT BEHIND

Word Is Sent to Headquar-
ters and Current Is Shut
Off Before Damage Is Done

CHICAGO, July 22.—Blazing fiercely from wheels to roof, a runaway motor car on the Metropolitan Electric Elevated Railway whizzed by hundreds of waiting passengers and led a fire engine a chase of more than a mile and was not stopped until it had reached the crowded loop in the downtown region used by the four elevated roads of Chicago. The car was brought to a stop by the temporary shutting off of the power at the supply station, the engineer of the power-house having been advised that a runaway car was speeding downtown.

When the car was first found to be on fire it was detached and was run past the Aberdeen street station so that neither the rest of the train north and the station might catch fire. The train was left alone and a fire engine was called. For some reason, just as the firemen were making ready from below the elevated structure to send a stream of water on the blaze, the car suddenly started.

With no one on board and leaving a trail of fire and smoke behind it, the runaway began the wild race downtown. When the car stopped at the loop entrance the fire engine, distanced in the first part of the chase, came up and put out the fire, but not before the car was a charred wreck.

OBJECTS TO CARICATURES OF THE IRISH RACE

Ancient Order of Hibernians Adopts
Resolutions in Convention at
St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, July 22.—In the convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to-day a report submitted by the committee on resolutions favored a national home for members of the order and denounced the caricaturing of the Irish race upon the stage and in the comic sections of the newspapers.

SANTA CRUZ, July 22.—Rev. Eli McClish of the University of the Pacific delivered the main address at Twin Lakes Baptist assembly to-day. James Edmunds spoke at the teachers' training class on "Using the Scholar's Imagination." Milton G. Evans of Philadelphia spoke at the Bible study on "The Parable of the Sower."

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