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Jeweler's Assailants the Bank Murderers

SPRING VALLEY IN ON WATER DEAL

Report That Supervisors Intend to Purchase It as Well as the Bay Cities MAYOR AND RUEF INVEST IN STOCK

Circumstances May Enable the Present Monopoly to Make a Good Bargain

The charges and counter charges regarding the proposed purchase of the Bay Cities Water Company by the city have brought to light the fact that the transaction was in no way intended as a blow at the Spring Valley Company. In fact it is stated that part of the plan was to acquire the Spring Valley as well as the Bay Cities plant. To just what end the negotiations will eventually come is mere conjecture at this time.

The Bay Cities plant in itself would be of little use to the city. To give San Francisco a first-class water supply it would be necessary to acquire the Spring Valley system as an auxiliary. It is stated that the Supervisors had this in mind when they placed themselves on record as in favor of the Tevis corporation. While the Bay Cities has a good supply and has expended large sums for reservoirs and the like, it has no pipe line system which could fill the requirements of a city the size of San Francisco. This the Spring Valley has. Manifestly it would be a mere waste for the city to parallel the Spring Valley's pipes and render the corporation's conduits valueless. Instead the purchase by the city of the Spring Valley property would be made to appear the part of reason.

CHURCH PROPERTY SET ON FIRE.

OAKLAND, Nov. 4.—What appears to have been an incendiary attempt to burn the Parochial School buildings of St. Mary's parish at Seventh and Jefferson streets was discovered late tonight by the Rev. Robert Senon, assistant pastor of the church, in time to prevent the burning of the structures which occupy the block bounded by Seventh, Eighth, Jefferson and Grove streets.

A quantity of chips of wood and other combustibles, well soaked with coal oil, was piled along the base of one of the school buildings and ignited. The flames from the pile attacked the woodwork of the structure and were slowly eating their way into the building when Father Senon was attracted by the crackling of the fire. He rushed from his room, which overlooks the school yard, and soon got the flames under control.

BUFFALO BILL IS TO TALK TO UTES.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. CODY, Wyo., Nov. 4.—Buffalo Bill left here today for Sheridan, where he expects to hold a conference with the Utes before they begin their overland march to Fort Meade. Since his return from his big bear hunt Colonel Cody has been kept busily advised of the negotiations with the Utes, and he fears that in spite of the agreement reached yesterday there is danger of a general uprising of northern Indians. Runners have been going about between the different tribes with the purpose of inciting a revolt and it is the opinion of the famous scout that the work of these runners should be counteracted at once by the Government. He will communicate with the military on his arrival at Sheridan on the exact course to be pursued.

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HEARST SENTIMENT ON THE WANE IN NEW YORK

Eleventh Hour Reports Show Great Increase in Estimates Favoring Hughes TAMMANY WORKING FOR CITY TICKET

Independence League Men Said to Have Given Up All Pretense of Making Fight

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Steady gains for Hughes were reported in an eleventh-hour canvass of the cities today. Buffalo, Utica, Rochester and other places increased the estimates sent in earlier in the campaign, the speech of Secretary Taft at Utica last Thursday night having caused a tremendous swing to the support of the insurance investigator. In no place was any growth of Hearst sentiment reported, and in many places it was declared that the Independence League men had

SURE that they have the Japanese bank murderers in the persons of Louis Dabner and the Kanaka, Siemsen, who, it develops, is married to Hulda von Hofen, the police are endeavoring to run down the third man who figured in the assault and robbery of Jeweler Behrend.



STEINER STREET



MISS HULDA VON HOFEN MAUSLER PHOTO.



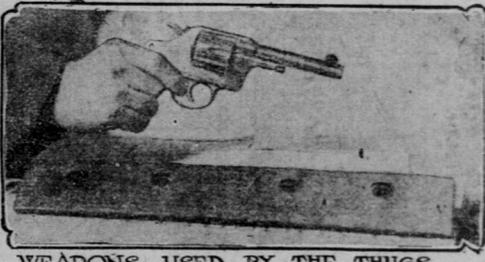
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LOUIS V. DABNER



SIMPSON'S PHOTOGRAPH IN THE ROGUE'S GALLERY



WEAPONS USED BY THE THUGS

TWO CAPTURED GAS-PIPE THUGS, INNOCENT WIFE OF ONE OF THEM AND WEAPONS THEY USED.

Police Declare They Are Sure of Guilt of Dabner and Siemsen.

"I believe that Louis V. Dabner and John Simpson, alias Siemsen, were the murderers of the Japanese banker. Every particle of evidence that we have been able to obtain points to the commission of that crime. I cannot say at present that we will eventually charge them with it, but I think from the statements that they have made and from the corroborative evidence that we have been able to obtain that they are guilty."

In the foregoing statement by Chief of Police J. F. Dinan he has no hesitancy in declaring that the gaspipe murderers who attempted the life of Henry Behrend, the Steiner-street jeweler, are the same that tried to kill the cashier and succeeded in killing the president of the Japanese bank at the corner of O'Farrell and Webster streets more than a month ago.

Notwithstanding a reward of \$5500 none of the sleuths of the local department have been able to find even a trace of the murderers until the murderers renewed under the same conditions with an attack upon a defenseless jeweler. It was the grit of that jeweler that enabled the police to at last arrest men whom the authorities are sure are the much wanted criminals.

Says She Wed Kanaka Convict at Point of Revolver.

Hulda Von Hofen Tells Story of Marriage With Siemsen.

Confessing that John Siemsen, the leader of the gaspipe thugs who beat down and looted the safe of the jeweler Behrend, was her husband, Hulda von Hofen yesterday tried to palliate her marriage with a full-blooded Kanaka by telling a story of a marriage forced upon her at the point of a revolver after formal consent to their engagement had been obtained from their parents.

Rev. J. H. Pierce of Oakland, the minister who married the pair, admitted last evening that he was led to suspect miscegenation when called upon to join them, but that he was careful to question them and become satisfied that there was no valid objection to the union before he consented to perform the ceremony.

Declaring that he believed the story of the brown man winning the white girl through threatening her with a weapon to be untrue, the clergyman added that he never saw a more elated bride than was the daughter of the Union-street watchmaker when she took the Kanaka for her husband.

PARENTS HEAR OF WEDDING. Knowledge of the marriage of the pair did not become known to the girl's parents until yesterday morning, when it was in turn conveyed to the police. That they had a brown son-in-law appeared to worry the Von Hofens, although both the mother and father of the girl admitted that they had given their consent to the engagement of their daughter to him. The Von Hofens tell a story of the

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