

**AUTOMOBILIST
LOSES LIFE IN
TORRID WASTE**

**Frederick D. Spaulding Lies for
Hours on Blistering Sands
Near Yuma, Ariz.**

**Child Finds Him Too Late, but
Rescues His Chauffeur,
T. P. McCauley**

**Venturesome Pair Disregard
Warning Against Crossing
Burning Desert**



Frank D. Spaulding, who died of heat in Arizona desert

Telegraphic advices from Arizona brought word yesterday to the family in this city that Frederick D. Spaulding, owner and manager of the Broadway garage, had perished from the heat on the desert near Yuma. With Spaulding was T. P. McCauley, his chauffeur, who was rendered unconscious, but later revived. Spaulding had undertaken the trip in his automobile to Gila Bend, where he was developing a gold mine. While driving over the blistering sands the two men halted to crank the machine. Weakened by their violent exertions, they were overcome by the torrid sun and collapsed almost at the same moment. For hours they lay like corpses with the burning rays beating down upon them. It was late in the afternoon when they were found and taken to Blaisdell station. Spaulding died on the way.

Spaulding was one of the best known automobile men on the Pacific coast. In addition to the big garage at Broadway and Polk streets he was the proprietor of the Pioneer carpet beating works. He was an enthusiastic tourist and yachtsman. He owned several motor cars, many of which he had designed, equipping them with devices of his own invention. His wife and child live at 1837 Vallejo street. Mrs. Spaulding was prostrated by the shock as she received a letter from her husband earlier in the day telling of his good health and prospective good fortune.

Spaulding left San Francisco on Tuesday, July 21, in his 60 horsepower ragtop, which he had called "The Yellow Peril" because of the color of the wheels and running gear. He had provided a canopy and other equipment especially for desert use. With T. P. McCauley, one of the most skilled chauffeurs of the city, he set out for Gila Bend to arrange for the further development of his mine. A new boy of one had just been struck which promised large returns. Spaulding was warned of the danger of the trip into an almost inaccessible part of the country, but he was of an adventurous spirit and laughed away the fears of his friends.

The two men made a leisurely trip to Los Angeles and then drove toward the desert country. Letters received after they had entered the desert told of the terrific heat and the endless waste of sand. They also told of an injury to the machine and the difficulty of travel. They arrived in Yuma on Friday, having made what was considered as good time.

WARNED AGAINST HEAT
When Spaulding announced his intention of pressing forward into the desert the same day, he was advised to postpone his departure until night and to travel only in the cool of the evening. But his enthusiasm spurred him on and, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the hottest part of the day, he started out again.

The road is traveled but little, and Spaulding and McCauley had neither teams nor auto cars. After motoring for more than an hour they had covered but six miles and the heat had increased almost beyond endurance. The sand had clogged the machine and they stopped to crank up. What happened from that moment until they were found several hours later can be only conjectured, but according to a telegram received last night from Yuma both men must have worked on the car. It was while thus engaged that they were stricken.

An examination of the ground indicated that Spaulding had collapsed first and that McCauley had fallen prostrate while rushing to his assistance. Within a few feet of each other they lay, alone and unconscious, the relentless sun burning their lives away. The hours passed and no traveler came to help the dying men. With one check buried in the baking sand and the

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**REPUBLICANS
DOOM HERRIN
MACHINE RULE**

**Revolt Led by Lincoln-Roosevelt
League Virtually Assures
Unbossed Assembly**

**Fight for Free Party and Free
Slate Is Waged in Nearly
Every District**

**San Francisco Will Get Twelve
Decent Assemblymen and
Possibly Some More**

By George Van Smith

The revolt against Herrin led by the Lincoln-Roosevelt league of republican clubs has attained proportions which virtually assure the election of an assembly, a majority of whose members will be free, unbossed men, responsive only to the people of California.

The good fight for a free republican party and free California is being waged in nearly every assembly district in the state. In some districts the fight will be long and, so far as the present campaign is concerned, hopeless. But from Humboldt to San Diego decent republicans are aroused as they have never been. The splendid successes won by the Lincoln-Roosevelt league in May in the communities protected by the primary election law demonstrated to the republicans of all the state that the corrupt Herrin machine cannot withstand honest organized opposition. The magnificent stand taken by the republicans of San Francisco, and their sweeping victory served as a spur to republicans throughout the state. The Lincoln-Roosevelt league, instead of proving a flash in the political pan, has grown steadily until there is scarcely a state that has not one or more clubs composed of decent republicans fighting for political freedom.

CITIES THROW OFF YOKE
The last state convention at Sacramento was a revelation to the republicans of interior California. They saw San Francisco and Oakland and Los Angeles represented for the first time by genuine republicans, republicans who recognized no boss, who took orders from no man nor from any special interest.

Republicans who had remained supine under the Herrin lash, saw the big cities of the state throw off the shameful yoke—saw one brief campaign result in a convention in which the Herrin machine was enabled to maintain a bare majority only through the disfranchisement of thousands of republicans and the most despicable political thievery. They saw men seated as delegates who made no attempt to conceal the fact that their alleged elections were fraudulent. They were edified by the announcement of Herrin's temporary chairman, Tom Dozier, who admitted the frauds, but declined to be "any nice" about them. And, too, they saw more than 250 delegates chosen by the republicans of California stand like free men against the Herrin program. They agreed upon the proposition that the convention should be held in the people. They saw a people's majority within 20 votes of a majority. They saw that the bands which held that minority together, which made it scorn every offer of compromise with corrupt boss rule, were composed of republicans elected by the republicans of San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles, the sink holes of political corruption, when in Herrin's last desperate stand he refused, George Hattson, Jack Cook, Eddie Wolfes and all their crew were wallowed and fattened off the people.

SAN FRANCISCO SETS PACE
San Francisco has set the pace. From the Oregon line to Mexico clean republicans said, "What San Francisco has done we can do." They are at work. With a repetition of the good government victories won in San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles the good work of the republicans of interior California is making its last desperate stand in San Francisco. Beaten in San Francisco, Herrin knows his grip on the legislature will be gone.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt league carried 10 of the 15 assembly districts in San Francisco at the May primaries. It has lost no ground in any of the districts carried in May, which, with one exception, were the big residence districts. The twenty-eighth district was put in the reform column for the first time and that in spite of the combined efforts of Johnny Lynch, Herrin's new republican dictator, and Tom Finn, chairman of the union labor county committee, whose major attention is devoted to republican politics and whose whole effort belongs to Herrin, in return for the promise of a republican senatorial nomination in the seventh.

GROSS FRAUDS UNCOVERED
Wholesale colonization and gross registration frauds have been uncovered in the twenty-eighth by the Lincoln-Roosevelt league forces. Their organization has been splendidly strengthened. The twenty-eight men who were tricked by Finn and who saw Finn's delegate, Ed Havens, vote for Harrison Gray Otis will not permit themselves to be used again, and without them Finn and Lynch will make a sorrier showing in the twenty-eighth than they did in May.

The thirty-first was swung into the Lincoln-Roosevelt column by May and the league workers, led by William and John Symons, are making the kind of fight that will keep the district in line and result in the nomination and

**MARE ISLAND
YARD WILL NOT
BE ABANDONED**

**Engineers Report Plan for Im-
proving Approaches by
Hydraulics**

**Matter Must Go to Congress in
Order to Get Special
Appropriation**

**Project Is Found Feasible and
Can Be Maintained for
\$20,000 a Year**

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The navy department has received from the war department the report of the special board made up of civil engineers of the navy and army engineers to suggest some method of improving the approaches to Mare Island navy yard. The recommendations made are in favor of the employment of hydraulics in the Mare Island straits. By this means it will be possible to provide an adequate depth for the largest ships of war. It is found by the board that the project of relief is feasible and can be maintained once it is installed at an expense of about \$20,000 a year. It is a question, how-



Above is Vernal Revalk (P. S. Smith photo), whose suicide is a mystery. Below are Gladys Cameron, a young lady whom he escorted home from a party, and Leland Sparks of Reno, to whom he wrote before taking his own life.

ever, whether the secretary of the navy and the secretary of war will agree upon the proposition.

WILL NOT ABANDON YARD
While the subject is one which concerns entirely the navy department, the fact that army engineers served on the board at Mare Island with civil engineers of the navy makes it proper for the secretary of war to also pass upon the report. In any event, it will have to go to congress for a special appropriation.

This indicates that there will be no abandonment of the Mare Island navy yard, as has been proposed, and the settlement of that question one way or the other would be of advantage to the plant at Vallejo, since every year the question is raised by congressmen and senators in regard to the practicability of making additional appropriations for the support of the Mare Island yard.

WILL REMAIN USEFUL
If the channel improvement is not authorized by congress it will still be necessary to abandon Mare Island, the maintenance of which, even under existing conditions, will be useful to the service, although it will also be necessary to establish an accessible dock somewhere else in San Francisco bay.

It is probable that another board will be detailed to look further into the question and provide one or two schemes which can be submitted to congress. If it is desired not to carry out in full the improvements suggested for the Mare Island channel.

**THIEF STEALS GOLDEN
CHALICE FROM CHURCH**

**Father Tubman Misses Vessel
at Morning Mass in the
Cathedral**
SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
RENO, Aug. 1.—Tempted by finding himself alone in the beautiful new St. Thomas Aquinas cathedral, with its gorgeous furnishings, at an early hour this morning, some unscrupulous thief stole the golden chalice from the altar. When Father Tubman arrived to celebrate mass the theft was discovered and the service delayed until an old chalice was substituted. The stolen chalice was highly prized as a sacred relic for more than its value in gold. It has been in the Catholic church here from its beginning and was the only thing rescued from the altar when the Reno church burned to the ground two years ago. No clew to the thief has been found.

**Boy Goes From Gayety to
Death Without Explaining**



**MRS. F. MARRIOTT
KILLED IN WRECK**
Woman and Chauffeur Hurled
From Auto Over Steep
Bank; Both Perish

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
SANTA CRUZ, Aug. 1.—The rugged grades of the Santa Cruz mountains claimed two more victims this afternoon when Mrs. Frederick Marriott, wife of the proprietor of the San Francisco News Letter, and Jesse Gilbert, a chauffeur, were hurled over the bank and crushed to death beneath their automobile. Marriott escaped without injury, but his daughter in law, Mrs. Frederick Marriott Jr., and Miss Dorothy Partridge of San Francisco, who were also members of the party, were badly hurt but not seriously hurt. The accident occurred near the Van Lona house at the summit. Deputy Coroner Elson of Santa Cruz assumed charge of the bodies, taking them to the Van Lona house, where the inquest will be held.

The party left Alameda yesterday for a drive through the Santa Cruz mountains. At Los Gatos they took the reservoir road, but turned off at the summit to the Bear creek district. The road into this section runs along the rim of the mountains and is very narrow and exceedingly dangerous. The chauffeur was driving cautiously along the bluffs, but as he proceeded the road became even more dangerous. Suddenly, without warning, the car shot over the bank and plunged into the canyon below. Mrs. Marriott and Gilbert were trapped beneath the heavy vehicle and the latter was killed instantly. Mrs. Marriott was frightfully injured and died a few moments later. Mrs. Frederick Marriott Jr. was bruised and badly shaken, and Miss Partridge was burned by the flaming gasoline. Marriott was thrown a distance from the wreck and was upon his feet in an instant. He worked desperately to save the life of his wife, but her injuries were so serious that she was beyond human aid.

Telephone messages were at once sent to Santa Cruz and Los Gatos. Dr. Knowles hurried from Los Gatos and treated the two injured women. The Marriotts had left their home in Alameda early in the morning and had reached the summit at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the accident occurred. It was their intention to make Ben Lomond by night. Frederick Marriott Jr. is on his way here.

**DIED FROM INJURIES
SUSTAINED IN QUARREL**

**Daniel Cunningham, Employed
by Construction Company,
Killed in Camp Row**
SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
SANTA ROSA, Aug. 1.—Daniel Cunningham, a member of the construction force of the Snow Mountain power company building from Ukiah to this city, died at the county hospital here today as the result of injuries received last night in camp near Fulton on the hands of a companion named Vroom. Cunningham had been drinking and on returning to camp demanded money of the foreman, and when refused created a row in which others took a hand. In the mixup which followed Cunningham was severely handled and went to his tent next morning. Shortly after Cunningham was found unconscious and was at once brought to the hospital, where medical aid was given. Two large gashes were found in his head and concussion of the brain followed. It is claimed that Vroom acted in self-defense and that he was in no wise to blame. He is under surveillance.

RANCHER KILLED BY AUTO
CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 1.—H. A. Wooster, a wealthy ranchman of Bluffs town, 68 years old, was killed by the overturning of his automobile near Marion yesterday. He was on his way with his wife and granddaughter to visit relatives in Lanark, Ill. The latter were not injured. The machine was in a steep embankment while running at a good speed and turned completely over.

**STUDENT DIES
MYSTERIOUSLY**

**Vernal Revalk Leaves Happy
Friends, Visits Saloons and
Drinks Poison**

**Absence of Motive Clouds Pe-
culiar Case and Father
Fears Foul Play**

**Four Letters Written Shortly
Before Self-Destruction
May Explain**

In the contents of four letters mailed yesterday at dawn lies, in all probability, the key to a solution of the mystery that shrouds the motive which prompted Vernal Revalk, a brilliant student 18 years of age, to end his life with poison. The young lad, unconscious and in the last throes of agony from potassium cyanide poisoning, was found gasping out his life in a hack at the ferry depot a few minutes after 5 o'clock yesterday morning.

The writing of these four letters was young Revalk's last act before stepping into the hack, in which all evidence goes to prove he administered the fatal drug with his own hand. His father, R. E. Revalk, who is engaged in the typewriter business, held fast yesterday to the belief that his son was the victim of foul play, but there is nothing to sustain his theory, while everything, except the striking lack of a motive which might prompt the act, points to deliberate suicide.

Vernal Revalk had almost all that life could offer to a boy. Before him stretched a happy and brilliant future. The night before his death he spent in the midst of his closest friends, the guest of honor. There he was the gayest of the young throng, leading the doer and Revalk's father, who there he was to fill a good position under the federal government, and to which he had looked forward with the liveliest anticipation. There was no knowledge of the existence of a single sorrow in his young life. Then, in the midst of his expectations and the good wishes of his friends ringing in his ears, came his death, sudden and startling, hedged around with mystery.

The boy stepped into a hack at O'Farrell and Fillmore streets and told the driver, "Finny"—John Flynn—to drive him to the ferry. This was about 4:30 a. m. yesterday. When the hack reached the ferry depot Flynn opened the door and Revalk's body, convulsive in death's throes, came toppling out to the sidewalk. Flynn placed him in the cab, drove to the harbor emergency hospital and there the boy died 30 minutes later.

Stomach contents disclosed a large quantity of cyanide of potassium. Revalk left his home at 3327 California street early yesterday evening and with a companion, Jack Schweitzer of 1400 Clay street, went to the Washington hotel and there met Miss Solita McGill, a mutual friend. The evening was to be devoted to fun and jollity at a party given by Mrs. Eugene H. Folsom to a number of young people at her home at 2916 Sacramento street. The occasion was a farewell party to Revalk, who was to sail to Manila August 5 to accept a position. As he was the guest of honor, Revalk was escorted off with any of his girl friends, but went to the party with Jack Schweitzer, who escorted Miss McGill.

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