

FEAR FOR LIFE GALLAGHER TO FLEE STATE

Dr. Alexander Warner Tells of Graft Witness Sailing on Atlantic Liner After Landing at Naples Travel- ers Meet Again in Rome While Sight Seeing

Dr. Alexander Warner, well known physician and Bohemian club member, who returned Wednesday night from a tour of nearly four months in Europe, has brought to San Francisco the first direct tidings of James L. Gallagher, the missing witness in the local graft cases, that have been received since Gallagher's unannounced disappearance from the city last fall.

Gallagher, accompanied by his wife, sailed from New York December 1 on the North German Lloyd liner Koenig Albert, on which Doctor Warner was a passenger for Naples. The two held several conversations on shipboard, and Doctor Warner later saw Gallagher in the streets of Rome, but only for a moment.

"On board the Koenig Albert Gallagher talked very freely to me of his plans," said Doctor Warner yesterday, "and I have been surprised to learn of the trouble and discussion his absence has caused. I did not suppose he had made any secret of his trip or that his plans were unknown here.

"He told me that he had no definite itinerary outlined, but intended to go north into Germany after sight seeing in the south of Europe, and might spend six months or a year abroad. He made no reference to the graft cases in any of his conversations with me, nor did he ever say whether he had received permission to leave California or whether any one connected with the cases knew of his departure.

"Gallagher did not appear to me like a man running away, nor like a man with an unlimited supply of money. I gained the impression that he was being very careful in his expenditures, like one with limited funds. He seemed to me to be very nervous and Mrs. Gallagher also was in a nervous condition.

"As I sized the matter up, Gallagher simply feared for his life in San Francisco, did not know when he might receive a stab in the back, and so took the first opportunity to get away for a long rest, in order to prevent a breakdown, and possibly more out of deference to Mrs. Gallagher's condition than to his own.

"I landed at Naples, as did also Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher, but I saw nothing more of them until I arrived in Rome, when they passed me one day in a carriage. They stopped just long enough to speak and to tell me that they were leaving that night. I rather expected to see Gallagher again in Paris, but as I was there at the time of the floods a great many travelers had avoided the city, and it is possible that Gallagher did not go there.

"Gallagher did not seem to have any settled plans beyond taking a long rest, but I gathered from him that he expected to spend some time in the vicinity of Dresden."

CALIFORNIA PIONEER IS CALLED BY DEATH Well Known Santa Rosa Dies at Age of 82

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SANTA ROSA, March 31.—Milo Smith Davis, a resident of this city for more than 35 years, died here this morning aged 82, after a short illness. Davis was a native of New York, where he was born March 26, 1828. He had lived in California for more than 46 years. For many years he was engaged in the undertaking business of this city.

Davis was made a master Mason in Susquehanna lodge No. 167, state of New York, in January, 1862, and affiliated with California lodge No. 1 in San Francisco in August, 1869.

He received the order of Knighthood in Zion commandery No. 2, Minneapolis, Minn., in October, 1868, and became a charter member of Santa Rosa commandery in February, 1878.

NEW ITALIAN CABINET FORMED BY LUZZATTI

ROME, March 31.—The new cabinet formed by Signor Luzzatti is announced today as follows:
Premier and minister of the interior—Luigi Luzzatti.
Minister of justice—Signor Poni.
Minister of foreign affairs—Marquis A. di San Giuliano.
Minister of the treasury—Francesco Tedesco.
Minister of finance—Signor Facta.
Minister of war—General Spingardi.
Minister of marine—Admiral Leonardi.
Minister of public instruction—Signor Cicerio.
Minister of public works—Signor Sacchi.
Minister of agriculture—Signor Rainieri.
Minister of posts and telegraphs—Signor Cluffelli.

HUSBAND ASKS DIVORCE WHEN WIFE DROPS SUIT

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SANTA ROSA, March 31.—Charles W. Lumsden today filed suit against his wife, Lottie A. Lumsden, for divorce. The couple are residents of Petaluma, and Mrs. Lumsden had only recently dismissed a suit for divorce which she filed last fall. An order for alimony was also granted Mrs. Lumsden, but, failing to secure anything from her husband, she had him cited for contempt of court. This was also pending at the time of the dismissal of Mrs. Lumsden's complaint.

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Seifert Girl Spirited From San Diego at Night by Parents



Tom Foreman, 17 years old, and Miss Gertrude Seifert, 15 years old, the two San Diego youngsters who eloped a few days ago, but were recaptured after a strenuous pursuit by a posse of parents, sheriffs and constables.

LOVER IGNORANT OF HER DEPARTURE

Maid Who Eloped With Boy Will Be Taken Abroad for Indefinite Stay

SAN DIEGO, March 31.—Gertrude Seifert, whose sensational elopement with Thomas Foreman, aged 17 years, Tuesday startled San Diego, was removed from the custody of the jail matron at 2 o'clock this morning by her father and mother, placed on the Owl train without being given a chance to communicate with her boy lover and today is speeding eastward to New York city and Germany for an indefinite stay. Thomas Foreman, kept in ignorance by the jail matron, at noon today had not learned of the move.

During their elopement young Foreman held a pursuing posse at bay with his rifle. They were captured only after an exciting chase through the brush. The lad did not surrender until he was covered by the guns of the deputy sheriffs, and then only to protect the girl.

MEASURE TO REGULATE CABLE COMPANIES' RATES

OTTAWA, March 31.—One of the most important measures of the present session was put through the Canadian commons last night by Rodolphe Lemieux, postmaster general, when a measure was passed giving the railway commission control of the rates and facilities of cable companies.

This rate legislation is in lieu of the proposition for the laying of a trans-Atlantic cable by the government.

WANTS AFRICAN HIPPO TAMED AND MADE FOOD

Louisiana Game Commission
Would Breed Wild Animals
NEW ORLEANS, March 31.—No more trips to Africa for the chase of the hippopotamus and eland, dikdik, warthog and other animals will be necessary 10 years from now if the Louisiana legislature heeds the request of the state game commission.



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GRAND JURY FAILS TO OBEY JURIST

Refuses to Return Criminal In- dictment According to the Court's Instruction

NEW YORK, March 31.—For the first time in the history of the courts of New York county a grand jury today refused to obey the instructions of a judge who had directed them to return a criminal indictment.

The grand jury was the one which held over on the request of District Attorney Whitman to investigate the charges of conspiracy made by the enterprise steam fitters' union, a labor organization, against the building trades employers' association. The steam fitters, who have been out on strike, complained that the employers had entered into an agreement with the master steam fitters' association by which the workmen were prevented from obtaining employment.

The grand jury, which is composed of many wealthy and prominent business and professional men, came into court and asked for its discharge, making no mention of the investigation.

Judge Roslasky refused to discharge the jury and directed the members to return to the consideration of the case.

Porter Awarded \$1,000

NEW YORK, March 31.—George W. Griffin, a negro porter, was awarded \$1,000 damages for false arrest and imprisonment from Daniel M. Brady, a manufacturer, by a jury in the supreme court here today.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH IN INDIA

BOMBAY, March 31.—Twenty-five women and children were burned to death today in a fire that destroyed the state cotton warehouse at Bhillwara in the district of Rajahulana.

BRITISH MINISTERS STAND BY BUDGET

Opposition to Resolution on the Lords' Veto Causes State- ment by Secretary

LONDON, March 31.—The official opposition amendment to Premier Asquith's resolutions on the veto power of the house of lords was moved in the house of commons today by Sir Robert Bannatyne Milroy.

It declares in favor of a strong and efficient second chamber, expresses willingness to consider proposals for the reform of the upper house, but declines to proceed with the government proposals, which, it says, would destroy the usefulness of any second chamber.

Winston Spencer Churchill, the home secretary, made an important contribution to the debate. He declared that when the veto resolutions were disposed of the government would advance with the budget, regardless of the consequences.

TWENTY-FIVE PERISH IN COTTON WAREHOUSE FIRE

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BARNETT'S BACKERS WILL REOPEN BANK

Former Official of Wrecked In- stitution Says Rehabilitation Plans Now Complete Declares California Safe Deposit and Trust Company Will Have Big Capital

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
NEW YORK, March 31.—Walter J. Barnett said to The Call's correspondent today:

"The details of the financing of the reorganization of the California safe deposit and trust company were completed here today. Several meetings have been held by the interested bankers during the last 10 days.

"Today an agreement was reached as to the essential details. The reorganized company will have an authorized capital of \$5,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 will now be paid up. Three million dollars will be held in the treasury to be issued later, when the business of the company justifies its issuance.

"The syndicate that will take the new stock is headed by H. P. Wilson, Albert Rathbone of Joline, Larkin & Rathbone will leave for San Francisco April 7 to supervise the legal work of opening the bank.

"Mr. Wilson and I expect to leave for San Francisco Monday, April 4. Mr. Wilson is coming out prepared to open the bank.

"The reorganized trust company will open its doors with \$3,000,000 in cash on hand and will be in a position to meet all its liabilities as they mature. When I left California last April for New York it was with the determination to open the bank. I am glad that my mission has been successful."

WILSON COMING WEST

H. P. Wilson, known as the man behind the reorganization scheme of the California safe deposit and trust company, has made a definite statement to the effect that he has concluded his financial arrangements in New York city and that he is really coming to San Francisco to open the bank.

PLAN ORGANIZATION OF AN OIL EXCHANGE

Membership Limited to 200 Will Include San Franciscans

BAKERSFIELD, March 31.—Plans were launched here today for the formation of an oil exchange, with a membership limited to 200. Nearly enough applications have already been filed to complete the organization, including several from San Francisco, Los Angeles and Goldfield. It is understood that Tim Speldy will be elected president.

It was reported tonight that, despite all precautions, the Mays well was again flowing, having broken loose, covered over the rig and displaced the crown block. A crowd of men was put to work and soon had the flow under control.

MOUNT ETNA ERUPTION BECOMES MORE INTENSE

CATANIA, March 31.—The eruption of Mount Etna increased in intensity today. The lava is flowing in the direction of Borrello at the rate of 112 feet an hour.

TRAIN CRASH VICTIMS NUMBER TWO HUNDRED

MULHEIM-AM-RHEIN, Germany, March 31.—It appears today that more than 200 persons received more or less serious injury when the steamer express ran down and wrecked a military train bound for Strasbourg.

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