

## \$1000 REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF RAFFLES

MANY LIVES  
THREATENED  
BY FLOODSWomen and Children  
Marooned on  
Islands  
Conditions Near Capital  
Even Worse Than on  
Thursday

Thousands of Acres of Various Crops  
Destroyed and All Kinds of  
Live Stock Are Suffering

By Associated Press.  
SACRAMENTO, March 22.—In the rich agricultural districts down the river the people are still fighting with might and main to stem the rush of the waters of the Sacramento river, which threaten to ruin the whole inland country.

The situation is even worse than on Thursday night, and reports from several down-river towns indicate that if the water continues to rise as it has done during the past two days many more fine levee systems beside those mentioned in yesterday's report as having given way before the flood will break and all flood records be surpassed.

Further dispatches to the Union and the local weather bureau show that while the back water is falling that in the river it is still rising, and it is probable that the crisis has not yet been reached.

Many distressing scenes are being witnessed all along the lower stretches of the river. Men, women and children, to say nothing of horses, cattle and sheep, have taken to the levees for protection from the flood and are in precarious positions.

## Condition Appalling

So appalling is their condition that Governor Gillett has authorized Alden Anderson, president of the chamber of commerce, to dispatch a boat to the relief of those who are marooned on the islands and levees, and at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the swift river steamer Fruto will start on a mission of relief, bearing food and clothing to the stricken people and with an offer to bring all who may wish to this city, where they can be cared for until the water subsides and they may return to their homes.

Reports from Courtland late this afternoon are to the effect that there are four new breaks in the levees between that place and Walnut Grove and that the whole district is being rapidly flooded.

The water was rising over the top of the levee at Andrus island, opposite Ryde, and Supervisor Thibault left this city on a river boat this afternoon in an effort to save his home, which is right in line with the break.

**Fight to Prevent Break**  
The water was running over the levees at the lower end of Grand island, opposite Isleton, and 150 men are having the fight of their lives to prevent a serious break. As the Grand island levees are considered the strongest on the river the fact that they are in danger of going out shows the situation to be alarming in the extreme.

The water at Rio Vista, according to reports received by Weather Observer Scarr, is a foot higher than ever known before.

The water was running over the top of the levees on Brannan, Ryer and Sherman islands, but they are still holding. The Witchell and Sutter islands and levees are still standing, but the crest of the flood had not reached them this afternoon and fear is expressed that they cannot hold out against the higher water to come.

## Tyler Island Submerged

Tyler island is entirely submerged. Great fear is expressed for districts 551 and 554, as the levees are holding back about all the water they can resist and the water is still rising.

At Courtland the water rose two inches Thursday night and the situation in that locality is still straining. At last reports Randall island levees were reported to be holding, but they are still holding. The Witchell and Sutter islands and levees are still standing, but the crest of the flood had not reached them this afternoon and fear is expressed that they cannot hold out against the higher water to come.

The two breaks on the Tarry ranch are about 100 feet wide and are 100 feet apart. They were still widening at last reports and it was expected that they would join. There is a new break at Bryan's landing 250 feet wide and the whole country around is rapidly filling up.

Freeport is apparently out of all danger, as the crest of the Sacramento flood has passed and the back water is going down. Below Bush Quinn's place, three miles south of Sacramento, the river was submerged Thursday night, but the water had fallen quite perceptibly today.

Down on the San Joaquin river

ALL PUBLISHERS AND  
PRINTERS AT BUTTE  
EFFECT COMPROMISE

By Associated Press.  
BUTTE, Mont., March 22.—The differences between the newspaper publishers and the members of the typographical union were definitely settled tonight by the printers voting to return to work at the publishers' terms.

The four daily newspapers affected, which have been in a state of suspension since February 21, will resume publication as soon as the publishers can get the reportorial staff and mechanical departments in running order, which will probably be Tuesday of next week.

A three-year contract will be entered into and the wage scale will be day work, \$5, and night work, \$5.50.

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## ROOSEVELT SAYS

## VERDICT IS

## WRONG

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—President Roosevelt tonight announced his disapproval of the findings of acquittal in the case of Captain Lewis M. Koehler, Fourth cavalry, U. S. A., cavalry commander at Jolo, Philippine islands.

Captain Koehler was charged with using disrespectful language in an appeal from the action of General Wood, who reprimanded Captain Koehler for making charges against Major Scott, commanding officer at the Jolo military post and civil governor of Jolo, and was charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman in making unfounded and malicious statements regarding his commanding officer, and with insubordination.

The first court-martial sentenced him to be reprimanded and a second court-martial, on which today's action was based, acquitted him.

The president's order follows:

"The White House, Washington, March 22, 1907.

"The proceedings, findings and acquittal in the case of Captain Lewis M. Koehler, Fourth cavalry, United States army, are disapproved. I entirely concur in all that the secretary of war says of Captain Koehler and of General Wood, and of the poor showing made by the court which last passed on the case.

(Signed)

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

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## FRENCH SOLDIERS

## TORTURE VICTIMS

By Associated Press.

PARIS, March 22.—The entire session today of the chamber of deputies was devoted to a discussion of alleged atrocities and tortures which, it is claimed, have caused a permanent mutilation in many cases, and even death to many soldiers serving in the disciplinary battalions.

Pascal Cécil, Radical Socialist, and others demanded a commission of inquiry to allay the public anxiety on the subject.

Replying, War Minister Picquart declared that the charges were grossly exaggerated, and that much of the information concerning the battalions emanated from unreliable sources.

He declared that the only soldiers who were known to have had characters before they were recruited were drafted into the disciplinary battalions.

He admitted, however, that in a few instances the regulations had been overstepped and abuses committed, the authors of which would be subjected to an investigation and eventually punished, and promised to suppress some of the more severe forms of discipline.

The minister of war suggested the passage of the bill introduced by himself for the doing away with the disciplinary battalions in order that all opportunity for these severities would cease to exist. By a vote the chamber rejected M. Cécil's demand for a commission of investigation.

## LOS ANGELES CITIZENS

## ARRIVE IN HONOLULU

By Associated Press.

HONOLULU, March 15 (via San Francisco), March 22.—The steamship Ohio, carrying an excursion party of 246 people from Southern California, under the auspices of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, arrived here at 8 o'clock this morning from Hilo.

At Hilo the party went to the volcano in the morning and the accommodations were limited to about that number.

On Wednesday evening the people of the island of Hawaii entertained the visitors at a luau or native feast at which about 600 sat down. Many speeches were made.

A citizens' committee in Honolulu has arranged a series of entertainments for the visitors for each day of their stay here, which will be about a week.

## Sheriff After Murderer

By Associated Press.

PRESNO, March 22.—Sheriff Chittenden left Fresno early this morning for Oakland, where he has hopes of obtaining a clew that will lead to the capture of James Richardson, the fugitive murderer of Deputy Sheriff Joe Price.

THAW CASE  
NOW AT A  
STANDSTILLJustice Fitzgerald's  
Decision Eagerly  
AwaitedAffidavits Furnished to  
Show Prisoner Is a  
Paranoiac

Women of Defendant's Family Appear  
in Court—Jury-men Dismissed  
Until Wednesday  
Morning

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The district attorney's office tonight made public several letters supposedly written by Harry K. Thaw and to which District Attorney Jerome had referred in court and had marked as state exhibits.

These are expected to figure in the hearing of the lunacy commission if Judge Fitzgerald decides to appoint one. The letters have to do chiefly with the letters personal to Thaw and are of no special interest except as they may have a possible bearing on the state of mind of Stanford White's slayer.

Affidavits have been handed in by the prosecution to show that Thaw is a paranoiac who, although legally responsible when he killed Stanford White, is not in a state of mental sanity, as he is unable to consult intelligently with his counsel, and should not be on trial for his life.

The defense is preparing its affidavits to the contrary, and the matter will come before the court Tuesday. Meantime the jury is excused until Wednesday.

## Decision Problematic

What the judge may decide regarding the appointment of a commission in lunacy is not known. Explanations by counsel took up most of today's session. Those were on the question of personal privilege raised by District Attorney Jerome's conditional threat of calling counsel of record for the defense to account before the appellate division for unprofessional conduct should it appear that he had knowledge of his client's alleged mental incapacity.

Speaking on this point today Mr. Jerome referred to the tension under which he had been working and denied any intent to charge Mr. Hartbridge, the Thaw counsel of record, with unprofessional conduct.

All of the women of the defendant's family were awaiting him in the court room today when the proceedings opened. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw, his wife, sat between Mrs. William Thaw and the countess of Yarmouth.

The jury, which had filed in at 11 o'clock, was instructed by the judge to return Wednesday, and left.

It was arranged by Mr. Jerome and Mr. Hartbridge that the defense's affidavits should be in the hands of the district attorney by 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. It was agreed that Mr. Jerome should be permitted to file additional matter on Monday.

## TRAIN WRECKED;

## NO ONE INJURED

Chicago Limited Goes in the Ditch  
Near Pittsburg—Rails Found to  
Have Been Tamped

By Associated Press.

PITTSBURG, March 22.—The Chicago Limited from New York to Chicago, on Pennsylvania road, while going about thirty-five miles an hour, was wrecked at Stewart, seventeen miles east of here, today.

The engine and the first of the cars were derailed, but no one was hurt. The passengers were transferred to the three rear cars and brought to this city, where another train was made up and they continued their journey.

It is said that evidence leading to the belief that the track has been tampered with was found at the scene of the wreck.

An investigation by the railroad officials showed that the fish plates had been removed at the rail joint, the bolts having been taken out and the rails bent inward. A clawbar and several other tools, not property of the railroad company, were found nearby, and it is believed that these tools were used by the wreckers.

The train was derailed on a straight track, and to this was due, beyond a doubt, the escape of the passengers from serious injury.

The officials attribute the work of the wreckers to either malice or an attempt to loot the train and passengers.

MILLIONAIRE'S SON  
IS INDICTED ON A  
CHARGE OF BIGAMY

By Associated Press.

SAPULPA, I. T., March 22.—

Ward M. Snyder, son of Nicholas Snyder, a millionaire oil operator of Pittsburgh, Pa., was indicted today by a federal grand jury on a charge of bigamy.

He was committed to the federal jail in Muskogee in default of \$2000 bond.

The indictment against young Snyder was returned on evidence given by Jeannette Killian, a beautiful woman, whom he married here in January.

She claims Snyder has another wife living from whom he has not been divorced.

Snyder's father has refused to assist him in any way.

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## TAT SAYS THE

## LAW MUST BE

## CHANGED

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Secretary Taft has reconsidered his original opinion of March 7, relative to the eight-hour law in its application to employees on rivers and harbors works.

Then he held that the law applied to every person connected with the work on dredges and steamers of various kinds, while now he is of the opinion that it affects only mechanics and laborers and does not change the present hours of work of captains, cooks, stokers, pilots and the like. Therefore he has directed the following memorandum to the chief of engineers:

"I have received a communication from the heads of certain bridge workers' union in reference to the application of the eight-hour law to the dredging done directly by the government and under the control and supervision of the engineering bureau of this department.

"I am also informed that the attorney general has taken the position and that the attitude of the government in court is that the men engaged in dredging on the steam dredgers are within the operation of the law and should not work for more than a shift of eight hours a day.

"I am also advised that this question is pending in the supreme court from the decision of a Massachusetts federal court. Commissioner Neill thinks that it is an inconsistent position for the government to have been working under a theory of the law at variance with which it has taken before the courts and which has been sustained by certain of the lower courts.

"In this view I concur, and you are therefore directed to order all subordinate officers having in charge work upon dredges to work all employees whose duties as mechanics or mechanics and laborers but eight hours a day until the supreme court shall otherwise decide, if it does so decide, with such exceptions as you may satisfy me are necessary to preserve the government property as it is."

## ELEVEN INJURED

## IN TRAIN WRECK

Street Car in Detroit Struck by Engine, and Passengers Are Hurled  
Right and Left—Two  
Will Die

By Associated Press.

DETROIT, March 22.—Two persons were fatally injured and nine others, all girls, were more or less seriously hurt today when a street car was struck at Fourteenth avenue crossing by a Michigan Central railroad train.

The fatally injured: James C. Smith, aged 55, Detroit. Miss Charlotte Martin, Mason City, Mich.

There were twenty-two passengers upon the car, a majority of them working girls. The car got past the gates before the train was sighted. The view was obstructed and the engineer did not see the street car until within seventy-five feet of it.

He was unable to stop the train and the engine struck the car in the middle, splitting it in two and hurling the wreckage around fifty feet. A few persons jumped and escaped injury. Others were thrown into a heap among the wreckage.

Engineer Smith was taken from the wreck with his skull fractured and other injuries about his head which will prove fatal. Miss Martin was injured internally. The others injured sustained cuts and bruises.

## Election Postponed

MADISON, Wis., March 22.—There will be no election of a United States senator to succeed John C. Spooner until May 14, according to an agreement reached among legislative leaders today.

## TABLE OF TEMPERATURES

City. Weather. Temperature. Min. Max.

Los Angeles, rain. 45 58

Boston, cloudy 38 50

St. Paul, clear 40 58

New York, cloudy 40 48

San Francisco, rain. 42 54

Salt Lake, clear 40 54

Denver, clear 40 54

Omaha, cloudy 50 58

Cincinnati, clear 54 62

Pittsburg, clear 58 66

Chicago, clear 62 72

Atlanta, clear 68 86

Little Rock, clear 68 86

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GRAND JURYPresident of United  
Railroads Will  
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on File

Abe Ruef May Be Guarded and Held  
Prisoner for Months in Mayor  
Schmitz' Residence

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—It was stated today at the prosecuting attorney's office that Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads company, would upon his arrival here from New York be given an opportunity to appear before the grand jury in connection with that body's investigation of the alleged bribery of the board of supervisors in the matter of an overhauled trolley franchise granted the United Railroads last May.

From the same source it was also learned that a number of secret indictments, which have not even been trusted to the secret file for fear that their contents might leak out, are not all against one person, but are said to contain the names of several.

To the Associated Press Abraham Ruef said today that he is considering the preparation of a statement to the public and he declared that when he tells his story it will contain sensational equal to the disclosures made by the alleged confessions of the supervisors.

He expressed the opinion that the investigation now going on was in furtherance of an organized attempt to seize the municipal government, and asserted that it was "government by indictment" instead of "government by injunction."

## No Bench Warrants Issued

The sixty-five charges of bribery against Ruef were today assigned by Presiding Judge Coffey to Judge Dunne's department of the superior court. They will be placed on the calendar tomorrow and arraignment set for some day early next week. To avoid possible conflict between the chief of police or sheriff and Mayor Elmer Briggs no bench warrants would be issued on these indictments.

It may be the irony of fate that the former residence of Mayor Schmitz, in which he resided when elected and often entertained and dined Ruef, where the mayor and the political boss laid many of their political campaign plans, may become Ruef's prison for some months.

The present owner is attempting to rent it to Elisor Biggy as a place of detention for Ruef when he takes the latter away from the St. Francis hotel. The true reason for the determination of the prosecution to take no immediate steps removing from office the supervisors was disclosed this afternoon. District Attorney Langdon stated that in order to remove them it would be necessary to prove the charges made against them.

## Langdon Explains

This would compel the prosecution to bring forward all its evidence and thereby disclose its entire hand before the trials of those who are or will be indicted. Assistant District Attorney Heney declared that the mayor, having the appointive power, could fill the vacancies created by the removal of the supervisors with men on whom the investigators had no hold.

To overcome this obstacle it would be necessary to first remove the mayor, and this Heney admitted the prosecution was in no position as yet to do.

It also developed that the district attorney's office would run counter of the same law that defeated the attempt of Ruef and Acting Mayor Gallagher last fall to remove District Attorney Langdon and appoint Ruef in his place.

While summary proceedings could be taken to remove the mayor, the issuance of a writ of probable cause by some judge would act as a stay of proceedings during appeal and by resorting to technicalities, the settling of the matter might be delayed until the mayor's term of office had expired.

## No Indictments Expected

The grand jury did not meet today, but will hold a short session tomorrow, at which time the investigation of the alleged telephone deal will be resumed. No indictments are expected to be filed tomorrow.

The same care and watchfulness that has marked the custody of Ruef will be exercised in guarding the jury against any possible outside influences when his trial begins. Instead of a bailiff or the sheriff having charge of the jury, District Attorney Langdon stated today that the jury will be placed in charge of Elisor W. J. Biggy.

This is said to be the first time in the legal history of the United States that an elisor has been appointed by a court to apprehend a defendant and given such power to keep him in custody during trial.

Up to the present time the ordinary functions of an elisor have been performed by a sheriff or a constable.

## Defies the Great "Bill" Watts

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MYSTERIOUS MR. RAFFLES  
OF NEW YORK ARRIVES  
IN THE CITY OF ANGELSWILL DEFY BOTH POLICE AND PUBLIC  
To Get \$1000 Reward It Will Only Be Necessary  
for You to Identify This Marvelous Person,  
Who Will Mingle With People  
Every Day and Night

In an effort to demonstrate conclusively to the people of Los Angeles the absolute inefficiency of the present day method of criminal identification as practiced by the local police bureau of this city, the Los Angeles Herald, at an enormous expense, has succeeded in inducing George Harris Donohue, "the mysterious Mr. Raffles," to invade Los Angeles and give a practical demonstration of his remarkable effort in this city.

For the first time in his experience Raffles has consented to match wits with the clever sleuths of the Pacific coast. During every presentation of his spectacular career in the east, George Harris Donohue has been confronted with but the elementary elicits of the real police business.

Immediately following the initial presentation of the mysterious Mr. Raffles in the Evening World nearly three years ago the Los Angeles Herald endeavored to induce George Harris Donohue to visit this city and present his game before the readers of this newspaper. At that time, however, Donohue had been taken in tow by the Star Publishing company, which incidentally at the present time is operating the Los Angeles Examiner, and was induced by David Carvahlo, the money man, to go to Chicago.

Imitators Are Weaklings  
Since that time George Harris Donohue has been imitated in this country on fifty-seven different occasions. Particularly enough, however, no one who has attempted to reproduce any one part of the man of mystery's work has been able to reach the public in the manner which Raffles himself has at all times been able to do.

In other words, in presenting the mysterious Mr. Raffles to the people of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Herald takes the specific distinction of announcing the fact that it is the only newspaper west of the Mississippi river to induce George Harris Donohue to carry out his spectacular game of hide and seek for the benefit of its readers.

After having gone through New Orleans for a period of twenty days, during which time he succeeded in introducing a humorous element of municipal discord in the Crescent City, Raffles jumps into Los Angeles with a deft to any person who can identify him after he has declared his intention of maintaining an incognito.

Is a Man with Rare Nerve  
He is here today. He has looked this town over with the sagacity of a criminal expert. He has declared to the management of this newspaper that it will be impossible for any member of the police department, any operative connected with any private detective bureau, or any man, woman or child conversant with police business, to capture him, and declares his capture impossible.

The mysterious Mr. Raffles has his nerve with him.

The Los Angeles Herald likes a man with nerve. The Los Angeles Herald, liking the mysterious Mr. Raffles, will offer a reward of \$1000 to the first man, woman or child in the city of Los Angeles who can identify this marvelous man of mystery immediately after his personal announcement of his official disappearance.

The game of the mysterious Mr. Raffles, in a nut shell, is he will talk to you, he will give you a chance individually to annex the reward of \$1000 offered for his capture by this newspaper and he will make the capture so easy that every man, woman and child in the city of Los Angeles will immediately become enrolled on the local detective bureau.

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gated the record of this marvelous man of mystery, and in offering this reward this newspaper feels confident that as an educational factor alone we are supplying our readers with a feature worthy of intense consideration from the minute of this man's disappearance to the second of his capture.

Raffles came into the office yesterday afternoon after having looked over the city of Los Angeles in his customary manner.

In answer to a series of pointed questions as to the maintenance of a complete incognito, he said:

"This town looks good to me. New York was difficult. Chicago was easy. Why? Because the town was so intense there was no answer to it."

"I don't know much about your police here in Los Angeles, but I suppose they are about the same as in any other town."

"You know I am an immune. The police all over the country tried to get me. If they offer \$1000 for my capture in this city I discover right rapidly where there will be warm times before some one annexes that handy little bankroll."

"If the people of Los Angeles start after me they will have to go some. I have gone over the town and they all look pretty good to me, but—I am the mysterious Mr. Raffles."

## Is the Original Raffles

The Los Angeles Herald in presenting the mysterious Mr. Raffles to its readers takes this opportunity of impressing this one particular fact: We are not bringing before you an imitator.

On the inception of the first Raffles pastiche in New York the San Francisco Bulletin attempted a duplication of the mysterious Mr. Raffles. That presentation met with a limited success and its later reproduction in this city by another amateur was simply a farcical replica of Donohue's work in Chicago and New York.

Raffles, the man of mystery, declares his ability to thoroughly hoodwink every man, woman and child in this city.

Can such a thing be possible? The admission of George Harris Donohue is admitted.

The Los Angeles Herald is satisfied it has many thousand clever readers among its subscribers.

The Los Angeles Herald, while it appreciates the cleverness of Donohue, the mysterious Mr. Raffles, has just this one little bit in its bonnet: That in Los Angeles Raffles will discover himself against a series of local amateur detectives inimical to the successful presentation of his remarkable game.

The Los Angeles Herald, after a serious consideration of local conditions and the close parallel between New York and this city, has come to the conclusion that it will be practically impossible to maintain a complete incognito in this