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COUNTIES RETURN SMALL INCOME TAX

Thomas F. Ryan, of Nelson, Gives in His Receipts at $152,000.

STATUTE DEFINES WHAT IS INCOME

Auditor Calls Attention to Law. Appomattox Has No One Who Gets More Than $2,000 the Year—Caroline Has One. Ten Counties Made Public.

Albemarle County, with a population of 29,871 people, has fifty-seven persons who have an income in excess of $2,000 in the course of a year, according to their own sworn returns. A good many of these are professors in the University of Virginia, which lies in that county. The list as published to-day is exclusive of the city of Charlottesville, which has previously been printed, but includes the Charlottesville Magisterial District of Albemarle County.

Not a single person in the county of Appomattox, with a population of 5,984, can manage to earn or to receive more than $2,000.

Only five people in Prince William County, out of 11,526, are successful in getting enough money to put them under the income tax law. Fifteen of the 7,848 people in Prince Edward County are in the list, and so are four of the 12,786 in Lunenburg.

Halifax County, with 13,014 population, one of the largest counties in the State, can muster twenty-six men and women whose incomes exceed $2,000. There are four in Clarke County, with 7,168 people, four in Nelson County, with 16,851, and two in Charles City County, with 6,250.

Only a single person in all of Caroline, with 16,536, makes more than $2,000.

Ryan Pays on $150,000.

Nelson County contains the tax returns of Thomas Fortune Ryan, the New York capitalist, who is a citizen of that county. Mr. Ryan swears that his income is $152,000 in the course of a year. This puts him second in the State. John P. Branch, of Richmond, whose income is $212,000, comes first.

Inquiry was made yesterday at the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts as to why the name of Aleah H. Martin, clerk of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County, was not published in the income tax list of The Times-Dispatch. The reason is that Mr. Martin reported he had no income in excess of $2,000 the year, unless the commissioner of the revenue has made a mistake.

What Is Income?

Sundry inquiries have been made of Auditor Moore as to what is properly income. He refers the applicants to the law on the subject, which is plain. In reply to a question, it is held to be evident under the law that the owner of a piece of property receiving rents from it may deduct the amount of interest he may pay on deferred purchase money notes on that property from his rents before computing his income. The remainder of the rent, however, is taxable. In case of the sale of cattle, the assessed value of the cattle the previous year may be deducted from the amount of the sale in counting income.

The law on the subject is as follows:

"Income shall include:

"First—All rents (except ground rents or rents-charge), salaries, interest upon notes, bonds or other evidences of debt of whatever description of the United States or any State or country, or any corporation, company, partnership, firm or individual collected or received during the year, less the interest due and paid during the year.

"Second—The amount of all premiums on gold, silver or coupons.

"Third—The amount of sales of live stock and meat of all kinds, less the value assessed thereon the previous year by the commissioner of the revenue.

"Fourth—The amount of sales of wood, butter, cheese, hay, tobacco, grain and other vegetables and agricultural productions during the preceding year, whether the same was grown during the preceding year or not, less all sums paid for taxes and for labor, fences, fertilizers, clover or other seed purchased and used upon the land upon which the vegetable and agricultural productions were grown or produced, and the rent of said land paid by said person, if he be not the owner thereof.

"Fifth—All other gains and profits derived from any source whatever.

"In addition to the sum of $2,000 as aforesaid, there shall be deducted from the income of the person assessed all losses sustained during the year; provided, further, that only one deduction of $2,000 shall be made from the aggregate income of any family, except that guardians may make a separate deduction of $2,000 in favor of each ward out of income coming to said ward."

The name of Mrs. Martha A. Wise was omitted from the list of income tax returns of Lee Ward, Richmond.

Following are the sworn returns from ten Virginia counties:

Albemarle County.

Charlottesville District—Russell Bradford, $2,465; Professor W. H. Echols, $3,500; Professor William M. Fontaine, $2,412; Professor Thomas Fitzhugh, $3,500; Professor C. A. Graves, $3,500; Daniel Harman, $3,000; W. O. Harrison, $3,025; Professor Charles W. Kent, $3,500; Professor W. M. Lile, $7,000; Professor Albert Lefevre, $3,000; Dr. J. W. Mallet, $3,495; Raleigh C. Minor, $4,300; Thomas W. Page, $7,500; Professor J. M. Page, $3,650; Hollis Rienhart, $12,000; Professor C. Alphonso Smith, $2,500; Profes-

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$1.50 Round Trip to Norfolk, Ocean View, Virginia Beach and Cape Henry every Sunday, via Norfolk and Western. Two fast trains. The "Atlantic Special" leaves at 8.10 A. M. and the "Cannon Ball" at 9.00. Quickest time. Best route.

CREMATED IN HOME

Mother and Six Children Lose Their Lives in Flames.

Rutherford, N. J., August 30.—Mrs. Emilio Debaro and six of her seven children, ranging from five months to twelve years of age met death early to-day in a fire which destroyed their home. Debaro, the husband and father and the seventh child, a boy of thirteen, escaped by jumping from a second-story window.

Debaro and his family made their home in a matchbox-like structure not far from the railroad station. The first floor was used as a bakery, the rear one of the two sleeping-rooms above was occupied by Mrs. Debaro and the six younger children. Debaro and the oldest boy slept in the front room.

Flames sweeping over the doorway to the bed awoke Debaro and the boy. They started to the doorway to rescue the woman and children, but a wall of fire checked them. With their night clothes blazing away they jumped from the window. So quickly did the flames do their work that the building was gone before the volunteer firemen reached it.

A boy searched the glowing embers for the bodies and found five of them in a huddled heap near the centre of the building. The woman, with the baby in her arms, lay near the window. Apparently she had met death in a futile attempt to escape after awakening the children.

Firemen believe that a spark from a passing locomotive may have started the fire.

THREE DEAD: EIGHT HURT

Speeding Passenger Train Crashes Into Wreckers' Crew Near Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, August 30.—Three men were killed, one fatally injured and a number slightly hurt when the Pennsylvania Railroad train which left Pittsburgh this morning from Cleveland over the Cleveland and Pittsburgh division ran into a wreck train engaged in clearing up a freight wreck that had occurred a short time before near Conway, west of this city.

The dead:

A. L. Coughenour, Cleveland, engineer of passenger train.

Two unidentified labors, Conway.

The injured:

L. C. Vaughan, Cleveland, fireman of passenger train (fatally crushed).

J. Robinson, Cleveland, baggagemaster, passenger train, slightly injured.

J. McAndrews, general yard master of Conway yards, cut by flying wreckage.

A. Reeder, laborer on wreck train, Conway.

Three of the wreck crew, slightly injured:

John P. Murphy, passenger.

Joseph Dolnick, passenger.

The wreck train from the Conway yards was clearing away the freight wreck and the engine section of a big steam derrick was out over the track on which the passenger train was approaching. Railroad officials say a flagman had given the proper warning, but for some unknown reason it was disregarded.

NEW RULES TO-MORROW

Postmaster-General Hitchcock Forwards Instructions to Postmasters.

Washington, August 30.—Postmaster-General Hitchcock forwarded to-day to 2,500 postmasters in city postoffices of the first and second class detailed instructions regarding the handling of Sunday mail under the law recently enacted by Congress providing that the postoffices be closed on Sundays. Instructions are calculated to reach postoffices affected by the law in time to be executed next Sunday. They will enable newspaper offices, news dealers and hotels to obtain their Sunday mail, which is to be regarded as "transient mail."

The plan of the department as provided in the instructions also will make it possible for persons expecting mail of exceptional importance to obtain it in emergency cases on Sunday by making application to the postmaster.

Adequate provision will be made for the prompt delivery of all mail matter sent under special delivery stamps.

HOPE FOR CLOSER UNITY

Canadian Statesmen Leave London on Way Home.

London, August 30.—High hopes for closer unity of the British empire for defense went with Robert L. Borden and Louis P. Pelletier, the Canadian Statesmen, when they left London this morning for Liverpool to embark for Montreal.

The Dominion premier and postmaster-general were cheered on their way by a large group of Canadians, who had gathered with the Canadian high commissioner, Lord Strathcona, to wish them farewell.

The conservative newspapers to-day expressed hopes of the result of Mr. Borden's mission in enlisting Canadian co-operation for imperial defense.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH

Brother of California State Senator and Woman Found Shot.

San Francisco, August 30.—The supposed suicide of Edward Finn, said to be a brother of State Senator Thomas Finn, and the probable fatal shooting of Virginia Rodriguez here late last night, disclosed a mystery to-day centring around Robert M. Harrison, who is held by the police.

Harrison was detained after he had told varying stories regarding the circumstances of the shooting. According to his stories to the police, Harrison was in the bathroom of the apartment which he and the Rodriguez woman occupied as Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, when Finn arrived.

He said he knew nothing of Finn's presence until he heard the three shots, ran from the room and found Finn dead on his kitchen floor and the woman lying at his feet.

STEPHENSON HAS COLD

Senator's Condition Declared to Be Not Serious.

Escanaba, Wis., August 30.—Reports received here to-day from United States Senator Isaac Stephenson's fishing camp in the woods state that the Senator is suffering from a slight cold, and that his condition is not as grave as was first thought.

It was stated that when he contracted the cold it was thought best to have physicians with him, and the fact that the physicians left this city hurriedly caused the report that the Senator's condition was serious.

FLIES AMERICAN FLAG

The Robert Thompson to Revive Merchant Vessel Prestige.

New York, August 30.—For the first time in thirty-five years a merchant vessel flying the American flag is about to sail from New York to a Mediterranean port.

The steamer which is to revive what was once an important branch of American shipping is the Robert Thompson, a new 100,000-ton boat named after Colonel Robert S. Thompson, president of the New York Athletic Club and chairman of the Olympic games committee from the United States.

Five Coal Miners Killed.

Gel Senkirchen, Prussia, August 30.—Five coal miners were killed and another dangerously injured by falling down one of the shafts here this morning. The accident was caused by the collapse of a wooden platform.

DYNAMITE 'PLANT' CHARGED TO WOOD

President of American Woolen Company Is Under Arrest.

HE IS RELEASED ON $5,000 BAIL

Stoutly Denies Knowledge of Any Plot to Bring Discredit on Strike Leaders—Another Prominent Business Man of Boston Is Under Indictment.

Boston, Mass., August 30.—William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, was placed under arrest to-day, charged with conspiracy in connection with the alleged "planting" of dynamite in the city of Lawrence during the textile strike there last winter. It is charged that the dynamite was secreted with the intention of discrediting the strikers by implying that the explosive was to be used by them to destroy property of manufacturers. Mr. Wood, who is one of the leading manufacturers of woolen goods of the country, was at once released on $5,000 bail.

The indictment against Mr. Wood was one of three returned by the grand jury yesterday in connection with its investigation of the alleged conspiracy. Detectives connected with the office of District Attorney Pelletier to-day visited the fashionable home in Brookline of a prominent Boston business man, who is named in one of the indictments. He was found to be ill, and with the understanding that he is to surrender next week, probably Tuesday, service of the indictment was not made. The third person indicted, Dennis J. Collins, of Cambridge, was arrested yesterday and is in jail in default of bail.

Has Strong Case.

District Attorney Pelletier said tonight that he believed he had a strong case in support of the indictments.

The American Woolen Company, which bore the brunt of the great Lawrence strike from January 12 until March 14, controls thirty-three manufacturing plants in New England and New York State. It has a capitalization of $75,000,000 and employs 35,000 operatives when all the machinery is in motion. About 15,000 persons are on the pay rolls of the company's mills in Lawrence.

After his conference with Assistant District Attorney Melsaac, Mr. Wood said:

"I cannot conceive what information could have been presented to the jurors which in any way connected me with the so-called dynamite plot. I certainly had no connection with it, and this fact will be fully established at the proper time, to the satisfaction of the public and even to the district attorney. Beyond this I have nothing to say."

The discovery of dynamite in a Syrian lodging house, a cobbler's shop and a cemetery in Lawrence last January, while the textile strike was at its height, caused a sensation. The strike leaders denied that they had any intention of using an explosive to further their plans, and charged that the dynamite had been "planted" for the purpose of discrediting the labor unions.

Soon afterward John J. Breen, a Lawrence undertaker, was arrested on a charge of having unlawfully placed the dynamite in the places where it was found. Breen was found guilty and fined $500. No further court action was taken in the case until the Suffolk County proceedings were started this week.

WINS AVIATION PRIZES

S. F. Cody Takes Two in England, Amounting to $25,000.

London, August 30.—The two leading prizes in British army aviation were awarded to-day by the British war office to S. F. Cody, once an American citizen, but now a naturalized British subject.

The announcement was made of results of the recent army aviation meeting at Salisbury Plain military camp. It showed that Mr. Cody had won the principal award, the first prize of £4,000 ($20,000), in the competition open to the airmen of the entire world flying in aeroplanes of any system made in any country. Mr. Cody used a biplane of his own construction.

Armand Deperdussin, a Frenchman, carried off second prize of £2,000 ($10,000) in the same competition in a monoplane of his own make.

Mr. Cody was again the winner in the contest open to British subjects only, who were compelled to fly machines built, with the exception of the motors, in the United Kingdom. Again, with a biplane of his own invention Mr. Cody won £1,000 ($5,000).

BOMB IN MILK BOTTLE

Explosion in New York Tenement Endangers the Occupants.

New York, August 30.—A bomb made by filling a milk bottle with explosive, covering this with wax and attaching a fuse, was exploded on the top floor of a six-story tenement on East Ninety-ninth Street early to-day, nearly causing the death of a score of persons from among the twenty-four families in the house. Several were slightly injured by fragments of flying glass.

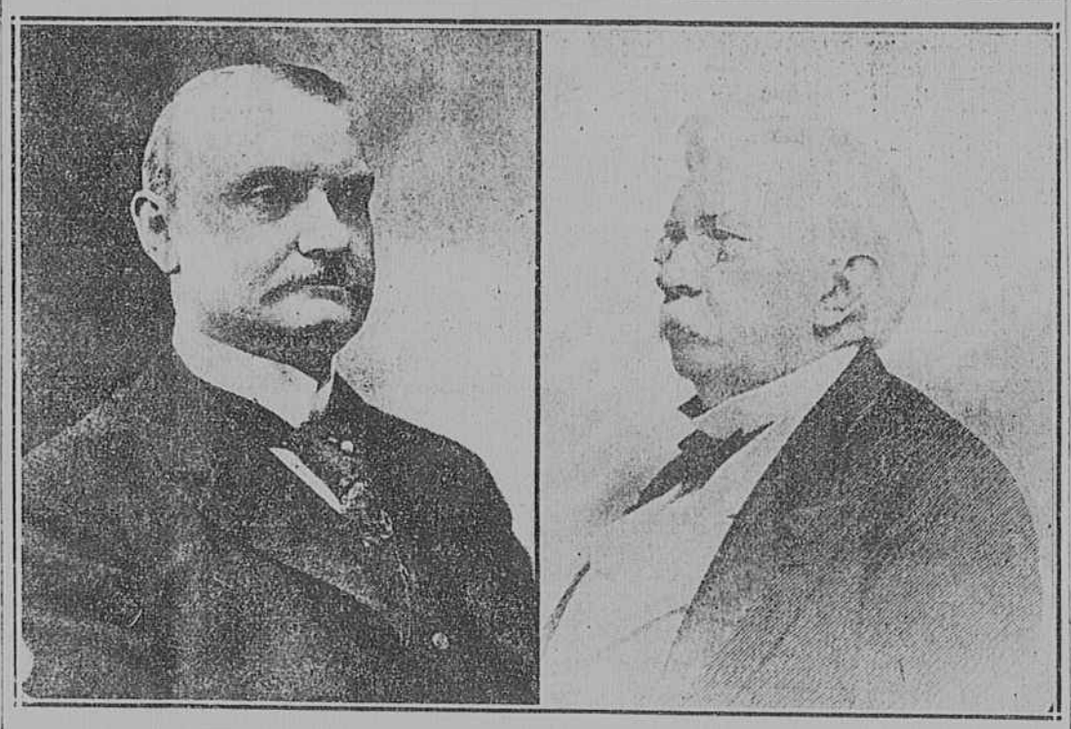
The police declare they have no clue to the identity of the person who planted the bomb.

BOY KILLED: SCORE IN PERIL

Six Unconscious Persons Rescued From Fire in Hoboken Tenement.

Hoboken, N. J., August 30.—Fire in a four-story frame tenement directly across the street from St. Mary's Hospital caused the death early to-day of seven-year-old Edward Lynquist and imperiled the lives of a score who were saved by the use of scaling ladders and by jumping from the windows. Six persons were rescued in an unconscious condition. None of the occupants of the building saved more than the night clothes they wore. The blaze originated, it is believed, from a gas jet in the cellar, which was left burning during the night.

Branch's Income Greater Than Ryan's



THOMAS FORTUNE RYAN. JOHN P. BRANCH.

FIGHT IS CARRIED TO SUPREME COURT

Taft Followers Hope to Have Kansas Decision Reversed.

RECORD OF CASE FILED

Claim Set Up That President's Forces Are Being Deprived of Their Rights.

Washington, August 30.—The fight between the Taft and Roosevelt forces over the presidential electors from Kansas to-day was transferred officially from the courts of that State to the Supreme Court of the United States, when the record of the case was filed in the United States Supreme Court here. It will be rushed to the printer so that the court may dispose of the case immediately upon convening October 14.

The transfer of the record of the litigation was in response to the command of Associate Justices Van Devanter and Pitney, given August 8, at New York upon the request of the Taft attorneys. The decision of the Kansas courts was adverse to the Taft followers, and the main hope of the Taft managers to procure the electoral vote of Kansas lies in the fight to get the Supreme Court of the United States to reverse the State Supreme Court.

As shown by the completed record just filed, the Taft forces claim that they have been fraudulently deprived of rights guaranteed them by the fourteenth amendment to the United States Constitution. It is charged that the so-called Roosevelt electors procured the signatures of the Taft men to their petitions as candidates for electors by pretending that they were Republicans, and as such, would be bound by the rules, regulations and customs of that party and would support the party's candidates for President and Vice-President.

As a matter of fact, it is added, these candidates did not intend to be bound by the rules and customs of the Republican party, nor to support the party's candidates for President and Vice-President, unless Theodore Roosevelt was nominated by the Republican party for President. The result of the alleged fraud, it is claimed, will be to deprive Taft men of their right to vote for the person selected by them for President while permitting other citizens to vote for the person selected by them, all notwithstanding the requirement of the fourteenth amendment that a State shall give all its citizens equal rights and equal protection of the law. The record further declares that the Supreme Court of Kansas has held the rights claimed are political instead of judicial questions such as the courts may decide. In answer to this, it is set up that if the Australian ballot law and the primary election law of Kansas are to be so interpreted, these laws are unconstitutional.

It is understood that a motion will be made when the court convenes October 21 to advance the case for immediate hearing, and that the motion will be granted so that a decision may be announced before election day.

CARS PLUNGE OVER TRESTLE

One Killed and Seventeen Hurt in Train Wreck at Temple, Tex.

Temple, Tex., August 30.—One man was killed, two seriously hurt and sixteen slightly injured to-day when a northbound Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway train jumped the track three miles north of here and the mail and two cars plunged from a trestle into a ravine.

The man killed was John H. Pierce, of Winnsboro, Tex., the news agent on the train, and was on his first run. The most seriously injured were J. G. Cox, of Leander, Tex., a passenger, who was pinned under a car, and a negro porter.

The engine remained on the trestle, as did four Pullmans on the rear of the train, but two coaches and the express car crashed into the ditch below, a drop of fifteen feet.

Find Couple Dead From Wounds.

Philadelphia, August 30.—With gunshot wounds in their heads, James McManus, twenty-four years old, and his wife, Anna, nineteen, were found dead at their home in West Philadelphia today. The police believe the woman was shot by her husband, who then committed suicide.

COLOSSAL WEALTH FADES WHEN TAXED

Multimillionaire Swears That His Total Income Does Not Exceed $152,000 a Year.

NOT RICHEST "VIRGINIAN"

Owner of "Oak Ridge" Takes Second Rank, Richmond Man Being First.

Although a great deal is heard of the colossal wealth of Thomas Fortune Ryan, the American Tobacco Company genius and New York multimillionaire, who is a citizen of Virginia, it now appears that this State can produce another man whose income exceeds that of Mr. Ryan. This is John Patteson Branch, of Richmond.

The sworn tax returns reveal that Mr. Branch has an income of $212,000, while the same source of information shows that Mr. Ryan can only succeed in making, from all sources, the sum of $152,000. It would appear that Mr. Ryan is not nearly so rich as he has been painted after all. At least, so say the tax returns.

Must Give Entire Income.

As a resident and citizen of this State, Mr. Ryan is required to give in his entire income, whether earned in Wall Street or on his farm, "Oak Ridge," in Nelson. The $152,000 is supposed to represent all he can secure from rents, interest on his securities, dividends on his stocks and the earnings of the sweat of his brow.

The magnate is a citizen of Nelson and a voter there. He was a delegate from the Tenth Congressional District to the National Democratic Convention in Baltimore, where he voted for Oscar W. Underwood until the final day, when the delegation decided, in a meeting held in his absence, to vote as a unit for Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Ryan's supposed wealth, it seems, does not exist in the proportions in which it has been described. His own sworn tax returns make him play second fiddle to another Virginian—Mr. Branch.

TEXT-BOOK IS OUT

It Will Furnish Material for Campaign Spellbinders.

New York, August 30.—The Democratic textbook for the 1912 campaign, a book of more than 400 pages, was issued to-day. It is the joint publication of the Democratic National Committee and the Democratic Congressional Committee. Its contents include the platforms of three parties, the speeches of acceptance of Woodrow Wilson and Thomas R. Marshall, and a mass of material on the tariff and high cost of living.

At the same time the national committee gave out an article calling attention to the publication in the textbook of a purported receipt for a $10,000 contribution by the United States Steel Corporation to the Republican campaign fund in 1904.

Caught by Balloon Rope and Hurled to Death

Flint, Mich., August 30.—In the presence of hundreds of people, fourteen-year-old Chester Betts, son of Bert N. Betts, of Flint, was accidentally caught by the guy rope of a balloon to-day and carried about 2,000 feet in the air before the rope untangled and hurled him to his death. He crashed against the roof of a barn, and was still alive when spectators reached him, but he soon expired.

The tragedy occurred at a county fair, and when the balloon and aeronaut shot upwards, many people thought the youth dangling at the end of the rope was a dummy. The heroic efforts of the balloonist to rescue the boy soon disclosed the truth to the crowd below. As the big gas bag crept higher and higher the aeronaut, in peril of his own safety, could be seen working desperately to pull the dangling form to the trapeze. Finally the rope swirled away from the lad, and the tiny form dropped downward like a stone.

CUBAN PLOTTERS BACK OF ATTACK

Believed to Have Urged Reporter to Assault American Charge.

ULTIMATE OBJECT UNKNOWN

Portion of Cuban Press Is Printing Articles Termed "Disgraceful."

Washington, August 30.—That Enrique Maza, the reporter who attacked Hugh Gibson, the American charge of the legation in Havana, last Tuesday night, was merely a tool in the hands of Cuban plotters who are antagonistic to the United States, and would like to get the Cuban government into trouble with this country, was the opinion expressed here to-day by Senor Martin-Rivero, the Cuban minister. He was of the belief, he said, that Maza had not attacked Mr. Gibson of his own volition, but that he had been urged on by others who had made him think he had been insulted and that he should seek revenge.

Under no circumstances, no matter what his provocation may have been, said the minister, was Maza justified in the action he took. That justice would be done in the case was the declaration of Senor Rivero.

The minister has notified his government of the demands of the United States that the assailant be punished. As soon as he had learned of the attack, the minister had "spontaneously sent word to Cuba," he said, that the United States had laws rendering virtually immune from attack the person of foreign representatives here, and that, on account of this reciprocity, the full vigor of the Cuban law should be applied. In case of a country which does not protect Cuban representatives, said the minister, no further rights are extended to its diplomats than to any other foreigner. He immediately called attention, he said, to this clause in their laws.

The State Department, late to-day, was informed by the American legation at Havana of the attacks that have been made by a portion of the Cuban press upon Mr. Gibson, upon the American contractors, the pressing of whose claim for compensation caused a personal assault upon Mr. Gibson, and upon the United States government and people. The officials declared that these articles were "disgraceful," and while they were not prepared at the moment to announce their purpose, it was evident that some strong representations are to be made to the Cuban government against this treatment of an American diplomatic officer.

Some of these Havana publications are regarded as having been written with the deliberate purpose of trying to force a duel upon the American charge. The State Department will never permit its representative to be drawn into any such personal quarrels, and it will look to the Cuban government to deal summarily and severely with any individual or newspaper guilty of violating the laws of diplomatic privilege common to all civilized countries.

Reporter Arrested Again.

Havana, August 30.—In consequence of a vigorous protest by Hugh Gibson, charge d'affaires of the American legation here, against the release on trivial bail of Enrique Maza, the newspaper reporter who assaulted him last Monday night, Maza was arrested for the third time to-day by order of the Audiencia Court and committed to jail to await indictment. Immediately after the rearrest of Maza, the squad of secret service men, who had been detailed to watch the American legation, and to attend Mr. Gibson wherever he went, was relieved from duty. Mr. Gibson's vigorous insistence that his assailant be prosecuted aroused today a fresh storm of indignation among the newspapers comprising the anti-American section of the press.

The government professes its inability to stop these attacks.

The prosecution of Maza will be begun as soon as Mr. Gibson makes a formal complaint against him. This probably will be done to-morrow.

INDICTED GUN MEN READY TO TESTIFY

Will Turn State's Evidence to Save Themselves From Chair.

CHANCE TO ESCAPE EXTREME PENALTY

McIntyre Bitter Over "Trial of Becker in Newspapers," Which He Calls Disgraceful—Denies "Gib the Blood" and "Lefty Louie" Will Be Produced.

New York, August 30.—"Whitey" Lewis and "Dago" Frank Cirillo, the indicted gun men in the Rosenthal murder case, were reported to-day to be ready to turn State's evidence on condition that they be let off with light sentences. The men had received favorably, it was said, the offer of a certain lawyer, who visited them in the Tombs to-day, to use his influence with District Attorney Whitman to get them off with a light punishment in return for a "squeal." The lawyer assured them that this was their one chance to escape the extreme penalty of the murder charge against them, according to the report, and that they could probably get off with five years each. The gun men then authorized the lawyer to negotiate terms with the district attorney, it was said, but owing to Mr. Whitman's departure for Manchester, Vt., to remain over Sunday no action was taken by the lawyer.

John F. McIntyre, counsel for Lieutenant Charles Becker, indicted as instigator of the murder, issued a statement to-day declaring that the trial of Becker in the newspapers has been a disgraceful proceeding."

"Day after day," said Mr. McIntyre, "that which transpired in the grand jury room is expressed broadcast, and done only with one viewpoint—to so bias and prejudice the public mind that the accused will be denied a fair and impartial trial.

"Every sacred right guaranteed by the Constitution has been obliterated, and every tradition of criminal jurisprudence violated. Never in the history of the country has there been such a spectacle.

"An indictment was found some weeks ago against Becker, yet if we are told aright by the newspapers, every day since then, some one who it is assumed will testify for the defendant is brought to the grand jury room, and there, as it is stated in the public prints, grilled by the district attorney."

Done to Menace Witnesses.

"It is done to menace or intimidate to an extent that is alarming many that are willing and anxious to tell the truth in behalf of the defense. It is not usual for a district attorney to call witnesses supposed to be for the defense in the guise of a grand jury mandate, obviously to learn what the defendant and his witnesses will say upon a trial to be had.

"It is a most novel way of anticipating a defense, and, in my judgment, unlawful."

Mr. McIntyre denied reports that "Gib the Blood" and "Lefty Louie" would be produced by the defense as witnesses, or that any witnesses for the State had been "spirited away."

Becker's counsel, it is understood, has agreed with District Attorney Whitman to interpose no legal technicalities looking to further delay of his client's trial, when Becker is arraigned for pleading next Tuesday.

Aside from the postponement of the trial of Captain Cornelius G. Hayes, on the charge of making a false statement to Commissioner Waldo, in connection with disorderly house conditions, interest in police circles centred to-day upon the appointment of Captain Joseph Faurot to temporary command of the detective bureau. While Faurot, who has been in charge of the "finger print bureau" of the department, was officially assigned to take charge of the bureau only during the absence of Inspector Hughes, who is on sick leave, it was rumored that the appointment would be made permanent.

OPENING UP RAILWAY

Southerland is in Control of Situation in Nicaragua.

Washington, August 30.—Rear-Admiral W. H. H. Southerland has reiterated to the Navy Department his original statement, made soon after his landing at Corinto, that he can control the situation in Nicaragua with the forces now ashore in that country, and the marines that are en route. His message, was dated at Corinto, 4 P. M. yesterday, and stated that Commander Terhune, of the gunboat Annapolis, already has succeeded in opening up the railway for fifteen miles from the coast. He has with him a force of 500 bluejackets and marines, and after repairing the tracks and bridges, he proceeded last night as far as the important town of Chinandaga, regarded as a rebel outpost.

Commander Terhune has two locomotives and twenty-five cars with him, with all the facilities and material for repairing the tracks and bridges as he goes along.

It appears that in addition to keeping open the cable station at San Juan Del Sur, which is the only outlet to the official dispatches from Managua to Corinto, Admiral Southerland had another object in dispatching the Denver to that cable point. He was informed that a band of revolutionists had appeared in the vicinity and was threatening to capture the town. With the Denver's guns cleared for action that will now be impossible.

CLUE TO MISSING CHILD

Reported to Have Been Seen in Custody of Italian Woman.

Opelousas, La., August 30.—Little Robert Dunnar, Jr., four years of age, who disappeared a week ago, and is now believed to have been kidnapped, was reported to have been seen this afternoon with an Italian woman near Lobdell. Sheriff Swords, accompanied by the child's parents, left to-night to investigate the clue.