

PRETTY WIFE SPEEDS TO AID POET SEVERIN

Accused Forger of Consulate Seal Held Here; "Explains" Back-to-Reason Society Plans

While Gustava Severin, German artist, poet, lecturer, is in the city here his pretty young wife has sped east to Philadelphia, to plead with the Swiss consulate of that city for his release.

Severin's arrest in Seattle came after a spectacular trans-continental chase, on a warrant issued by the Swiss consulate, charging him with having forged the consulate seal. He was brought here yesterday.

He is also charged with obtaining \$800 under false pretenses from Hans von Sydow, 2545 Mission st., while organizer of a prospective company and of a German Back-to-Reason Society.

Severin, who is an erect military figure, clicks his heels and bows from the waist, talked frankly in the city jail of his adventures yesterday, admitted that he had obtained money, but denied any wrong doing. **TALKS OF SITUATION.**

"I am a victim of circumstances," he said. "I don't know what I would have done if my wife had not stood by me."

Severin declared that the forging of the Swiss seal in Philadelphia was done by another man and that he had merely acted as the innocent go-between. He said:

"My idea in establishing the Back-to-Reason Society was simply to establish an association of German-Americans to act co-operatively in political affairs under the American government.

"My articles and lectures attracted a great deal of attention in this country and Germany; in fact I was invited by influential men in my own country to come back and run for a seat in the Reichstag.

"I also had a plan for promoting a news weekly of motion pictures to show conditions throughout Europe. It was in pursuance of this plan that Mr. Von Sydow loaned me \$600. It was a business deal, I gave him a receipt for it. But when the warrant came through from Philadelphia he evidently thought I was not trustworthy."

Six weeks ago detectives went to the address where Severin was living with his wife, at 1283 Page st., with the Philadelphia warrant for his arrest.

Severin was in bed, but asked permission to go to an adjoining room to change his clothes. There he escaped by a back door, went to the home of Rev. Rudolph Arps 1263 Fulton av., treasurer of the Back-to-Reason Society, borrowed a suit and fled.

Wetmore's Lead on Harris Is Now 39

In the election recount of the ballots for supervisors at the last election John G. Wetmore is leading Frank Harris by 39 votes. There are, however, a number of ballots to be passed on by Judge Perry Johnson this morning, which Harris claims will reduce Wetmore's lead to 31.

Harris' adherents also claim that now that the ballots north of Market street are being counted he will get back the votes Wetmore gained in the southern portion of the city.

Supervisor Deasy has a margin of 172 votes over Harris.

Hoof Beats Still Stir This Man Palace Doorman Recalls Past "Gee," Girl Reporter Enthuses

By DOROTHY BENNETT

He opened the door of an automobile outside the Palace and helped the young lady out onto the sidewalk, then he turned to me and said, "What do you want?" very fierce and growling.

"You're an outside man, aren't you?" I said, scared but curious.

"I'm an 'outside man,' yes," he growled, with his two rows of brass buttons sticking up and his black silk but firmly above his stern old face. "I open the doors of the automobiles so people can get out when they drive up to this hotel. I was at the old Cliff House for many years, handling all the horses, because all the horsemen used to go there."

He gave a careful hand to an old gentleman and helped him into his car, and then shut the door and stood under the sidewalk awning, stiff and straight like a soldier, or a marble column. The automobiles drove up to him, and he gave them orders, and put people into them, while I admired the way his buttons flashed.

"Did you open the doors of the carriages?" I asked him, when he showed away the last car.

"HE'D TIE THE HORSES UP. He gave a funny little grunt of surprise at my ignorance, and said that there weren't any doors in carriages, so he couldn't open them or shut them. But he'd catch the horses when they drew up and lead them away and tie them."

"It's easier to have automobiles, though," he thought. "They tie themselves up, and you don't have to grab them quickly for fear they'll run away. All the old horsemen used to go to the beach when I was at the Cliff House, and I'd handle their horses."

"I like horses," I said, watching the taxis and lovely private cars

going by our awning as if there weren't any more horses in the city. The old door-opener grunted and nodded, and his face was awfully fierce while he waved at a long blue car and told its driver to come around in half an hour again.

"There aren't many of them left, though," I went on, and he nodded again, and looked so straight and stiff that I thought maybe I'd made him angry. But he was only thinking about the horses he'd handled, and he began to tell me how lively they were, and how they ran away if he didn't grab them just as they drew up. He'd been run over by some of them, too, when they were feeling awfully frisky.

"Isn't it nice to have automobiles, where there isn't any risk or anything when you open their doors?" I shuddered at the stories he'd told me of being run down with frisky horses shimmying on him.

Then his buttons and his hat stuck right up, and he turned a cold blue eye on me.

"HORSES ALL RIGHT."

"I'd have you know that horses are all right," he rumbled, very dignified, "and I've handled them for many years."

And he grunted scornfully at the automobiles all around him, and the automobiles dashed past, not caring what he thought of them. I heard a loud noise down the street, and there came a team of huge draying horses, parading past the old "outside man" and me with their big hoofs clattering.

"Gee, they're big and husky, aren't they?" I looked at their patient, long faces and their wise, brown eyes that gave the old man a friendly side glance.

"I'll have you know," said the "outside man," smoothing his white gloves and glaring around, "I'll have you know that all horses are playful at times, and frisky when they're young, but there isn't any harm in them—not any. I've handled them for many years, and I know."

"Yes, sir," I said, wishing all the naughty automobiles could hear him and see that there was somebody who liked horses better than he did cars.

SUNSET TUNNEL PLAN IS FOUGHT

Opponents of the proposal to make an assessment district to pay for a tunnel for an extension of the municipal street railway into the Sunset District had a hearing before the Supervisors' committee on public utilities yesterday.

A number of large owners of lots in that section have employed counsel to oppose the plan. Attorney E. C. Harrison said that he represented 4,000 lots. Attorney Maxwell McNitt represented other large owners while Carl Larson, owner of many blocks of land, was another protestant. Among others who spoke against the plan were: John O'Neill, W. C. Callahan, Thomas Kieruff, W. C. Cavitt and Thomas Robinson.

If any tunnel is built these protestants claim that it should be done at the general expense of the city. They favor the building of an extension of the municipal street line from the beach to connect with the Twin Peaks tunnel at Laguna Honda, which entails no expense to the property owners. This would involve a transfer and going down an elevator at Laguna Honda station to connect with the line operating through the Twin Peaks tunnel.

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Two Commissions Allowed in Sale Of Estate Land

Of interest particularly to realty brokers is a decision made by Judge Graham yesterday, when he ruled that in estates where realty is to be sold both the broker submitting the first acceptable bid and the broker submitting the highest bid are to receive commissions.

A piece of property in the estate of Edward H. Commins had been ordered sold and a bid of \$6,000 had been submitted to the court for confirmation. A new bid of \$6,700 was submitted and accepted.

It has long been the practice of Judge Graham to allow a commission of 5 per cent to the man making the first bid, in this case \$6,000, and also a commission of 5 per cent on the increase of \$700 to the broker making the highest offer. Objection to this was made yesterday, attorneys claiming that the broker whose bid was accepted should receive 5 per cent of \$6,700. Judge Graham announced that he would welcome a test case to determine which method is right.

Don't forget the de luxe auction today at Curtis, 575 Sutter.—Adv.

JEWISH RELIEF CHECKS ARRIVE

That San Francisco will far exceed its quota of \$300,000 in the nation-wide appeal of the American Jewish Relief Committee was indicated yesterday when a flood of voluntary subscriptions was received at campaign headquarters here.

A sample mail yesterday disclosed a total of \$1,100 in small subscriptions given by persons of many faiths, according to H. J. Lawrence, campaign manager.

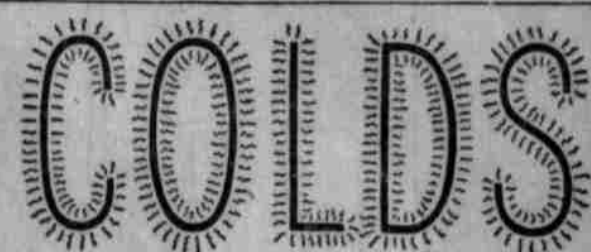
Plans for the opening dinner of the local campaign workers to be held Sunday evening at the St. Francis Hotel have been completed. Tables have been reserved by Moses A. Gunst, Morgan A. Gunst, Edwin Abbey, Simon Davis and J. B. Levinson, all of whom will entertain a large number of guests.

The principal talk of the evening will be made by Dr. Boris H. Bogen of New York, who will tell of the famine conditions in Ukraine and Southwestern Europe, from where he recently returned. Other speakers will include David A. Brown, campaign director; Jacob Billikopf and several prominent San Franciscans.

Witness Jailed to Insure Appearance

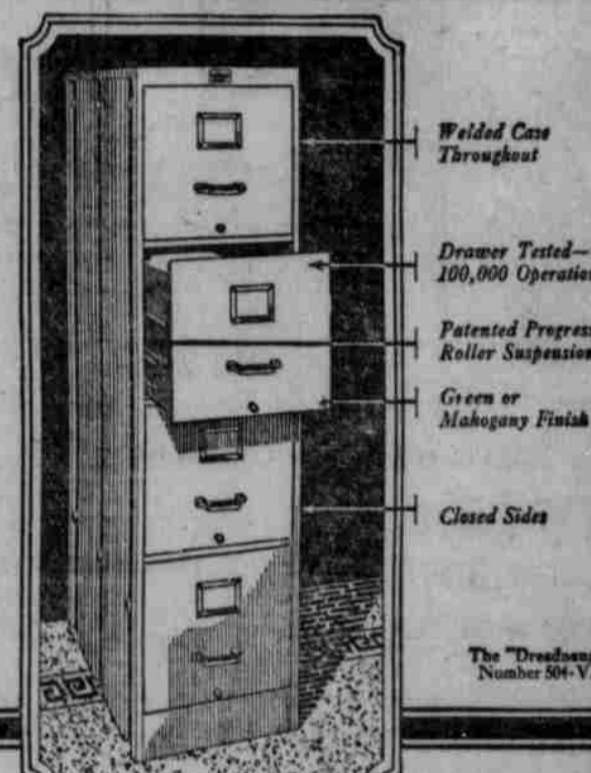
On the petition of Assistant United States District Attorney Grove J. Fink, Judge M. T. Dooling yesterday ordered the arrest of Thomas Griffin as a detained witness. Griffin is wanted to testify against George Gianio, under indictment for violating the Harrison

narcotic law. Fear that Griffin would flee caused the District Attorney to act. Griffin was arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Frank J. Ralph in Oakland yesterday. Griffin was unable to furnish a \$500 bond to guarantee his appearance in court, so was placed in the Alameda county jail. While being held as a government witness, Griffin will be paid a fee of \$1 a day.



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Conscience Traps Soldier Leaving With Army Loot

Boyd Hoover has a conscience that may be strained. He was a soldier at the Presidio until Tuesday. He was honorably discharged. He had been a good soldier and a respectable citizen. Yesterday he telephoned to the military authorities that his conscience had smitten him. Over the phone he said he had taken some things when he left the barracks and that he wanted to return them. He said he could be found in the New York House, 513 Howard st.

Down came Corporal Harry Morrow and a private. Hoover was contrite. He dug up the articles. Then Morrow said: "We'll have to arrest you." That was more than Hoover could stand. He had suffered enough from his conscience. He said he would be dashed if he would be arrested.

Fair Weather for S. F. Says Forecaster

Conditions are favorable for fair weather throughout California today according to the forecast announced last night by E. A. Beale, United States weather forecaster here.

While moderate northerly winds are predicted for the bay region, a light frost was forecast for the early morning in the interior of the State with gentle winds, mostly northerly.

Eureka was the only place in the State to report rain yesterday, and only a little fell there, it was said.

The cold spell, which prevailed during the past week, and which brought the most severe freeze in California since 1913, is about over, according to the weather man. Temperatures are moderating daily although warm weather is not yet in sight.

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