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14 ARE INDIGTED IN SMUGGLERS' PLOT

Ex-Customs Men Confess Before Grand Jury to Operations of Ring.

OPIUM DOUBLES IN PRICE

Sudden Developments Have Immediate Effect-Ten of Accused Men Are Recently Dismissed Employes in Federal Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2 .- Ten former guards in the customs service in mer guards in the customs service in San Francisco, two civilians and two Chinose were indicted today by the Federal grand jury on charges of smuggling opium. The confessions of former officers of the customs service that were made to the grand jury brought to light the existence of a ring of smugglers, who, for the most part Gevernment employes, brought many thousands of dollars' worth of the drug into this country during the long period

Government employed worth of the drug into this country during the long period the ring has been operating here. Eight of those indicted were customs guards and were dismissed from Gov-ernment service only last Saturday. They are: J. J. Brelan, G. E. Baik, E. E. Vargas, P. W. Craigie, E. J. Gallagher, A. G. Reay, John McGeough and Manuel Joneph. Two of the others indicted, Max Miller and Ellas Ellison, were for-merly in the service and were dismissed some time ago. Two others are John McKenna, a watchman, and A. J. Tay-ior. The latter is now under arrest in Los Angeles and is named as one of the heads of the ring who acted as receivheads of the ring who acted as receiv-ing agent. The two Chinese are Young Tal and Soo Hoo Fong, said to have seted as distributers.

Guards Confess Methods Used.

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Oplum Price Sours Suddenly.

Oplum Price Sours Suddenly. No estimate has been placed on the amount or value of the oplum that has been smuggled into the country by members of the ring. Reay and Mo-Geoug told the jury, however, that guards who carried oplum ashore from the Oriental liners made a premium of from \$5 to \$6 atin and the price of oplum in Chinatown, it is said, is normally \$40 a th. Disclosures concerning the oplum ring have had a definite effect on this price, for it was said tonight the cost of a five-tael tin has soared to nearly \$100. According to the confessions, A. J.

nt North Haven, three miles south of the wreck, led them all. According to the officials, an engin-cer may pass a "banjo" signal set at red after he has brought his train to a stop. This, according to the railroad officials, the engineer of the Bar Har-bor Express did, and then came to an-other stop about 100 feet on the other side of the signal, a mile north of North Haven. TAFT SEES MENACE North Haven. This opened the signal in the previ-

ous block, a mile away and down a stretch of track, plunging through the thick fog, came the White Mountain Express, with the impetus of seven cars, baggage car, day coach and five sleepers behind.

Warning Torpedoes Exploded. Meantime the flagman, C. H. Murray, of the Bar Harbor train, had gone back with the torpedoes a distance, it was said, of 400 feet. The torpedoes went off, according to officials of the road and some of the train crew. Then came

the crash According to Vice-President Whaley of the New Haven, it would not have been possible at the speed the train was making for Engineer Miller to was making for Engineer Miller to stop within 1500 feet after he saw the signal. The engineer did not see it, he said, unti he was almost upon it and scarcely more than 100 feet from the rear of the Bar Harbor express, and at the same moment he heard the torpedces.

and at the same moment he heard the torpedces. "I do not wish to place any blame on the engineer," said Mr. Whaley, "but in view of the forgy conditions, a ques-tion to be determined is whether he was running too fast under the cir-cumstances. There is no rule of the road which would require him to make up time and take a risk while run-ning in a for, and as far as I know he received instructions to make up time." Chief Engineer Elwell said tonight that the New Haven had been advised twice by the Public Utilities Commission to abolish the "banjo" system, once last December and again in March, fol-lowing minor wrecks, in both of which the blame was hald at the door of the "banjo" system. Silience Follows Crnsb.

Silence Follows Crash.

Passengers in both trains were asleep when the collision occurred. The White Mountain engine, No. 1337, twin of the new Pacific superheated locomo-tive that figured in the Stanford wreck of last June, plowed through the two parlor cars of the Bar Harbor Express branch Express.

Express. For several minutes after the first shock there was silence, the passengers said, and then sounded the screams of the wounded. Passengers from both trains turned out to the work of rescue. Trolley cars were pressed into serv-ice to bring to New Haven both the

trains were eximined. Later what pur-ported to be a synopsis of the testi-mony was given out. According to this recital every pos-sible precaution was taken. The flag-man of the Bar Harbor Express went back when his train stopped, placed torpedoes on the track and stood ready

torpedoes on the track and stood ready to stop any train that might be fol-lowing. He was recalled by an engine whistle. The engineer of the oncoming train saw him, heard the torpedoes ex-plode and saw the red builseye of the "banjo" block signal leap out of the fog—but saw and heard too late to stop. There is little left of the store of the standard of the judiciary. I affirm

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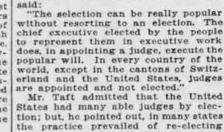
American Bar Association Warned

MONTREAL, Sept. 2 .--- William H. Taft, in an address tonight before the annual meeting of the American Bar Association, returned to one of the is-sues of the campaign in which he was sues of the campaign in which he was defeated for re-election and advocated greater independence of the judiciary. His subject was "The Selection and Tenure of Judges." He argued that judges should be appointed instead of elected, and that they should hold office for life.

elected, and that they should hold office for life. "The greater the independence of the courts," said Mr. Taft, "the stronger their influence and the more satisfac-tory their jurisdiction and the admin-istration of justice. In popular gov-ernment the most difficult problem is to determine a satisfactory method of se-lecting the members of its judicial branch.

People's Rights Preserved.

Selection of judges by appointment, he declared, did not altogether deprive the people of the right of selection. He



Office Cannot Seek Man.

"Like all the candidates for office to be elected under such conditions, judges," he said, "are expected to conconditions. judges," he said, "are expected to con-duct their own canvass for nomination, to pay the expenses of their own can-didacy in the primary and insofar as any special effort is to be made in favor of their nomination and election, they are to make it themselves. They are necessarily put in the attitude of supplicants before the people for pre-ferment to judicial places. "Under the convention system it happened not infrequently, for reasons I have explained, that men who were not candidates were nominated for the bench, but in no case can the office

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