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San Francisco, Aug. 2.—A special dispatch from San Diego to the Call says:

From an official source, the reliability of which cannot be doubted, because of its connection with the court itself, it has just become known what, in substance, will be the report of the court of inquiry now investigating the Bennington disaster. It may be stated authoritatively that the court will find that boiler "B" of the Bennington exploded not because of unusually high pressure but because the metal of the crown sheet and the bolts holding the crown sheet in place had become "dead" and had lost all life and nearly all tensile strength by reason of constant use and the failure to renew the weakened place during the 20 years that the ill-fated Bennington was in service. The court will not censure the officers of the Bennington, but will pass up the matter and the responsibility to higher authority.

BOY MURDERER BAILED OUT.

Case of H. Illingworth to go to Grand Jury in September.

Somerville, Aug. 2.—Harry Illingworth, fourteen years old, who has been confined in the Somerset county jail here for a month, on the charge of murdering 5-year-old Katie Jakel, by hitting her on the head with a stone, was released on a habeas corpus proceeding instituted by his counsel, ex-Congressman Alvah A. Clark, before Judge Lewis H. Schenk, in the Somerset county court here, today.

Judge Schenk ordered Sheriff Cooper to release the boy under \$5,000 bail. He was taken from the jail to the home of his parents in Raritan where he will remain until his case is brought before the Somerset county grand jury, in September.

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