

STAR, WASHINGTON.

# BOATS SEARCH BAY FOR BODY OF HART

## Two Said to Have Admitted Kidnaping Youth Lost Air of Bravado.

By the Associated Press.

**SAN FRANCISCO, November 17.**—Officers resumed dropping a section of San Francisco Bay today for the body of Brooks L. Hart, kidnaping victim.

Four boats searched the water near the San Mateo Bridge, south of here, at the point where Thomas H. Thurmond and John Holmes, in their alleged confession, made public yesterday, said they beat the youth into unconsciousness, bound and weighted him and threw him into the swirling currents about an hour after missing him in San Jose November 6.

A strip of cloth corresponding to the material of the shirt which young Hart wore when he disappeared, was found by the grapplers yesterday. It had attached to it what officers believed to be a piece of human flesh.

Still held in the San Francisco Jail as a precaution against possible mob action in San Jose, scene of the abduction, Thurmond and Holmes lost the air of bravado which they had exhibited in the earlier stages of their captivity. Officers said they would take them to the scene of the grapping in an effort to locate the body if the present search proved fruitless.

Thurmond looks down and sobbed at the City Jail "show-up" of prisoners today.

Holmes was visited by his father, Maurice Holmes, and an attorney, IRE H. LARSON of Stockton.

"I CAN'T believe it is true," said the father. "John has always been an even-tempered, steady boy. I cannot understand it."

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corresponded to that of the shirt  
worn by the young victim on the  
day of his disappearance from  
San Jose last Thursday.

Scores of deputy sheriffs and  
police trooped the bay with grap-  
pling hooks, searching for the  
body of the 22-year-old youth who  
was knocked unconscious, bound  
with baling wire, and then thrown  
from the bridge into the water by  
his abductors.

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after taking to their boats in  
mountainous seas Wednesday  
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all days having elapsed since the  
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sighted by any of several ships which  
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## All Hope Abandoned

### For Missing Sailors

LONDON, Nov. 11 (AP)—Abandoning hope for the crew of the British freighter *Sandby*, shipping circles today agreed that a search party must have departed after taking to their boats in the North Atlantic. With more than 100 all days having elapsed since the sailing, a few SOS signals were heard and the ship still unaccounted for by any of several ships which searched the scene of the disaster. It was believed certain they had perished.

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**San Francisco Boy Drugged As 2 Kidnapers Admited Drowning Victim**

**HAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11 (L.N.S.)**—A piece of a man's shirt was recovered from the waters of San Francisco Bay near the San Mateo Bridge early today by police dragging the bottom with grappling hooks for the body of Brooke Hart, murdered kidnap victim. The piece of green-coated cloth corresponded to that of the shirt worn by the young victim on the day of his disappearance from San Jose last Thursday. Groves, a deputy sheriff and police trooper, examined the shirt and found it was the property of the 22-year-old youth, who was knocked unconscious, bound with baling wire and then thrown from the bridge into the water by the abductor.

**Kidnapers Spilted Away As Mob Threatens Jail**

**SAN JOSE, Cal., Nov. 11 (L.N.S.)**—District Attorney Fred Thomas of Santa Clara county, declared today he would invoke California's new kidnap statute, demanding the death penalty for the kidnapers and slayers of Brooke L. Hart, 22-year-old son of a wealthy department store owner. The confessed kidnapers, Jack Thomas, Thurmond and Jack Holman, were secretly rushed under heavy guard to the city jail in San Francisco, 50 miles north of here, when an escaped mob stormed the Santa Clara county jail, shouting "Truck them!"

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**All Hope Abandoned For Missing Sailors**

**LONDON, Nov. 11 (L.N.S.)**—Abandoning hope for the crew of the British freighter *Sally*, shipping circles today agreed the 22 seamen must have drowned after taking to their boats in rough weather. The British freighter *Sally*, carrying citrus and other goods, was reported to have been sighted on the night of Nov. 10 by a British patrol ship. The ship was last seen on the night of Nov. 10, and the crew was reported to have been sighted on the night of Nov. 10. The ship was last seen on the night of Nov. 10, and the crew was reported to have been sighted on the night of Nov. 10.

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# Young Hart's Body Is Sought in Bay

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...night. His parents were bombarded with ransom demands, but the men confessed that they dragged ... and threw his body into the bay soon after the abduction.

Search for young Hart's body continued thro the night. Powerful searchlights illuminated the area of the bridge from which, according to Thurmond's and Holmes' purported confessions, they threw the "still struggling" body of the victim.

Police prepared to spread the hunt along the shores of the bay on the possibility that the weights attached to the body might have slipped off and permitted it to float.

## CAUGHT AT TELEPHONE

Only recovery of the body was needed to complete the denouement of northern California's first major kidnaping case. Sheriff William Young arrested Thurmond in the telephone booth of a garage here yesterday. The arrest came six days after young Hart had disappeared while en route to the San Jose Country Club to meet his father, Alex J. Hart, wealthy businessman.

Thurmond had just finished a call demanding \$40,000 ransom of the father. He was taken to the courtroom and questioned for many hours. Finally he broke down and implicated Holmes, police said. The father, married and father of two children, was found at a hotel here. Max Blum, local businessman, was delegated to tell the family the tragic news.

## PARENTS COLLAPSE

The father, worn and haggard by a week's ceaseless vigil, fainted when Blum told him that the boy whom Hart revered as a "second son" was believed dead. The mother, under medical care since the disappearance, collapsed. The news prostrated the two sisters and the younger brother of the curly-haired victim who had become vice president of his father's department store immediately after his graduation from Santa Clara University.

The mother's condition was reported critical.

According to Sheriff Ewig, Thurmond and Holmes killed Brock Hart because of "fear of detection."

Thurmond's confession, as made public here, said that Holmes suggested the kidnaping plot several weeks ago. Thurmond said he was drawn into it because he had quarreled with his sweetheart.

## AT PARKING LOT

Holmes and young Hart at a parking lot Nov. 9 and forced himself into Hart's machine by threatening with what appeared to be a gun, the confession said. Thurmond followed the machine to another car. They met at an appointed place and Hart's roadster was abandoned.

With Hart in the rear seat and Holmes driving, the three proceeded in the second car to the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge, 20 miles north. Midway across they stopped and Hart was ordered out of the car, the confession said.

The stories of Thurmond and Holmes differed in the next details, police said. The former claimed Holmes struck Hart with a brick, beating him on the head until he stopped yelling and dropped, unconscious. Holmes reportedly said Hart fell against a bridge girder. The unconscious form was bound with baking wire, weighted with bricks, and dropped into the water.

## DEMANDED \$40,000

Thurmond came to San Francisco to make the first telephone call demanding \$40,000 ransom. Holmes remained in San Jose during the following days while Thurmond moved to Sacramento and later to San Francisco to mail new ransom demands.

Hart insisted that the abductors furnish proof his son was alive. His failure to keep an appointment led Thurmond to make the telephone call which brought the arrests. The prisoners appeared indifferent.

"It made no difference to us that Hart was dead. We still thought we could collect the \$40,000," Holmes reportedly said.

Some question of jurisdiction in the case arose due to the uncertainty of the place where the alleged slaying occurred. While Dist. Atty. Thomas of Santa Clara County was prepared to prosecute under kidnaping charges, the district attorney of the neighboring county of Alameda was said to favor a murder indictment. The bridge connects the two counties.

## TO WITHHOLD ACTION

Federal Dist. Atty. H. H. McPherson also indicated he would seek indictments under 1825 Federal "Lindbergh" kidnaping law, as the U. S. courts were said to convey ransom demands.

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**CONFESSED MURDER  
CALLS SELF 'SCREW'**

*By David Price*

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** — Thomas Tharmond, 29, one of the two men who confessed the murder of young Brooke L. Hart, blamed his participation in the crime on a girl "who turned me down."

"That just broke me up," said Tharmond. "I've been nuts ever since. I ain't a high guy. I'm just screwy."

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The San Jose Kidnapping

The kidnapping and murder of young Brooke Hart at San Jose, Calif., last week, yesterday solved by the confession of his captors and slayers, has no parallel in American crime records. Two young men conceived the plan of abducting the youth for ransom and within an hour after taking him had mortally wounded him and thrown his bound body from a bridge. They then opened negotiations by telephone with his father for his return upon payment of \$40,000. Trapped by an inspection tapping of the telephone lines by Federal operatives, who had been summoned for the investigation, these men have confessed and acknowledged that they had no intention of restoring their hostage, but had slain him because, as one of them said, they "didn't want to bother with keeping him around the countryside, and we didn't want to take the chance of his ransoming and giving us away."

These young men were not of the criminal class. They were members of good families and had no record of misbehavior. They conceived the plan of kidnaping as a way to "easy money." Strangely enough, they seem to have

been attracted to their hazardous enterprise by recent reports that they were not deterred by the successful arrest of gangsters of experience and criminal ability who have lately been imprisoned.

The capture and confession of these men, with virtual assurance of their prompt conviction and execution for murder, for which the highest credit should be given to the Federal operative, should be a further deterrent to kidnaping for ransom in this country, which in the past few years has been one of the most serious problems of American citizenship and the efficacy of the law.

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### ROUNDING UP THE KIDNAPERS.

The son of Alva Hart, well-known resident of San Francisco, Cal., did not keep an appointment with his father and the next day kidnapers telephoned the father from a San Francisco hotel that they were holding the young man and wanted \$40,000 to release him.

Ransom extortions are still operating, but the industry rests under some powerful late discouragements. One of its latest buffets is the rounding up at Chicago of a gang said to number a dozen and to have extorted a total of \$400,000 from half a dozen victims, \$120,000 from one man. Frank Souder who runs a gambling den at Benton is one. Jack Chute, sought, as is said, by federal as well as state officers for seven years, is another. Edward Wagner, Julian Jones, Edward LaRoe, Dean Swobey are the names of others against whom the abduction charge is brought. As in the case of the Alva kidnaping, one of the gang was apprehended on substantial suspicion and confessed, thus acquainting the officers with the identity of his fellow criminals.

A point to be emphasized is that all these conspirators are men of the gangster type who have led irregular lives and engaged in miscellaneous depredations, apparently with little obstruction from the law. Had justice had its due after their earlier operations, they would now be where they could not make destructive inroads on society. However it was that they escaped the terrors of the law, they were led by their immunity to keep on their course, committing crimes still bolder and still more desperate.

The breaking up of another kidnaping band called the Touhy gang must result from their trial at St. Paul for the Hamm abduction. They are indicted at Chicago as well in connection with the swooping of \$75,000 from Jake Factor, called Jake the Barber, himself involved in an extortion proceeding in a charge of swindling abroad. When the seed of lawlessness is once permitted to be sown, increasing yields in successive crops of crime may be depended on. Much of worth underlies the laws defining enemies of society in view of the special lawless conditions that have prevailed.

While the Factor case is a recent one it is to be noted that many abductions in which members of one or the other or both of these gangs have engaged, date back to the notorious bootlegging days of 1929 and 1931. That the most of them have been rather inactive for many months in consequence of the increasing risk of kidnaping affords ground for optimism in continuing the war against them.

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Re: JOHN M. HOLMES  
 HAROLD THURMOND  
 BROOKS HART - Victim.  
 Kidnaping.

San Francisco Times, dated Nov. 17, 1933

**Let Justice Be Swift**

ONE ray of light breaks through the pall of horror thrown over the community by the kidnaping and murder of Brooks Hart—that shed by the skill and speed with which officers of the law have caught the perpetrators and forced them to confess. It is had enough to know that such black-hearted criminality and cowardice can exist at all among us. It is worse to realize that their detection had to wait for the perpetration of a crime that has taken the life of a fine young man and bereaved his family after inflicting unspeakable mental torture upon its members. But worst of all would have been a repetition in this ghastly case of the baffling failure of justice that followed the Lindbergh tragedy.

Sheriff Emtz and his men and the officers of the Department of Justice have struck swiftly and decisively. They have put the fear of the law into the hearts of other criminals whose warped and degenerate minds may have been planning similar atrocities. Kidnaping, they have demonstrated, does not pay in this neck of the woods.

As for the guilty, the facts of the case call for swift punishment to the limit of the penalty provided, which is death. No two men will ever mount the scaffold with less sympathy from the public or with a more general feeling that justice and the ends of society have been served.

That the murderers are not professional criminals but family men who have lived apparently normal lives up to this time only increases our horror at the deed. For it weakens the theory that such crimes are perpetrated by a definite and organized criminal class against which society can declare war. Organized gangs are bad enough, but they strike less terror than the thought that men like Thurmond and Holmes may be moving unsuspected among us.

Here is ghastly evidence of how the crime virus can spread, once the notion is permitted to get abroad among weak-minded and vicious men that criminals can get away with it. And our great indebtedness to the officers who have acted so decisively in this case is that they have dealt this theory a dramatic and telling blow.

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## Way of the Kidnapers Hard and Unprofitable

KIDNAPERS have had no worse news than the President's order to the Department of Justice men to step into all kidnaping cases, and this regardless of whether Federal laws are involved. The national network is spread for all kidnapers. Whether the crime is entirely local or crosses State lines or uses or does not use the mails will make no difference. The Federal men will be in there helping the local police with all the facilities of their national system.

What the Federal men have achieved this summer in the cases the new national law has enabled them to enter makes the outlook black for kidnapers when the Department of Justice gets into all cases. The kidnapers have had a hard season. Most of this summer's operators are now either in penitentiaries or close to the gates and headed in. As a business kidnaping has run far into the red. The prospect is good for throwing it into complete bankruptcy.

Among major kidnapings the Lindbergh case is the only apparent exception. That may any day cease to be an exception to the general rule of hard going for kidnapers. The Federal men do not sleep. Even if the Lindbergh case remains unsolved the percentage is tremendously against kidnapers. They can be caught and they are caught and punished. It must be an exceedingly stupid criminal now who decides to take up kidnaping.

Stupidity stands out foremost in the two San Jose young men who murdered Brooke Hart in the hope of cheating his family out of a ransom. What they no doubt thought was daring was only dumb rashness. Their scheme did not have a chance in the face of an active and intelligent Sheriff's office and the experienced Federal men.

And now that the law has them and holds them for justice we see them as all they are—a couple of boobs each in panic anxiety to shift the blame to the other.

Not only kidnapers but the assumed heroes of crime have had a hard summer. "Machine Gun" Kelly, the well-advertised hard bad man, was added into a common craven when the test came. Certainly Thurmond and Holmes lend no glamour to crime.

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# Today

Crime Does Not Pay  
One Baby, Two Murders  
When Russia Grows Rich  
New Ideas for Ladies

BY ARTHUR BRERANE  
 MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 19  
**C**RIME does not pay. Two young  
 men in California kidnaped a  
 youth, 22 years old, and  
 found that they murdered him.  
 After the murder, seeking to extort  
 \$25,000, they telephoned the parents  
 "the only thing worth \$25,000  
 your son, with little danger to you.  
 They did kill him, but not with  
 "little gadget." Both are in jail  
 near to leave from California. The  
 case has dangerous their kidnapping  
 was.  
 The case is the Department of  
 Justice and Secret Service. The  
 matter is too highly publicized and  
 might have become a dangerous  
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By Arthur Brisbane

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MIAMI, FLA., NOV. 16.

CRIME does not pay. Two young men by California kidnaped a youth, 12 years old and confess that they murdered him. After the murder, seeking to extort \$48,000, they telephoned the parents "the easiest thing would be to kill your son with little danger to us." They did kill him, but not with "little danger." Both are in jail, soon to learn from California justice how dangerous their kidnaping was.

Thanks to the Department of Justice and Secret Service, which earlier he was highly praised, kidnaping has become a dangerous industry.

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# THOMAS TO ASK

## QUICK JUSTICE PROMISED BY PROSECUTOR

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The two Oakland men said they did not hear any shots.

### ADMITS SHOOTING

With the smoking revolver still in his hand, Thurmond climbed back over the railing, according to Holmes, and sneezed.

"Well, he won't believe any more. We won't come up again after that."

Holmes said Thurmond then clapped his hands together—as if shutting them off—and put the revolver, an old-fashioned .41 caliber pistol, into his pocket.

The second bit of corroborating testimony was furnished by two other Oakland residents, Andrew Williams, wealthy operator of a chain store, and Mrs. Williams.

Both believed they passed by the hideout on the bridge shortly after Hart's body had been thrown into the water. The couple were driving from San Mateo to the mainland side when they spotted a car of the same make as that of the kidnapers' car.

Mrs. Williams said that two men were near the car. One was walking toward the rear of the machine. The other was fumbling in the back of the car.

### IDENTIFY KILLER

The third strand of testimony was furnished by Tony Carvalho, San Jose ornamental brick dealer.

Carvalho identified a photograph of Thurmond as the man who purchased three concrete bricks from him.

"He came into my shop two weeks ago and picked up a brick and asked how much it weighed," Carvalho said. "I told him it weighed . . ."

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FACED THURMOND  
BROCKE L. HART - THURMOND  
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# DEATH FOR

# HART SLAYERS

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# SEEK MOOSE FOR HART KILLERS

Prosecutor Thomas Plans  
Quick Justice in  
Santa Clara

SAN JOSE, Nov. 18 (INS).—  
"There must be no slipup in the  
case against the confessed mur-  
derers and kidnapers of Brooke  
Hart."

With this declaration, District At-  
torney Fred Thomas of Santa Clara  
County issued orders today to police  
to make diligent search every part  
of the county for any person with  
lingering knowledge of the  
brutal slaying.

"We have the signed confessions  
of Jack Nelson and Ralph Thom-  
son that they bound their victim  
with lumps of ice and shot several  
times at him after throwing him  
from the San Mateo bridge into  
the water," Thomas said.

## TO PREVENT DEATH

"They were delivered conviction  
in the city. Thomas pounded the  
gavel on the desk and declared:

"These men deserve hanging,  
and there's what they'll get."  
While the wheels of legal justice  
were grinding toward swift justice  
and a speedy trial, preliminary hear-  
ing of which probably will be held  
next week, under California's new kidnap  
statute making abduction where  
bodily harm is done a death penalty,  
the grim search of lower San Fran-  
cisco Bay continued for the body of  
Hart.

Carrying out Thomas' orders, po-  
lice obtained statements from two  
Oakland men who

plied the him his of correspondence  
testimony.

"We had just returned to the  
boat and shore in San Jose a week  
ago Thursday night, November 8,"  
they said. "We heard the cries of  
a man shouting 'Help! Help! Help!'"

"It was then we saw Nelson  
bridge, about three-quarters of a  
mile out to sea, that we heard  
the cries."

"We saw the police on the water  
at the bridge, that night. It was only  
a few moments later that we heard  
the pleading cries for help. We  
got our boat out over the men, Nelson  
said. Then there were no more  
cries, and the boat turned around  
and went back."

In detail, the wood-patchery plain-  
tiffs furnished with the declara-  
tions of Thompson and Nelson,  
capt in San Francisco.

Hansen declared in his confession  
that Thompson jumped over the  
bridge railing and leaped almost  
down to the water's edge and then  
died several shots of young Hart,  
who was struggling in the water.

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# FLIER THINKS HART BODY LOCATED

Kidnap Victim Declared  
Seen in Bay Waters Near  
Alameda Side

Urgent need for money to carry  
on an Alameda Bay affair with a San  
Jose woman exposed Jack Nelson  
to plot the kidnaping and murder  
of young Brooke Hart, it was  
learned in San Jose today.

At the same time the search for  
the slain boy was started when Pilot  
Charles Conley of San Carlos re-  
ported to authorities he spotted what  
may be Brooke Hart's body in the  
water two miles south of the San  
Mateo Bay bridge.

## LOOKS LIKE BODY

"I was flying about twenty feet  
and above the water," Conley said.  
"I saw a man in the water, about  
two miles south of the spot where  
he was supposed to have been  
thrown into the bay."

Conley said he flew over the spot  
three times with Tom DeVaney,  
New Alameda in the east to  
San Jose. Jack Nelson and Thomas Thom-  
son, confessed kidnapers and  
killers, were held incommunicado  
in the city police here as San Jose  
officials completed plans for a  
speedy trial.

Hansen indicated to San Francisco  
officials that he would plead not  
guilty and repudiate his partner,  
Hansen.

The San Jose woman, identified  
as a girl between Hansen  
and his wife, Kathryn, said to be  
young and

Charles Conley discovered that Nelson  
approached a San Jose man and  
asked him to extend a pay-  
ment for the "Hart" case  
and in that case, according to  
Conley, "have money men."

San Jose man's name of the slain  
victim was reported toward it as  
a result of search and grab.

Investigation of the San  
Mateo, where Thompson and Nelson  
was thrown overboard, showed that  
the body was in an unmarked  
spot. The Alameda Bay search  
will continue until the body is  
found, authorities said.

THE COUNTY BLACK  
PANEL WILL MEET IN SAN JOSE  
TODAY

**PLANE GETS HART**

**BODY CLUE**



# SISTER PLANS FOR FUTURE

Tragedy struck twice in the circle frequented by Brooks Hart, San Jose kidnap-murder victim. It had been revealed today.

Young Hart's oldest friend, Jerome Downing, who had been married but a few months, was killed recently by a fall from a horse. Hart was with him at the time and was a pallbearer at the funeral.

Young Downing, his bride, Brooks Hart and his adored sister, Miriam, planned a four-day sojourn to attend the St. Mary's Santa Clara game tomorrow. Miriam Hart had returned today. Miriam was down around the big house and plans for the future now, she said today.

"I'm going to try to take Brooks's place in the class," she said. "I haven't the education he had, but I'm not going back to school. My father will send me there, and I want to be with him."

"Alone? She'll probably stay here with mother. I don't think she'll go back to school either."

"Jane's a darling. Jane stands around a friend of Brooks Hart's. We're pretty sure she's here. She's to graduate from college this June and we've been trying to persuade her to go back and finish her course. I don't know what we would have done without her, and without the Cohen's. They've all three stayed here in the home and have more comfort than I can say."

"Brooks was a pallbearer for Jerome. He was riding with him when he was killed. The faculty and their friends had lunch at the Downing place after the funeral. They tried to make a part of a party of it. Jerome had said that was what he wanted. If anything ever happened to him, and when Brooks came home he told us just he felt the same way."

"Mother's up and around, but I don't think she knows what has happened. She's been so sick and worried, and the shock was so horrible. The doctor told us to let her cry and talk about it so much she gets that she'll get it out of her system that way—and it will be a long time before she can bear to reminisce. She won't even stay in her room. It's hard on Brooks."

## SORRY FOR FAMILY

"What is the Malone family like?" she asked. "I'd sure like to know for them. We have only friendly memories of Brooks—he never brought sorrow to me, and we know she went and she's a gentle soul. I'm sorry for them. We never had to be satisfied for my brother."

"But it doesn't really matter what they do with Jane. I hope there will be something to happen. But that isn't being positive. I don't know what I will do. I'll stay with father and mother until they have decided on it. But we know it can't be long."

Victim.

San Francisco

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## FIND WOMAN IN HART CASE

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That word is that Hart before he was struck on the head with a brick.

Sheriff King was informed by Thurmond that the block and the wire had been carried by him and Holmes as "spare." But they were found in the mud at almost the same spot where Thurmond said murder was done.

The block was found by Inspectors Walter Donoho and James McConnell of San Francisco and turned over to Sheriff King. They said it was clearly visible in the mud at law.

The mystery woman in the case has already been questioned, Sheriff King said. Her name is known and she is said to have admitted Holmes was "very" stout boy.

Holmes, investigators learned, was anxious to obtain a divorce and money, this woman, but lacked the necessary funds.

Meanwhile, as Sheriff King and Department of Justice men continue searching the district, police at the point, the two kidnapers were kept in the city prison as public indignation mounted in San Francisco. "Extraordinary" precautions were taken to prevent such violence.

### LYNCH THREAT

While Thurmond and Holmes were being grilled in the offices of investigation offices at 985 Market street last night, a crowd gathered, and some of them shouted, "Lynch them! Lynch them!"

During the questioning, Thurmond again admitted the crime had been planned for ten days before it was carried out. It was their intention, he said, to kill Hart at once and collect the ransom money afterward.

Holmes was strangely silent, as he talked to Inspector George Felt.

"Do you think I could sleep as soundly as I do if I did this thing?" he said.

Thurmond revealed that Hart was also struck with the butt of a gun before being thrown into the bay.

"He gurgled as he hit the water," he said. "Holmes fired once and then I asked for the gun. I fired three more shots at him as he sank."

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