

CHARLES SHARP'S DESERTED WIFE.

She Wearies of Waiting for Him in Sacramento.

Now She is Sick and Penniless in a San Francisco Hotel—A Bride's Sad Story.

Three weeks ago Charles C. Sharp disappeared mysteriously from his home in this city, leaving a young wife penniless and among strangers. A few days since she wearies of waiting for him to return and went to San Francisco in search of him.

Mrs. Sharp is at the American Exchange Hotel in that city, and some friends whom she has made since her arrival have assisted her, but the relatives of her husband, whom she never met before, have, she says, rendered her no aid.

The mystery of the disappearance of her husband has so preyed upon her that she is confined to her bed. Her reason is threatened, and she has had several fits of hysterics.

Sharp is 38 years old, of slight build, five feet nine inches tall, and wears a small grayish mustache and a mere suggestion of gray side whiskers.

Though Sharp is a Californian by birth, he left here when a boy, and has since wandered over a good part of the earth. He was married once before, but, according to his story, his wife was drowned through shipwreck.

"Over a year ago Sharp arrived at Reading, Eng., where I lived," said Mrs. Sharp to a reporter on Saturday night. "He came from South Africa, and had plenty of money, which he had made in land deals on the Cape Peninsula. He was also interested in a gold mine there. The money he had he spent freely, and there was nothing I wanted he did not get for me."

"He never drank, had no bad habits whatever, and was kind and courteous to everybody. He was taken by every body to be a physician, though he was by occupation a farmer and tinsmith, and also understood one or two other trades."

"I saw him draw \$200 out of one bank, and he always had all he wanted. My maiden name was Ellen Thompson, and my relatives stand high in England."

"Our marriage occurred on December 11th, and five days later he sailed on the City of Berlin for New York. On arriving there we went to Hanover, Dakota, and visited Mr. Sharp's mother for a week. Then we came on to San Francisco."

"My husband meantime told me he had lost his money, and that it was necessary that he get employment. He tried here, and then we went to Forest Hill, in which mining camp his father operated his barber shop. But business was dull, and after a month we went to Sacramento."

"We stopped at the house where Mrs. Kittie Moore was shot. I volunteered my services as nurse, as it was thought that I also should get something to do."

"The next morning my husband, after kissing me as usual, left on the 10:25 train for Lathrop. That is the last I saw or heard of him. When I got here I met Frank Sharp of the Custom-house, who is the brother of my husband. I was taken over to his home in Oakland, but pretty soon he begged to denounce my husband. He charged him with having at one time killed a man, and also with having committed forgery. He stormed and raged and said he would kill Charley if he ever saw him."

"My husband looks older than he really is. The reason is that in Africa he was bitten by a poisonous snake, a cobra. He came near dying, and the poison was what caused his hair to fall out. He showed me the scar on his hand made by the snake. When he left Sacramento he had some money and several fine diamonds of his own, and a diamond ring and brooch belonging to me. He also took as baggage a portmanteau, valise, a bag and a traveling rug, besides a cane and umbrella."

"Mrs. Sharp says her husband was worried and despondent over his financial losses and she fears he has committed suicide. Several ladies at the hotel are temporarily caring for the lady and the British Benevolent Society has been notified of her penniless condition. She is 25 years old, and looks considerably younger."

THE "DANGER" LINE.

That of the River to be Known Officially as Twenty-Eight Feet.

During the January storm, when the river was pretty well up, the RECORD-UNION protested against Forester Orford Hawmon of San Francisco referring to the so-called "danger line" at Sacramento when the river was but twenty-five feet above low-water mark.

Director Barwick's attention was called to the matter, and he admitted that it was wrong to refer to twenty-five feet of water as the "danger" line at this point, since the river could carry thirty odd feet, so far as the Sacramento levees are concerned.

ON SUSPICION.

Boys Who Are Thought to Have Plundered a Buggy.

QUEER PHENOMENA IN THE OCEAN.

An Upheaval on the Island of San Miguel.

Changes Made on the Shore Line—What the Owner of the Island Has to Say About It.

James A. Barwick, Director of the State Weather Service in this city, yesterday received the following letter from William G. Waters, owner and occupant of San Miguel island, one of a group of four or five islands lying off the coast of Santa Barbara. The letter is dated the 12th of this month, on the island, and says:

James A. Barwick—DEAR SIR: There has been quite a commotion on San Miguel island. The land which formed the harbor on the west side of the harbor has sunk more than sixty feet and forced itself under the beach, not only raising it, but stones which had lain at the water's edge for years are now fifteen feet above it.

The west side of the harbor will be entirely changed, and boats cannot come so near the shore as formerly. The extent of this upheaval along the shore more than 100 feet and the land—or some of it—is over thirty feet above the beach. So sudden was the change that fish and crabs were left high and dry thirty feet above the water.

I felt a shake last Thursday, the 7th of March, about 2 P. M., but as the wind was blowing hard at the time I thought but little about it. On Sunday I found out the cause. This may be of interest to the Weather Bureau, but it may be of science.

If you have time to spare, and would like to overlook the island, come to Santa Barbara. Stop at the Arlington with my old friend L. W. Gaty, who will tell you how to get here. If you have any spare rain, send me about ten inches more. Sincerely yours,

CAPTAIN WILLIAM G. WATERS. LATER—Since writing my letter the captain of my sloop has come into the harbor. He says: "There is one fathom more water where I anchor than before." He also says the harbor on the west side is deeper than before the upheaval.

There have been any shocks from earthquakes on the mainland, and was this one? I am in doubt. The date mentioned by Waters—there was a slight shock of earthquake felt on Mount Hamilton, Santa Clara County, where the Luck Observatory is located. It was slight and of the kind, just such as would have caused the upheaval at San Miguel island.

The instrument used for registering seismic disturbances at the Observatory stood a vertical displacement of about a half-inch. The disturbance was not felt elsewhere at least none was reported. It is not unlikely that the San Miguel shock had something to do with that experienced in Santa Clara.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Hon. Dennis Spencer of Napa has been visiting the city. L. Eklus and H. S. Crocker are both up from San Francisco. S. Luke Howe has returned home from an extended Eastern trip.

Dr. M. Gardner of San Francisco is registered at the Capital Hotel. R. F. Murdock of Ireland, Colusa County, is at the Golden Eagle. Miss Eda Beringer of Beringer Villa, St. Helena, is visiting Miss Adele Grant of this city.

Miss Amy Turner, daughter of ex-Mayor Turner, leaves to-day on a visit to friends in Los Angeles. Governor Budd went to San Francisco yesterday to get a respite of a day or two from the cares of office.

Dr. T. W. Huntington writes from Washington, D. C., that he expected to be in Sacramento about Wednesday next, the 20th. D. D. Dodson of the Red Bluff Sentinel was in the city last night on his way home from a visit to Vacaville. He corroborates the report of vast damage done to the apricot and cherry crops by last Thursday's frost.

BRIEF NOTES.

Governor Budd has appointed R. O. Cravens of this city a Notary Public. The conclusion of the legislative session has caused the laying-off of a large number of employes at the State Printing Office.

In Superior Judge Johnson's court Saturday, the case of Alice M. Valentine against W. H. Posten, involving the sum of \$300, was argued and submitted. The Sacramento High School football team was defeated at Stockton on Saturday by the high school team of that place, after a hot contest. The score was 12 to 3.

The death is announced of Charles H. Stevens in San Diego. Deceased was once a dry good merchant here, and served on the Board of School Directors. Nearly all the large pump manufacturing firms represented on the coast have agents here who are to submit bids for city pumps. The bids are expected to be opened by the Trustees to-night.

The Grand Jury.

It is expected the Grand Jury will meet to-day to resume its work. None of the Senators were subpoenaed on Saturday night as witnesses in the Biggy-Dunn case, as the Senate was in session until after midnight.

Chimney Burned Out.

The alarm of fire from box 63 last night was occasioned by the burning out of a chimney in J. J. McGillivray's house at 222 G street. The damage was nominal.

Delegates to Grand Parlor.

John Skelton, Jr., and W. Lovdahl have been elected by Sunset Parlor, No. 28, N. S. G. W., as delegates to the Grand Parlor, which meets in Oakland next month.

Auction Sale.

At 10 A. M. to-day Bell & Co. will sell all the Axminster and Axminster carpets and furniture in the residence at 1705 M street. Everything is first-class.

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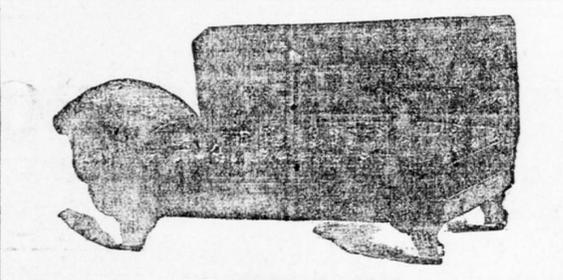
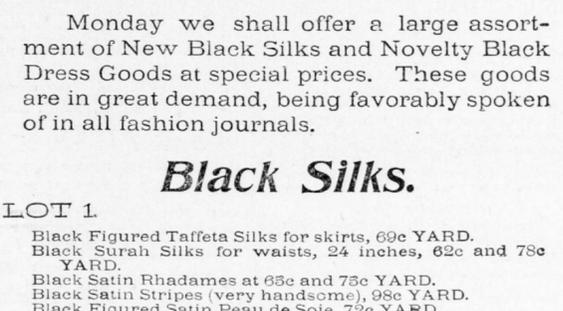
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