

LOVE LETTER READ IN COURT

GUSHING EPISTLE WRITTEN BY MRS. TURNBULL HEARD IN BALDWIN SUIT.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—In the trial of E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin will cease today a telegram was read from former Secretary of the Navy John D. Long stating that he had received a letter from Mrs. Lillian Ashley Turnbull many years ago, giving the details of a contract marriage between her and Baldwin, but that the letter had been destroyed. Mr. Long stated in his telegram, however, that he remembered the contents of the letter very well.

Mrs. Turnbull came into court with her brother, Everett P. Ashley, a hotelkeeper of Woodstock, Conn. Miss Turnbull, the pretty 17-year-old plaintiff, was not present.

When Mrs. Turnbull took the stand Attorney Gavin McNabb, the cross-examiner, at once began the attack. An objection being overruled, McNabb read to the jury one of a series of letters, written, it was claimed, by Mrs. Turnbull in 1883, which related to correspondence with Baldwin. It was addressed to Lewis Leach and was as follows:

"I was born and raised in Vermont; love horses almost to distraction; am 20 years old alone in the world, my own mistress and have to earn my own living. Saw your name in the Horseman, in connection with the national running race. As I want to have a horse-loving friend in California to secure me a nice position, also further my interests in various ways so I can go there in the near future, I have written to you. My eastern 'prince' is Wesley Balch, but as I am going to California to live for a while shall need a 'count' on the Pacific coast. If you are a whole-souled youth with the 'ducati,' good figure and fair face, write me and enclose photo and on receipt of same will tell you more about yours truly. (Signed) 'MISS L. A. ASHLEY.'"

Louis Leach was president of the Farmers' Bank of Fresno. The letter was introduced in evidence. Over continued objections McNabb pursued the examination of Mrs. Turnbull in reference to her connection with James R. Wood, a Boston detective, who is said to have assisted in the preparation of Mrs. Turnbull's case in the seduction suit.

"Whom did Wood represent?" was asked.

"William Redding."

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"Colonel Albert Pope."

"What was the conversation when Wood came to you?"

"He said he thought I was a good girl, but he had been employed to look up my record. Mr. Redding was there and he said he thought that perhaps Colonel Pope had wronged me. He thought Pope would buy me a home in Pasadena if I would go and live there."

MANCHURIAN CHINKS GETTING VERY ROUGH

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The refractory behavior of the Chinese provincial authorities in Manchuria is the subject of an editorial to appear in the Novoye Vremya tomorrow. The newspaper recalls a series of incidents within the present year, the serious culminating with a reference to a maltreatment of Colonel Radzai, commander of the Amur Cossack regiment, who was arrested on December 18, while visiting the Chinese side near Blagoveshchensk. Colonel Radzai was bound, his epaulettes torn off and he was spat upon. Finally he was released by two Cossacks. The Novoye Vremya suggests it would be the serious task of diplomacy at Peking to call the government to its senses in order to prevent chaos at the frontier.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION OCCURS IN NEW YORK

Buffalo, Dec. 20.—An explosion similar in many respects to the one that occurred in New York on Monday shattered the windows of several cars and startled passengers on board trains in the New York Central station and occupants of buildings for blocks around shortly before 12 o'clock tonight. Several were slightly cut by flying glass, but no one was seriously hurt.

MR. MACON OBJECTS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Implacable in his demand for economy, Representative Macon of Arkansas today, as on two previous days, when the legislative, executive and judicial bills were under discussion, continued to object to every increase of salary carried in the bill. Several times it seemed he was about to yield to pleas of his colleagues to allow certain increases, but in the end he insisted on his point. He said he was "looking out for the plowboy and the clerk behind the country store counter."

IMPROPER PICTURES.

Spokane, Dec. 20.—All penny-in-the-slot picture machines in Spokane have been removed and no more licenses will be granted by the city, as a result of the hearing today in Mayor Pratt's office on evidence brought by the theatrical censorship committee, charging the exhibition of pictures of an improper nature.

ENGINEERS' STRIKE MORE LIKELY

OPEN RUPTURE THREATENED—NEITHER SIDE CONCEDES A POINT.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Labor Commissioner Neill admitted that labor conditions between western railroad managers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers are becoming so strained that an open rupture may take place soon. The engineers of 61 western railroads have threatened to strike unless granted a wage increase.

Commissioner Neill has held daily sessions with both engineers and members of the railroad committee for nearly a week, but neither side has conceded a point nor has been willing to yield anything toward harmony.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the engineers, telegraphed for the members of the executive board of the engineers' order and declared the likelihood of a conciliation small. It is said, in a strike is called, it will not affect all the roads at once, but will begin with some of the most important and continue until all the roads are tied up.

Three roads in the west not involved in the wage controversy are the Denver & Rio Grande, the Colorado Midland and the Western Pacific.

CARRIER CAR OPERATOR IS TERRIBLY MANGLED

Pete Turack, an operator of a carrier car employed by the Bates & Rogers Construction company near Roland, fell from his car yesterday morning at an early hour and sustained injuries which may result in his death. He fell beneath his car and the wheels passed over both legs, cutting one completely off and leaving the other terribly mangled. The injured man was put aboard Puget Sound passenger train No. 4 and arrived in Missoula a few hours later, a physician on the train attending to his injuries as well as was possible under the circumstances, and at the St. Patrick's hospital here last night. The injured man was reported to be doing nicely.

Turack was a member of the night shift which is working at the St. Paul pass tunnel. The exact cause of the accident could not be explained.

WOMAN IS CONVICTED OF HORRIBLE CRIME

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—After being out 72 hours the jury in the case of Mrs. Carrie Kersh, charged with murder in connection with the death of W. A. Johnson, returned a verdict of manslaughter tonight. Mrs. Kersh swooned when the verdict was announced and was carried from the courtroom in an unconscious condition. This was Mrs. Kersh's second trial.

Mrs. Kersh was accused, with Jess Webb, of having killed Johnson in June, last, in a north end hotel, and of stuffing his body in a trunk and checking it to North Puget Sound, Wash. At the union depot here blood was discovered oozing from the trunk and this led to the finding of the body. Webb and Mrs. Kersh were brought to trial a few weeks ago. The jury in Webb's case found him guilty of murder in the first degree. In Mrs. Kersh's case the first jury disagreed.

ASSAULTED A WOMAN AND GETS THE LIMIT

Big Timber, Mont., Dec. 20.—Bert Rose, convicted in the district court yesterday of assault in the first degree, committed June 15 on Miss A. Whitney, when the prisoner attempted to rob the lady and, because she resisted, he tried to kill her, was arraigned this morning for sentence. Judge Henry briefly addressed the man and in effect expressed his regret that the law did not impose a more severe penalty for the offense of which Rose had been found guilty. He then gave him the limit, 10 years, and told the prisoner that he had good cause for congratulation that sentence of death was not being pronounced.

MINE RESUMES.

Wallace, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Boulder Creek Mining company has ordered operations to resume at its mine, which lies near Mullian. The property has been idle since the August forest fires which destroyed the mine buildings and the timbers at the portal of the tunnels, causing the tunnels to cave in. W. E. Forrester, a practical mining man of Wallace, has been retained as superintendent and has begun the work of rebuilding the cabins and repairing the tunnels preliminary to starting work on the development of the mine.

CHANGE OF AGENTS.

A. R. Perry, formerly agent for the Northern Pacific at Stevensville, has been transferred to Dixon as agent and will be installed there in a few days. Mr. Perry is just recovering from a short illness.

G. R. Root, who has been agent at Dixon, goes to Hinson in the same capacity.



Store Open This Evening Until 9 o'clock

This for the convenience of those who cannot shop in the daytime. Don't wait until night if you possibly can come earlier.



With Trustworthy Merchandise and Service, Fair Dealing, Courtesy and Liberality, This Store Holds First Place in the Christmas Heart

Busy, busy, busy! From the time the doors opened until they closed at 9 o'clock last night every department was busy. An army of Christmas shoppers besieged this store from end to end, until it seemed that the Christmas spirit—to make others happy—had come to a full awakening in the hearts of all. **Four more days and then it is all over; of these four days today is the best, and the time before noon the best of all.**

Gifts To Delight Women

A Dainty Waist

One of a small and very choice assortment of beautiful garments received especially for Christmas trade, packed in a pretty holly-covered box (supplied with the waist) would make any woman's Christmas joyous.

Here's one in the palest apricot tint chiffon, made over Dresden silk, with lace yoke, high lace collar, short Mikado sleeves and piping and tiny buttons in black.

Another, a white lace Mikado waist, with piping of pink and black around yoke and collar.

One in brown chiffon over deep brown lace, white lace yoke with strappings in peacock blue.

Waists made from heavy, soft Dresden silks, with high-neck and long sleeves, trimmed with jabot or cream-colored lace.

—and so on, each as pretty and dainty as can be, and values you'll rarely see at \$11.00.

A Handsome Kimono

You're sure to strike it right if your selection falls upon one of these:

Cape cloth and flannel kimonos, long or short, in Empire or light-fitting styles; handsome Persian and flowered designs; \$1.75 to \$5.00.

Exquisite silk kimonos, some of real Japanese make, in Japanese and Persian figured silks; made long and full, and either loose or tight fitting; \$7.50 to \$50.

An Evening Coat or Cape

A most pleasing present for any miss or lady whose engagements call for dainty apparel.

They come in all the pretty evening colors—rose, turquois blue, tan, wistaria, reseda and chambray; in broadcloth or fine French serge, fully lined with Skinner's satin, or unlined, and more or less illuminated with silk or gold braids; \$11.50 to \$47.50.



A Gift of Gloves

It would not be Christmas for "her" did not lady's presents include gloves. Especially acceptable are the gloves one buys here, because they're the best.

It would not be Christmas for "Her" did not Missy's presents include gloves. Especially acceptable are the gloves one buys here, because they're the best.

Gloves Packed in Fancy Gift Boxes—No Extra Charge.

"Monarch" Kid Gloves, the finest made, in all fashionable colors, with Paris point or braided stitchings, pique seams; per pair, \$2.25.

Fancy Kid Gloves, in white, black and pearl, with beaded stitchings; per pair, \$2.25.

"Eskay" Kid Gloves, fully warranted, per pair, \$2.50.

"Mascot" Kid Gloves; best moderate-priced gloves, per pair, \$1.50.

Fur-lined and Dents' English Cape Gloves, \$2.25.

Women's Gauntlets, plain and fancy, unlined or lined with wool or fur; \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Children's, infants' and misses' Kid Gloves, pair \$1.25.

GLOVE BONDS SOLD IN ANY DENOMINATION.

Silk Hosiery

We never sold so many silk stockings for Christmas before, not that a gift of this kind is more acceptable than before, but because more people have found this fact out and the other fact—that, of all places, this is the place to buy.

Silk hose, all pure-thread silk, some with reinforced heels, toes and garter tops in lisle; black and all colors, either plain or beautifully embroidered; each pair attractively boxed; 75¢ to \$3.50.

Hosiery in other materials, fine cotton, lisle, mercerized and worsted; plain and fancy, for women, misses and children; prices up from 25¢.

Scarfs and Mantillas

For evening wear, motoring or driving, these are necessary adjuncts to women's attire, therefore, splendid gifts.

Here is charming assortment to pick from, in plain crepe silks and chiffons, beautiful floral effects in gauzy materials, and rich affairs in lace, such as the Spanish ladies wear. \$2.50 to \$18.00.

Neckwear

Any selection made from our great showing of beautiful neckwear for women would be a happy one—something useful, dainty and different from the ordinary kinds—25¢ to \$9.00.

Fancy Linens

A gift sure to please because practical, fine and pretty, can be selected with ease from our superb holiday linen display.

Scarfs, plain, embroidered and in Madeira, Cluny and Battenburg laces and drawwork, 75¢ to \$7.50.

Dollies and centerpieces, in all styles, 25¢ to \$6.50.

Lantheolths, all styles and all sizes, 75¢ to \$12.00.

Sets of Table Linen, all ready for use, \$7.00 to \$50. Hand-embroidered Sheet and Pillowcase Sets. Pure linen; sheets \$1x90, cases 45x36 inches. Special, \$5.

Thousands of Christmas Handkerchiefs for Gifts

This, Missoula's greatest and best Handkerchief Store, is ready for Christmas with a wonderfully diversified and comprehensive stock of all kinds of Handkerchiefs, for men, women and children—directly from the best manufacturers of every country that produces Handkerchiefs. The Appenzel hand-embroidery from Switzerland; the dainty hand-embroidery from the islands of Madeira, the Silk Handkerchiefs from Japan, the dainty French hand-embroidery, also hand-embroidered and Plain Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs from the Emerald Isle—HUNDREDS OF STYLES ARE SHOWN HERE EXCLUSIVELY. A price range from 5¢ to \$5.00. Remarkable values will be found in our special boxed assortments, six handkerchiefs, no two alike, at 75¢, 85¢, \$1 up to \$6.

Fine Correspondence Paper

"Autocrat Linen," the highest grade of writing paper made, put up in fancy boxes and presentation cabinets. A gift sure to please. Prices, 50¢ to \$6.00.

Christmas Perfumes

Was ever a woman who did not like perfume? Hardly. A gift of this kind is always in order.

Here you will find famous Roger & Gallet's choicest odors, put up in 1 and 2 ounce bottles, \$1.25 to \$5.00 a bottle. Others, 25¢ to \$1.00 an ounce.

Handbags, Purses, Etc.

Handbags in all the latest shapes and in the popular colors, \$1.50 to \$8.00.

Fine handbags, in pin seal, genuine seal, patent leather and plain and grain leathers, in colors to match suits, with gold and silver and jewel studded mountings; at from \$5 to \$25.

Chain Chatelains, some in sterling silver; at from 75¢ to \$10.00.

Umbrellas

Special selections for Christmas shoppers, of course, because umbrellas are among the most favored gifts. Handles in rare natural woods, gold and silver mounted, and etched silver, chased silver and solid gold beautifully engraved—and the tops are dependable, absolutely. Prices, \$1.25 to \$25.00.

Fancy Aprons

A pretty apron, dainty in material and making, is always appreciated, and we sell hundreds of them every Christmas. Styles in dotted muslin and plain Swiss, ribbon and lace trimmed, at 75¢ and up to \$1.50.

Fancy Goods

Under this head the number of articles is legion—including everything from 15c Arts and Crafts Novelty up. Fancy Boxes, Baskets and Bags; Pin Cushions, Sofa Pillow Covers, U. of M. Novelties and many other items, including Christmas Package Decorations and Ribbons.

Slippers

Women's Eiderdown Snowflake Slippers, \$3.50
Women's All-Felt Slippers, black, \$1.00
Women's Felt Slippers, hand-turned, \$1.25
Women's Fur-Trimmed Felt Slippers, black or brown, \$1.25
Women's Budoir Slippers, black or red kid, \$1.50
Women's Fur-Trimmed Romeos, all colors, \$1.50
Women's "Kozy" Slippers, red, brown or black, \$1.75
Women's White Buckskin Kimono Moccasins, \$2.00
Women's Ooze Calf Slippers, gray or brown, \$2.00
Women's Ooze Calf Boudoir Slippers, green or red, \$2.25
Women's Fur-Trimmed Comfy's, Cuban heels, \$2.50
Women's Cavaliers, brown or red, \$5.00

Fun and Noise and Marvelous Toys in TOYLAND

The great, big, humming, buzzing place is fascinating to grown-ups as well as children. Some of the mechanical toys are wonderful. Merry-go-rounds and dancing dolls have musical accompaniment, stage coaches and motor cars and electric and 'busses and gose and gunboats, with the scores of other contrivances beside them—all worth seeing. Air toys and water toys, blocks, drums, horns and other noise makers, doll furniture, doll trunks, horses, soldiers, fire engines, games of every kind under the sun. Noah's Arks, animals enough to fill a zoo, sleds, express wagons, trains of cars and whole railroad systems run by electricity—all are to be found in TOYLAND, together with hundreds of other delightful things. (TOYLAND, East End of Store on the Ground Floor.)

