

HIS STAR LOST

The Sad Ending of Miles Long's Machinations

THE NICE CHRISTIAN GIRL

LANDS HIM IN A WHOLE PECK OF TROUBLE

William Wyche Substantiates His Charges Against the Officer. Routine Business

Police Officer Miles A. Long has lost his star.

The police commissioners, before whom William Wyche filed charges against Long, charging him with conduct unbecoming an officer, heard all the evidence yesterday, prolonging their session until long after the noon hour in order that both sides might have an impartial hearing.

The evidence was overwhelmingly against the officer, and from the beginning the odds were that he would lose his official head.

Wyche was the first witness, and he stated that Long had gone to his (Wyche's) house in June last and asked him how he was getting along, telling him that he knew a nice Christian girl of about 16 years of age who would be

companionable and pleasant to a man in his lonely condition if he would treat her right.

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That was on Friday. My wife came along while I was talking with the girl and winked at me. The girl noticed it and spoke of the occurrence. She then went away. My wife came up and told me not to go to any room with a woman, as a trap was being laid for me. She asked me why I went out to Thirtieth street and Maple avenue to meet Leona John. I went at Leona's request, but it rained and she did not keep the date. I met her there, however, at that point, the next Sunday, and went to Jefferson street. Leona said, "Papa said you have had criminal relations with me. I denied it and told her it was a lie and for her to tell him so. She refused on the ground that Long would beat her to death. I revealed the whole matter to my wife when she asked me what I was doing out there with Leona. My wife afterwards admitted to me that Long was putting up a job on me. I went to the chief of police and Clerk Hensley. The former was not in, but Hensley said:

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"No, I told him I had a date with Hattie Mann at Third and Los Angeles. I went down there and saw the girl with a crowd of men, and Long was in the crowd, dressed in a brown bicycle suit. The girl came over and I refused to go with her that night. This was July 4th. I agreed to go on the night of July 5th, and then I returned to Chief Glass."

"The chief told me to get some of my friends to help me. He did not think I could put a man on the case for me. I then went out and that night got my friends. I met the girl and we had a few drinks and some talk about money matters. We then went upstairs over the saloon in the Johnson house. Hattie kept looking up at the window that opened out into the hall."

"Then we went down to see where the fire was. We returned and entered the room. She made overtures to me, which I refused and said I wanted to go out for a minute. She took me outside and went out on some pretense. When she returned she commenced yelling 'police!' and said to some one a policeman was up there. We went down stairs, and she told me my wife was at the bottom of a scheme to get me into trouble, aided by Long, but that Long would get us out of the predicament."

The witness told of other conversations with Hattie Mann through the telephone, but he claimed not to have seen her until the day of the hearing of the case.

"A man named Coulter, a city fireman, told me," continued the witness. "I had gotten myself into a trap. I went to Chief Glass again, and he told me if Coulter interviewed me again to try and have the talk in my presence of witnesses. Subsequently I saw Coulter and we went out to my house and I got a lady who lives in part of the house with me to secrete herself behind my dressing case, where she could hear all of our conversation. Mrs. Canoy had behind my dressing case and Coulter accused me of improper relations with a low woman, and that I had been caught. Coulter said that Long had met him and told him that (Long) had it in for me on account of Leona Johns, and that my wife was aware of the facts; that she would get a divorce on evidence furnished by Long, and then she would obtain alimony, which she would divide with Long."

Wyche told of his visit to Assistant

District Attorney Williams, and of his inability to get a complaint.

LONG CROSS-EXAMINES

Mr. Long asked: "How did you come to this city—on a Pullman car?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you get drunk?"

"Yes; have had skates on with you lots of times."

Further, in answer to Long, witness said: "Leona Johns proposed marriage to me. I never attempted any liberties with her."

Wyche said he drank several times on the night of July 5th, but was not drunk.

Wyche then flatly accused Long of having been drunk lots of times with him and having been carried home on a shunter. Long indignantly denied the accusation.

Police Clerk Hensley stated that he knew nothing of the case except what Wyche had told him about three weeks ago.

Chief Glass stated that Wyche's evidence was the same as told to him previously by Wyche.

Andrew Canary said he had gone with Wyche to meet Leona Johns the night it rained; that no one came. Subsequently Canary was with Wyche on two occasions when the girl, Mattie Mann, came to have her trunk moved. Witness corroborated Wyche as to Wyche's wife having visited him and told of a conversation with Long about Wyche and his wife having made up again. The witness also related the occurrences on the nights of July 4 and 5 when Wyche went to meet Mattie Mann and was watching the pair when Long passed. Canary's evidence corroborated that of Wyche.

Edward Callahan, another of Wyche's friends, who was present with him on the night of July 5, testified on much the same lines as Canary.

BEHIND A DRESSER

Mrs. Conroy stated that the evidence given by Wyche as to her having gone behind a dresser and while there having heard Coulter say that Long had met him and said to him that he (Long) had a scheme on Wyche, was true. That Coulter had said that Long declared he had Wyche right where they wanted him, and he (Coulter) would go in with him, he (Long) would put up \$200. That Coulter told Wyche on that occasion that Long had said to him that he (Long) would get \$800 out of the job, and would give Coulter \$200 of this amount.

A PENITENT

Mrs. S. W. Wyche said: "The first time Mr. Long spoke to me we talked about getting my divorce. He said he wanted to tell me something, but was afraid I would let on, but finally told me that Will, my husband, had met Leona Johns. Long was real mad at Will and wanted to get back at him. The next time he came he said that he had a nice, 16-year-old Christian girl who would meet Will. He said he would not charge me anything for his services; that we could arrange that afterwards; that he and I could go out and have a nice time together."

"Long's object," continued the witness, "was to get Wyche into trouble, and he wanted me to pay the girl. First he wanted me to be divorced, and this was the means Long said could be used. That I could get a divorce and alimony, and pay the girl. He (Long) insinuated that if I would keep company with him that would be sufficient pay for him. I was mad and did not answer. Long told me he was going to trap my husband and photograph him and then publish his disgrace."

Mrs. Wyche also said she had been legally advised to refuse to testify before the commission, and Long had said, "How can I get you to go out and help you if you tell everything?"

Mrs. Wyche, upon cross-examination, denied that she had asked Long and his wife to aid her in obtaining a divorce. She also denied she had ever visited Long in the vicinity of the city jail, and admitted that Long was to receive nothing for himself for his services in procuring the testimony upon which she hoped to get the divorce. Mrs. Wyche said she had nothing to base a complaint for divorce upon, but was urged to do so by Long, who seemed anxious to secure evidence against Wyche for reasons known to himself.

Otto R. Coulter, fireman, testified as follows: "I was driving the horses at Twenty-ninth street in the afternoon, and I don't remember date. Long jumped off a car and we met. Long said Wyche's wife wanted him to work on a divorce case, but he (Long) didn't care to tackle it, but if I would I could make \$50 out of it. After the case came on, or was published, Long came to the engine house and jumped me because of something that appeared in the Herald."

The witness admitted that he talked to Wyche, and had said to him his wife was trying to get a divorce and was endeavoring to get him (Wyche) into a trap, so she could obtain it.

LONG'S STORY

"When I lived in part of the house with the Wyches they had trouble frequently, and often came to me for advice. I declined to have anything to do with it. Later Mrs. Wyche told me she had employed Ben Goodrich to conduct her case, but wanted me to help get evidence. I declined. I asked her if she had noticed Wyche's infatuation for my ward, Leona Johns. She said 'no.' I acknowledge I told Mattie Mann about Mrs. Wyche's case and that if she could help out in the matter it would be the means of making her a little money. The trunk matter was a part of the girl's own plans. I met Coulter and asked him if he wanted to work on a divorce case. He said 'yes.' I told him then that there was \$5 or 50 in it for the bunch. He was only a callman and had helped me, and I wanted to help him. My presence at Los Angeles and Third on July 4th or 5th was because I was in training for a race for a prize offered by the Los Angeles Athletic club, and my trainer roomed at Third and Los Angeles, and I was in training there. Afterward I was given day watch and had to train at night, which explains my presence on Los Angeles and Third."

Long then introduced a deposition of his trainer, now in San Diego, to confirm his statements.

"I had been watching some boys firing crackers," continued the witness, "and when the fire broke out I gave the alarm. I went around under the sign of the light; did not see Wyche or his woman, and did not pay any attention to them. Afterwards I did see her. She came up to me and said she was going down the street. She said Wyche was drunk and asked me if it was safe for her to go around with him. I told her I did not think he would take advantage of her. I saw four men dodging around with a drunken fellow and watched them for fear they would rob him. I finally found the man was in the hands of his friends and I dropped the matter."

Long said he had used Mattie Mann before, particularly in matter of the fellow

who was engaged in the high school correspondence, who was trying to work up a case among the girls of the school. The officer accounted for his interest in the matter by saying that Mrs. Wyche had importuned him so often he could scarcely refuse to help her.

In response to Mr. Gibbon's pointed question as to how Mattie Mann and Coulter came into the case, Long admitted that both went about the work at his suggestion; he was a go-between, and he authorized the woman particularly to seek Wyche, and she afterwards went to Wyche, ostensibly to have a trunk moved, but really to get acquainted with Wyche. Long also admitted that Wyche was right in seeing him at Los Angeles and Third streets on the night of the 4th and 5th of July, but denied that he proposed to photograph Wyche and the girl should he see them in a compromising position. He had had five interviews with Mrs. Wyche. He did not remember whether he visited Wyche's house on the night of June 20th, but Wyche produced an affidavit from one John Davis, stating that he (Davis) had seen Long there on that occasion.

MARY MANN'S EVIDENCE

Mary Mann testified: "I work in East Los Angeles. Have never led a sporting life. First met Wyche on the occasion of getting a trunk moved. You (Long) stated that Mrs. Wyche suspected her husband was keeping company with another woman. Long wanted to find out and have firm \$25 to \$50 for securing the facts. I met Wyche at the corner of Third and Main and we walked down to my room at Third and Los Angeles. He went to my room with me and acted in a very ungentlemanly way. I left Wyche and went over to where Long was and told him, but he said if I wanted to find out anything but he was the time to do so."

Mrs. Julia Long, wife of the accused officer Edson Young and C. E. Knuth also gave evidence.

HIS FINAL PLEA

Officer Long stated in self-vindication that he had lived here twenty years, three years of which he had been a policeman, and his record was clean and he had no regrets. He admitted that perhaps he had been over zealous in assisting Mrs. Wyche when she was in trouble, but otherwise he had nothing to be ashamed of.

LONG IS DROPPED

Mr. Gibbon moved the officer be dropped from the force, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Pruess and the vote was unanimous.

THE USUAL GRIND

The Commissioners Descend to Less Exciting Business

The police commissioners, Messrs. Gibbon, Pruess and Wyman, after disposing of the affairs of Police Officer Long, attended to the usual routine business.

Chief Glass recommended the following transfers of saloon licenses: From John Perrier at southeast corner of New High street and Bellevue avenue to A. Calder and C. Carlararo; from 104 South Spring street to George Bernhard and John Bernhard; from No. 247 South Spring to 350 South Spring.

Applications for commissions as special policemen were received from L. J. Hill, Ferd C. Gottschalk, G. B. Beebe, F. E. Wright, and Julien J. Roper, all of which were filed.

Officers Fowler and Bradish were allowed the sum of \$100 reward for capturing Compton and Ware, the men who are accused of swindling the Columbia Savings bank.

C. N. Loy, a Chinese merchant filed a complaint in the justice's court against Officer Ritchie, charging the officer with breaking a table and 3 chairs in his place of business on July 22, 1897. The city attorney was deputed to defend the officer.

A communication from the Hughes electric system of police and telegraph of San Francisco was received and ordered filed.

H. M. Butler made application to withdraw his application for a saloon license at No. 141 North Main street, which was granted.

MUCK CHUCK GOES FREE

A Chinese Case Which Was Settled Out of Court

The case against the Chinaman Muck Chuck, charged with petty larceny, fell flat in Justice Owens' court yesterday morning, and the case was dismissed. There was a good deal more back of this case than the mere fact of one Chinaman's having stolen a package of groceries from another. The real cause of the trouble had its inception in the boycott, which on faction, the See Yups, are enforcing with more or less success against the rival faction of Sam Yups. The complaining witness is a See Yup. A few weeks ago he went into a Sam Yup store to buy some provisions. When he received his packages he started out but was met by Muck Chuck, who seized them, and jerking them out of his arms, ran away.

The Mongolian who had lost his packages decided to prosecute the case and made a complaint against Muck Chuck. At the time it was supposed that this would reopen the factional strife in Chinatown, but it seems that the matter was squared between the Celestials themselves before the case came up for trial. At any rate, the matter was closed yesterday morning the case was dismissed on motion of the defendant.

Not Extravagant

It is said that in Dawson City men spend \$50 a night. Great guns! We should think they would, considering nights are six months long in that neck of woods. —Sacramento Bee.

PERSONAL

Dr. E. C. Buell has left for a trip to Chicago.

Fred A. Howell has gone to St. Paul for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Baldwin left yesterday for Lake Tahoe.

Dr. R. T. Allen of Redlands is a guest at the Hollenbeck.

Ex-Governor G. W. Merrill of Pomona was in the city yesterday.

T. D. Mott, sr., has been recuperating after a serious illness at Santa Barbara.

United States District Attorney F. P. Flint returned yesterday from San Francisco.

George L. Arnold is in Sacramento. Earl Rogers is spending a few days in San Francisco.

Rev. Guy W. Wadsworth has been elected president of Occidental college.

Miss Esther Norton, who has returned from San Francisco, was the guest of Miss Celia Mooser at Santa Monica last week.

STOLE THE THUNDER

Councilmen Grider and Hutchison Vexed

WHAT IS GALLERY PLAY?

A COMEDY PLAYED TO AN EMPTY HOUSE

A Reverberation of Monday's Water Business—A Proposal Goes to the Company

The adjourned session of the city council yesterday morning was remarkable for an exuberance of eloquence from almost every chair in the chamber, but unhappily the gallery was empty, and even the reporters were taking much more interest in the proceedings of the police commission.

Councilmen Grider and Hutchison had slept over the fact that President Silver had stolen their thunder on Monday and sat with lowering brows and firmly closed lips awaiting their opportunity.

Councilman Grider introduced the following resolution, which was the signal for hostilities:

"That the water supply committee be directed to make the offer of this council for the water plant at once and to report the result of its negotiations thereon with the water company to this council at its regular meeting next Monday."

Councilman Nickell, who is also chairman of the water supply committee, exclaimed that he was tired of gallery play, and that any one possessed of brains and who appreciated the importance of the deal in hand should know that the matter could not be settled in the manner proposed by Mr. Grider.

The discussion became general, and several uncomplimentary terms were exchanged. The vote on the motion received but two affirmatives, Messrs. Grider and Hutchison.

A brief calm intervened and then Councilman Hutchison threw another bombshell into the camp by the introduction of the following motion:

Whereas, In the excitement of yesterday incident to the reading and adoption of the report of the city engineer on the water question an important item was entirely overlooked or disregarded; and

Whereas, That item is the addition of 10 per cent for incidentals, etc.; and

Whereas, The said report is so complete in detail and so exhaustive that this council can see no reason for the insertion of a clause giving outright to the City Water company the magnificent sum of \$124,303 as a bonus over and above a just price for its water plant complete; and

Whereas, This council needs all the advantage in the way of time which is possible to gain for dealing with this question; therefore

Resolved, That the proposed offer of yesterday be amended by deducting the said proposed bonus of \$124,303, making the total sum to be offered for the plant of the City Water company \$1,065,532.

Resolved, That the water supply committee of this council be directed to make the offer accordingly.

President Silver ruled the motion out of order for the reason that the former resolution bearing on the subject matter had not been reconsidered.

Councilman Hutchison then moved to reconsider the resolution of Monday, but the chair ruled him out of order on that point, on the ground that such a motion must be made on the day the original vote was taken.

Mr. Hutchison, however, declined to let go of his artillery, declaring that his resolution was not a "gallery play."

He indulged in a learned dissertation on "gallery play," and declared that both Mr. Stoll and Mr. Silver were guilty of that offense—if it were one—on Monday, and that people who live in glass houses should keep the curtains drawn.

He further insinuated that Mr. Silver's motion of Monday was but a trick to prevent him and Mr. Grider from getting in their work.

President Silver stepped down from the chair to join in the affray, and he characterized the motions of the gentlemen as mere political moves that

We Want More Money We Need More Room At Howell's Shoe Store, 111 S. Spring Street GREAT HOUSE-CLEANING SALE—We will inaugurate one of the GRANDEST Shoe Sales Of the Season, consisting of Odds and Ends in Ladies', Gentlemen's and Children's Fine Footwear These goods are first-class in every particular, of the latest styles and makes, and contain the best material and workmanship it is possible to put in a shoe. To make room for a large Fall and Winter Stock, already ordered, we will, during the next few days, sell goods at less than 1/2 One-Half Price 1/2

Table with shoe sale prices: Ladies' Fine Oxfords, hand-sewed, \$2.75; Ladies' Tan Oxfords, always sold at \$4.00, \$2.50; Two hundred pair Tan Oxfords, sold at \$6.00, \$2.00; Patent Leather and Bronze Oxfords, always sold at \$3.00, \$2.50; One hundred pair of Button and Lace Shoes, sold at \$3.00, \$1.75; Two hundred pair of Black Oxfords, sold at 95c; Two hundred pair of Children's Dark Tan Shoes, sold at 95c; Children's oxfords, sold at 95c; Now to close out at 95c; Burt & Packard's Men's fine pat. Leather Shoes, always sold at \$3.50, \$3.50; Men's Patent Leather, cloth tops, \$7.00, \$4.00; Men's French Calf Shoes, always sold at \$3.50, \$3.50; Burt & Packard's Calf Shoes, sold at \$4.00, \$2.50; Men's Oxford Calf Toe Shoes, \$3.00, \$2.00; Men's Fine Dress Shoes, always sold at \$2.00, \$1.45; Boys' Square Toe Shoes at cost to, Close Out.

They are Off for the Clondyke On September 15th The fortune hunters of Los Angeles and surrounding country will leave for the Land of Gold... The most thoroughly-equipped expedition that ever entered Alaska or any mining camp. We take our own horses, burros, dogs, sleds, boats. We furnish each man a complete outfit, including necessary tools, proper clothing, good bedding, or on landing at Dawson City every man receives 6 months' provisions. The expedition is managed and conducted by experienced men just returned from the Clondyke gold fields. An opportunity of a lifetime to get into the Alaska gold fields, with the least possible hardship or suffering. You take no chances. We assume all risks. Remember we furnish everything, even your tobacco. Books of the Alaska Expedition Co. Now Open at Their Office, 229 Byrne Building... Any Information Cheerfully Furnished. Investigate.

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