

COLTON MAN IS SLAIN BY BURGLAR

J. W. SHUMATE FOUND DEAD IN HIS STORE

SUSPECT IS UNDER ARREST

Citizens of the Town Are Aroused and Have Offered One Thousand Dollars Reward for the Murderer's Capture

Special to The Herald. COLTON, March 22.—J. W. Shumate, who for the past two years has conducted a dry goods store on Eighth street, was found dead in his store early this morning, shot through the head by a burglar. About two weeks ago Shumate's store was entered and goods of considerable value taken. Since that time the owner has slept in the store room, fully armed for the next intruder. He came a few nights ago, and Shumate flashed an electric light on him. He recognized the face and declared that he would get the fellow or the fellow would get him. He refused to tell whom he saw, and this clue may never be available to the officers.

Harry Nicholson, a newsboy, discovered the crime about 6 o'clock this morning, as he was passing the store. He noticed that the outside door had been pried open and entering found the owner lying in a pool of blood at the end of the counter and close by his cot. In one hand he grasped a double-barrelled shotgun, one barrel of which had been discharged. In return for this shot he had received a bullet in the side of the head which had crushed in the skull and caused instant death. Close by the door a 38-caliber revolver was found with four empty chambers. Near by was an iron with which entrance to the store was effected.

Reward for Slayer's Capture

The feeling among the citizens of Colton is running high over the affair, and if Shumate's murderers are caught there the officers will have their hands full to prevent a lynching.

Shumate was a man greatly beloved. The business men of Colton have made up a reward of \$1000 which they have offered for the arrest and conviction of Shumate's murderers, and this will be added to very liberally by the county. The officers have some clues on which to work. Some bloody tracks leading from the store have been found, and it is strongly believed that at least one of the robbers was wounded by the charge of shot from Shumate's shotgun, one load having been discharged. The one charge was evidently fired just as he arose from his cot, as he fell a moment later not more than two steps away.

Shumate has been bothered a great deal by robbers, his store having been entered but very recently. At that time he got a partial sight at the thieves and had he not stumbled in reaching for his gun would have got a shot at them. After that affair he told his wife the names of the parties he suspected. These names were given to Sheriff White today by the widow and may be a clue to the robbers. One suspect has been arrested, the party's name being refused by the officers.

Suspect in Jail

He is said to be a stranger and to have bloodmarks on his clothing. He is in the county jail. The officers are using every effort to land the murderers. So far as discovered but two persons heard any shots during the night, those being persons in nearby rooming houses who think the shooting was about 4 a. m., but paid no attention to the shots.

Coroner H. Pittman held an inquest extending late into the evening, the jury rendering a verdict of death from a gunshot wound from a person or persons unknown.

Shumate was 37 years of age and had lived in Colton for several years. He was clerk in Steck's store for several years, and for the past two years had conducted a dry goods store of his own. He married a widow with two children about two years ago. Shumate was Grand Chancellor of the Colton Pythian lodge and was prominent in Odd Fellow circles as well.

CHARGES FELLOW MORMON WITH BEING POLYGAMIST

SALT LAKE, March 22.—Charles A. Smurthwaite, who is in process of excommunication from the Mormon church because of his alleged apostasy in criticizing the acts of President Joseph Smith, as charged by his teacher, H. H. Goddard, today filed charges with the bishop of his ward in Ogden against Goddard, charging the latter with living with two wives and having children by them contrary to the revelation known as the "Manifesto," and contrary to the laws of the state.

This is the first time a direct charge of violation of the ecclesiastical and state laws in the matter of polygamy has ever been preferred by a member of the church, and the incident is regarded as significant as the case, if brought to trial in the bishop's court, will force the church to declare its position on the question of polygamous cohabitation.

HERBERT W. BOWEN



FOUR STRICKEN BY DEATH IN DAY

STARTLING FATALITY LIST IS RECORDED

Heart Disease and Apoplexy Are Assigned as the Causes by the Physicians in Charge

THE DEAD

Robert Williams, sixty years old, 2842 South Grand avenue; heart disease.

Charles Evans, sixty-four years old, 617 North Grand avenue; heart disease.

Rudolph Burkhardt, thirty-three years old; heart disease.

John K. Shaw, fifty years old, 2813 Ellendale place; apoplexy.

Without the slightest warning three men fell dead yesterday afternoon, while the body of a fourth was found in a North Grand avenue residence. Apoplexy and heart failure are given as the causes.

The record is without parallel in the history of Los Angeles, and the coroner's officers were kept busy yesterday afternoon answering the hasty calls from various portions of the city. Robert Williams, 60 years of age, was the second victim. Williams went to a bath house at 127 1/2 North Broadway early in the afternoon. He had frequently bathed at the place, and when he arrived there was shown his room by an attendant. He had partly succeeded in removing his clothes when he was suddenly stricken with heart failure and dropped to a lounge. He died instantly. A letter addressed to Robert Williams, 2842 South Grand avenue was found in the pocket of the dead man's coat and formed the only clue to the man's identity.

The body of a man was found on the sidewalk at Pasadena avenue and Avenue Twenty-three yesterday afternoon. The man had been dead for several minutes, and the coroner was notified and the body removed to Paul's undertaking rooms. Heart failure was the cause of death, and the body was later identified as that of Rudolph Burkhardt.

Falling to see anything of their landlord for the past several days, tenants of a man named Evans, living at 617 North Grand avenue, yesterday broke in the doors of his rooms and found the dead body of the owner in his bed.

Evans had been dead for several days, and, although heart failure is supposed to have caused death, an investigation will be made by the coroner.

While on his way to the offices of the Cudahy Packing company yesterday morning John K. Shaw, a salesman for the Booth & Sons company of South Los Angeles street, dropped dead on the street. Mr. Shaw left home apparently in good health, and his death came as a great shock to members of his family. Apoplexy was the cause of death.

The deceased was 50 years old, and had lived at 2813 Ellendale place for the past seven or eight years. A widow and two sons, L. V. Shaw of the First National bank and Shirley Shaw, survive him.

TRACKS ARE REPAIRED; TRAINS LEAVE FOR EAST

Overlands Dispatched Early This Morning for New Orleans Via Sunset Route

Overland trains on the Southern Pacific left early this morning for New Orleans, the damage to tracks at Yuma having been repaired.

An overland left for Ogden last night at 11:30 o'clock. All trains were crowded, carrying passengers who had been delayed several days.

No Trains at El Paso

By Associated Press. EL PASO, Tex., March 22.—Through traffic on the Southern Pacific is at a standstill. No trains have arrived from the west for two days and it is not known when they will reach here.

Missouri to Exhibit at Portland

By Associated Press. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 22.—Governor Folk today signed the bill appropriating \$35,000 for a Missouri exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

VENEZUELA GETS ALL THE OUTPUT

ASPHALT COMPANY'S PRODUCT POCKETED BY HER

RECEIVER WORKING PROPERTY

Washington Officials Regard Settlement by British and German Bondholders as Prejudicing Other Claims

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The state department has heard nothing from Minister Bowen to indicate that the Venezuelan government has made answer to his last proposition to arbitrate the American claims, and it is supposed that the answer, when it does come, will be to the effect that the Venezuelan government insists on awaiting the final action of its courts upon the pending asphalt case. It will then remain for the state department to determine how long it is prepared to await this judicial action. The difficulty is that the Venezuelan government has refused the application of the asphalt company, supported by Mr. Bowen, to revert to the status existing before the appointment of a receiver in the asphalt case and allow the company to repossess itself of its property.

As it is the receiver is taking out large quantities of asphalt from Bermudez lake, the proceeds from which are going into the Venezuelan treasury, to the great financial loss of the company, which is making daily representations on the subject to the state department.

Notwithstanding the statement from London that the council of bondholders contend that their proposed settlement with Venezuela is entirely in accord with the Washington protocol of 1903, the officials here fall to find in that protocol any warrant for this agreement, which they regard as likely to seriously affect the claims of all other nations than Germany and Great Britain against Venezuela, and some of the foreign representatives here have called this view of the matter to their governments.

The president is concluding arrangements for his southwestern trip, on which he expects to start Monday, April 3, and no apprehension exists that the trip will be either abandoned or postponed on account of the Venezuelan imbroglio. The president expects in his absence from Washington to keep in close touch with the situation as it may develop, and will be in position constantly to issue such instructions from his trains as may be necessary.

Agreement Arrived At

By Associated Press. LONDON, March 22.—At the office of the counsel of foreign bondholders the Associated Press was informed today that an agreement between the Venezuelan government and the British and German bondholders, adjusting and consolidating the exterior debt—\$28,600,000—will be signed tomorrow, the details having been concluded to the satisfaction of both parties. It was added that the guarantees comprise considerably more than 50 per cent of the customs duties of all ports except La Guayra and Puerto Cabello, but the officials declined to give the exact figures.

Hope for Reference to Congress

By Associated Press. WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, March 9.—Much publicity has been given to the efforts of Senator Paul to bring about an amicable settlement. The course of the United States in the Santo Domingo affair has raised the hopes of the diplomatic corps in Caracas that the Venezuelan difficulties may be referred to congress. In discussing this hope the Venezuelan newspapers commend the plan and say nothing but credit can come to Castro and his supporters through a congressional investigation.

SOUTH PASADENA FEARS LOSS OF WATER SUPPLY

Municipality Seeks Injunction Restraining Company From Disposing of Plant

Injunction proceedings were commenced in the superior court yesterday by the municipality of South Pasadena against the Pasadena Land and Water company to restrain the latter from disposing of its South Pasadena water plant.

The defendant company has been furnishing the inhabitants of South Pasadena with their entire water supply for the past few years, and it is alleged that the water company is about to dispose of its right, title and interest in the business to the city of Pasadena.

It is alleged that should the proposed sale be consummated the inhabitants of South Pasadena would be denied an adequate supply of water, and also would be in great danger of having the water supply cut off entirely. The court is asked to restrain the defendant from transferring the plant to the municipality of Pasadena, and such other relief as the court may deem meet.

PEACE OUTLOOK AGAIN BRIGHTER

GERMANY JOINS FRANCE IN URGING TERMS

PROPOSAL MAY BE TENDERED

Czar's Ministers Reported as Unanimously in Favor of Ending War, but Grand Dukes Still Oppose It

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 23, 12:33 a. m.—The party within the government which is urging the emperor to indicate to Japan Russia's willingness to end the war if a reasonable basis can be reached, as related in these dispatches on March 20, has been greatly encouraged the last few days and an actual pacific proposal may be just ahead. The subject has occupied much of the attention of the conferences at Tsarkoe Selo. Certain grand dukes, supported by General Sakharoff, the minister of war; Admiral Avellan, the head of the admiralty, and what is known as the war party, are still bitterly opposed to the idea of peace under present circumstances, but, with the exception of the ministers of war and marine, the emperor's ministers, backed by M. Witte, solidly favor this course, and the convincing arguments they offer are telling.

French influences in the same direction are now being supported by German opinion, but the Associated Press is in a position to assert that if Emperor Nicholas decides to approach Japan it will be through France.

Where Russia Draws the Line In the conferences concerning the question whether Russia should now indicate her willingness for peace, all

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FRANK A. MAESTRETTI

ROB VICTIM OF COAT AND SHOES

FOOTPADS FAILING TO GET MONEY TAKE CLOTHING

W. P. Deakin's Half Dollar Does Not Satisfy Bandits, So They Make Away With His Raiment

Three hold-up men who needed articles of clothing as much as anything else stopped W. P. Deakin on North Hill street last night and by the time they had finished with Deakin he lacked a pair of shoes, a coat and fifty cents in money.

Deakin, who lives at 221 North Hill street, and who has just come to this country from England, told the officers that he was out for a walk when the highwaymen seized him. While one of the men held his arms the other two went through the stranger's pockets, only to find a half dollar, all that Deakin had. The footpads were so disgusted that they stripped Deakin of his coat and shoes in lieu of more money, and after they had warned him not to cry out the robbers fled down the street. Deakin was found by the officer on the beat walking around in his stocking feet and trying to find his way back to his lodgings.

Another reported hold-up which the police were asked to investigate occurred on Date street about 8 o'clock, when Tom Stillwell, who lives at number 948 on that street, was stopped, together with a friend, by two footpads who were unarmed. Stillwell says the robbers made an attempt to stop him, but when his friend, whose name the police were unable to secure, knocked one of them down and then drew a knife, the pair of bad men quickly took to their heels.

FATHER PLEADS FOR SON'S LIFE

FORMER SENATOR GOUCHER BEFORE THE JURY

Mother Sits With the Accused Boy in Court While Dramatic Plea for Acquittal is Made

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—The unusual spectacle of a father pleading to a jury for the life of his son was witnessed in the superior court today when Former State Senator George Goucher made the argument for the defense in the case of Alan Goucher, charged with complicity in the killing of Policeman Eugene Robinson.

The accused boy and his mother sat with shoulders pressed together and hands clasped during Attorney Goucher's address. Behind them were seated the prisoner's sisters and brothers. Mr. Goucher referred frequently to the circumstantial character of the evidence against his son and made a dramatic plea for his acquittal. The case will be given to the jury tomorrow.

Accidentally Shoots His Brother COLUSA, March 22.—Earl Nordyke, aged 13 years, accidentally shot and killed his 4-year-old brother Floyd at Sites. He was handling a 22-rifle belonging to a boy named Wygant, who had said the gun was not loaded.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICIAL INDICTED

FRANK A. MAESTRETTI PLACED UNDER ARREST

RELEASED ON BAIL OF \$3000

President of the Board of Public Works is Accused of Inducing a Witness to Testify Falsely

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Frank A. Maestretti, president of the board of public works of this city, was today indicted by the grand jury on a felony charge. He is accused of inducing witnesses to testify falsely in the case of Charles Wyman, formerly a barkeeper in his employ, who is now serving a sentence in the state prison for fraudulent voting at the last presidential election.

Immediately after the presentation of the indictment to Judge Lawlor, presiding judge of the superior court, a warrant was issued for Maestretti's arrest and his bail was fixed at \$3000.

Maestretti's indictment was brought about with only fourteen of the nineteen grand jurors present. When the jury met in Judge Lawlor's courtroom Foreman T. P. Andrews, E. J. Bowes and John H. Speck were excused at their own request from taking any part in the case about to be considered. They stated that their state of mind disqualified them from serving. H. J. Cordes retired from the jury room without the formality of asking to be excused. D. H. Lohsen was unavoidably absent. Twelve votes were necessary to indict. After the evidence had been presented thirteen of the fourteen men voted in favor of indicting Maestretti.

The Bulletin says that the evidence against Maestretti was given by W. H. Podd and Charles E. Merrill, whose statements were fully substantiated by C. M. Silberstein. These men were the election officers in the seventy-third precinct of the thirty-ninth assembly district.

Merrill is alleged to have testified that after the arrest of Wyman, Maestretti called at his home one night. He went out and asked what was wanted. Maestretti then requested him to swear that Wyman voted only once. Merrill, after some hesitation, says he agreed to testify as requested, since he had not seen Wyman vote more than once, having been absent from the booth for a short time. Maestretti, it is alleged, then advised Merrill to stand up against any cross fire at the trial. Maestretti was taken into custody and released on \$3000 bail. He characterized his arrest as a case of persecution.

Bliss Goes to Philippines

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, March 22.—Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, now with the general staff and president of the war college, has been ordered to the Philippines. It is expected that General Bliss will take command of one of the departments in the Philippines.

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST Southern California: Fair Thursday; light north winds, changing to west. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 70 degrees; minimum, 53 degrees.

- 1—Four stricken by death in a day. 2—Peasant riots continue. 3—Death claims young bride. 4—Southern California news. 6—Editorial. 7—City news. 8.9—Classified Advertisements 10—Sports. 11—Markets. 12—Hatfield may try next year.

EASTERN

Venezuela getting all the profits of the asphalt case. President Morales of Santo Domingo fears revolution. Mormon charges fellow Mormon with polygamy.

FOREIGN

Free traders cast heavy vote in British parliament. Prospects for peace thought to be decidedly brighter. Peasant riots in Russia appear to be increasing.

COAST

San Francisco police look for arrests in Stanford case. Colton storekeeper killed by burglar—large reward offered. Senator Goucher pleads for his son's life.

LOCAL

Victim of hold-up loses coat and shoes. New railroad is being built to rich Nevada mines. Death strikes suddenly upon pedestrians and roomers, taking five lives without an instant's warning. Heart failure and apoplexy the cause.

Nixon Goode, charged with burglary, permitted to visit her room and talks with grandmother of her companion. Postmaster Flint says the neighborhood of Central avenue and East Adams street is to have a new sub-station in July. Station keepers will obey mandates of police commission.

Parties in downtown district in latest plan. Californian who built the first town hall in New Mexico testifies in the Bell case. Superior court judge has troubles of his own in the divorce mill.

Pasadena water dispute to be settled in the superior court. Fashionmaker Hatfield may try again next year and year following, thus affording three wet seasons in succession. Physicians believe Whittier woman dies from poisoning.