

MAYOR TO RULE WITH IRON HAND

SAYS "NEWS LEAKS" MUST BE PLUGGED

OBJECTS TO PRESENT METHOD

Executive Scores the Employes of the Health Department and Threatens Entire Force With Dismissal

Is the daily press in Los Angeles to be under censorship as it is in St. Petersburg? This is the question employees of the city's health department are asking.

"I want to call your attention to the fact, gentlemen," said Mayor McAleer, "that we are often confronted with articles in the newspapers relative to what the health office is doing or what the board intends to do before the board has acted on the subjects mentioned and given details to the public."

"From now on, nothing in regard to the working or intentions of the health department shall be given to the press until this board has passed upon it."

Members in Accord This utterance on the part of the mayor met with the approval of the board and was embodied in a resolution which was adopted without discussion.

Just how the mayor proposes to clear out the health office, whose employes come under civil service, is not at present known, but one inspector was virtually dismissed last night.

Prior to the public session the board of health held a session behind closed doors in the mayor's office which lasted nearly an hour. When the public session was called the program went through as though it had been greased, and discussion on such questions as Hunsicker's resignation was not heard at the public session.

SUPPOSED HIGHWAYMAN PROVES TO BE A WOMAN

Dressed in Men's Clothing, a Girl is Arrested With Her Companion

Standing under a tree on Center street, between First and Banning streets, in the dark, both wearing long overcoats and caps pulled down partly over their eyes, a young man and a girl, who gave their names as C. C. Coffman and Florence Roberts, were arrested by Sergeant Craig and Patrolman Rose about 10 o'clock last night and locked up in the city jail on suspicion of being highwaymen—or women.

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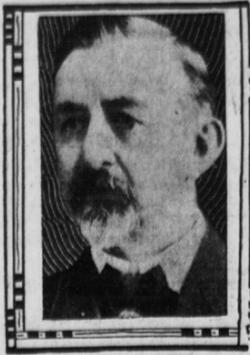
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SISTER OF GEN. GRANT FOUND DEAD IN BED

Mrs. Mary Cramer Passes Away Suddenly in New Jersey

ORANGE, N. J., April 5.—Mrs. Mary Grant Cramer, sister of the late President U. S. Grant and widow of Dr. M. J. Cramer, was found dead in bed today at the home of her sister, Mrs. Virginia Grant Corbin, in East Orange.

DAVENPORT NOT RECALLED, DECISION OF SUPREME COURT



J. P. DAVENPORT

TWO ARE VICTIMS OF STREET CARS

LINEMAN KILLED ON CENTRAL AVENUE

J. W. White, Who Was Hurt Several Days Ago in a Street Car Accident, Succumbs to His Injuries

THE DEAD R. E. Ford, lineman, killed by car on Central avenue. J. W. White, 123 West Avenue Twenty-nine, died from injuries sustained in street car accident several days ago.

R. E. Ford, an electric lineman in the employ of the Sunset Telephone company, was struck and killed by a Vernon avenue car on Central avenue between Sixth and Wilde streets about 7 o'clock last night.

Ford was attempting to board a northbound car to come down town when he was struck and hurled many feet. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and taken to the receiving hospital, where he died two hours later.

Ford was in a saloon on Central avenue when he saw his car approaching, and he ran out into the street to catch it. Another car was going in the opposite direction at a fast rate of speed, it is said. Ford did not see the second car until it was almost upon him, and it is thought he was struck by the northbound car while trying to get out of the way of the southbound car.

Ugly Gashes in Scalp When taken to the receiving hospital it was discovered that Ford had sustained several ugly gashes in his scalp and that he was suffering from concussion at the base of the brain. He was also internally injured.

The car which struck Ford was numbered 348. Motorman R. E. Albright of 1149 East Forty-second street was in charge. So great was the force of the accident that passengers on the northbound car said they thought it had collided with the southbound car. Ford was about 22 years old and weighed about 220 pounds. He was single and lived at the Hotel Toms on Central avenue. His relatives at Hanford have been notified.

Ford's body was taken to Pierce Bros., where an inquest will be held today.

Died From Injuries Coroner Trout was notified last night of the death of J. W. White of 123 West Avenue Twenty-nine, who was struck by a street car in East Los Angeles several days ago. No inquest will be held, as the coroner was not informed at the time of the accident and the physician who has been attending White has issued a certificate of death. White was 65 years old.

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Merkel was convicted several weeks ago on the charge of having murdered his wife. Eleven of the jurors favored the death penalty, but one stood out for a lighter sentence, and in order to prevent the spectacle of a hung jury, the eleven who favored the death penalty came over to the side of the lone juror.

"The man has committed two murders and there is no reason why he should not be tried for both of them," said District Attorney Fredericks yesterday. Since his confinement in the county jail Merkel has failed rapidly in health and it has been given out unofficially that the old man's mind has become unbalanced.

Deposed Councilman Wins Case Before High Tribunal

DRAWS SALARY FOR HIS UNEXPIRED TERM

Constitutionality of Recall Not Questioned—Wins on Technicality

J. P. Davenport, former councilman from the Sixth ward, was not recalled. Such is the decision of the supreme court.

All were mistaken. Davenport was legally the representative of the Sixth ward in the council until last January, when his term expired.

The former councilman will draw four months' salary, from September to January. Dr. Houghton has already drawn his salary for Davenport's unexpired term, although according to the decision of the court he is not entitled to the money.

ANOTHER ROAD TO LOS ANGELES

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PLANS A NEW OUTLET

Proposed to Build a Road From Hazen, Nevada, Connecting With This City by the Carson and Colorado Road

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CHILD KILLS HERSELF SKIPPING THE ROPE

Louise Rivers is Anxious to Win the Championship and Dies in the Attempt

NEW YORK, April 5.—Louise Rivers of New Rochelle, 11 years old, has sacrificed her life in a successful effort to become the skipping rope champion of her neighborhood.

SENATOR BURTON RESIGNS SEAT

NOW STANDS ACQUITTED OF BRIBERY CHARGE

OPPORTUNE TIME TO RETIRE

Could Not Withdraw Before for Fear That His Action Would Be Taken as an Admission of Guilt

KANSAS CITY, April 5.—A special to the Journal from Abilene, Kas., says: "Senator J. R. Burton will resign his seat as United States senator in a short time, according to information given out by one of his close personal friends here. After he was convicted and pending his appeal to the supreme court he could not resign for fear that it would be taken as an admission of guilt."

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LEFT SEVEN MILLIONS

More Than Half of Stanford Estate Goes to University

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—It is now known that Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford left an estate valued at \$7,000,000.

KANSAS SENATOR TO RETIRE



SENATOR J. R. BURTON

PRESIDENT THE GUEST OF TEXAS

GIVEN OVATION BY CITIZENS OF DALLAS

During His Progress Through Kansas and the Indian Territory He is Met at Every Station by Cheering Crowds

DALLAS, Tex., April 5.—President Roosevelt tonight is the guest of the Lone Star state. The special train bearing the president and party arrived in Dallas over the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad promptly at 6:25 o'clock this evening.

After delivering his speech the president and party attended a dinner at the Oriental hotel tendered by the citizens of Dallas.

When the president awoke this morning his train was traversing the plains of Kansas. At every station cheering and enthusiastic crowds were present, all bent on seeing, and if possible, hearing the chief executive.

When Muskogee was reached fully 10,000 people surrounded the railroad station. A stand draped in the national colors had been erected nearby and, although the program did not call for a speech here, the president yielded to the loud acclaim of the people and, escorted by a committee which boarded his train, made a brief address.

Denison was reached at 3:45 o'clock. Preparatory to the arrival of the train the yards had been cleared of all cars and all work was suspended. An immense crowd had gathered to greet the president, who was standing on the rear platform, smiling and bowing his acknowledgments of the cheers which greeted him as soon as the train stopped.

A party of school children advanced to the platform and presented to the president a magnificent floral offering in the shape of a Texas flag. A card attached read: "Presented by the children of the public schools as a welcome to the president to the state of Texas and the city of Denison."

KILLS FELLOW STUDENT

Hammer Throwing at Lick School Results in Fatal Accident

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RISE IN WHEAT CAUSES PANIC

GREAT EXCITEMENT SHOWN IN CHICAGO PIT

John W. Gates and Other Wall Street Manipulators Again Squeezing Dollars Out of the Bears

CHICAGO, April 5.—Within the space of half an hour, near noon, May wheat bounded up 3/4 cents over Monday's final quotation, selling at \$1.14 per bushel at the start. Covering by big shorts shot the price up to \$1.17 1/2 so quickly that the pit was thrown into a panic.

John W. Gates and other Wall Street manipulators again squeezed dollars out of the bears. The advance was one of the freakish caprices of a manipulated market such as that which now exists as a result of determined efforts on the part of John W. Gates and a few other Wall Street speculators to shake a few dollars out of the pockets of the bears.

"May dealing is far from dead," said a leading bull, "and I believe the Wall street crowd is stronger today than ever before, and \$1.25 or better for May wheat doesn't look at all improbable to me. Armour is short more than the trade thinks, and the steadiness of prices has frightened him and his followers to cover."

NEW ARMY BAYONET TO BE FOR BAYONETTING

General Chaffee Recommends We Should No Longer Attempt Combination With Entrenching Tool

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Secretary Taft today approved a recommendation of the bayonet made by Gen. Chaffee, chief of staff, and based on the report of an army board. This inquiry was made at the suggestion of President Roosevelt, as the result of the experiences of the armies in Manchuria.

In his memorandum to the secretary of war, Gen. Chaffee says: "I am of the opinion that we should no longer attempt a combination tool, viz: bayonet and entrenching tool, but that we should decide finally that the troops be furnished with implements, each efficient for its own purpose and separate and distinct. This the committee recommends."

"The bayonet recommended is of the style at present issued to the army for use with Krag-Jorgensen rifle, differing only, in that its length is increased by six inches."

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GHASTLY MURDER IN SAN FRANCISCO

LEGLSS AND HEADLESS BODY FOUND, STILL WARM

WAS SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY

Remains Were Left in a Sack at the Corner of Taylor and Vallejo Streets by an Unidentified Man

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—One of the most mysterious murders of recent years occurred in this city some time this evening.

About 9:30 o'clock a man was seen carrying a heavy bundle, which he let down on the steps of a doorway at the corner of Taylor and Vallejo streets and walked away, disappearing through Washington square park.

There are a number of police and detectives working on the case, scouring the neighborhood where the body was found, as it is believed the murder was committed nearby, owing to the fact of the body being still warm when found.

STANDARD OIL SUED FOR FORTY MILLION

Chicago Claims That Company Has for Years Past Refused to Pay Inspection Fees

CHICAGO, April 5.—The city of Chicago today filed suit for \$40,000,000 against the Standard Oil company. The bill is based upon an alleged non-payment of inspection fees by the Standard Oil company.

It is claimed that the company has for years refused to pay for inspection made by the city under an ordinance regulating commerce in naphtha and gasoline. Representatives of the Standard Oil company hold that gasoline and naphtha are not products of petroleum and that the ordinance does not apply.

SENATOR PLATT OF CONNECTICUT IS ILL

Is at His Summer Home Suffering With Attack of Bronchial Pneumonia

WASHINGTON, Conn., April 5.—United States Senator Platt is ill at his summer residence here, suffering from an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

THE DAYS NEWS

- FORECAST Southern California: Fair Thursday, with fog in the morning along the coast; light west winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 74 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees.

EASTERN

Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas is to resign. President Roosevelt guest of Texas citizens, and is given great ovation at Dallas. Wealthy philanthropist of New York to marry a poor Jewess.

FOREIGN

Berlin, for the first time, anticipates peace at early date. Medical congress at Moscow indorses the whole radical program. Earthquakes, extending over wide area in British India, do "much damage."

COAST

Unidentified man is run over and killed on the Santa Fe road. Headless and legless body of boy, still warm, found in San Francisco. Pasadena expects large attendance at horse show, which opens today.

LOCAL

Davenport not recalled, is decision of supreme court. Mayor McAleer says "news leaks" in board of health must be plugged. Two men killed by street cars. Figures street residents clash over railway line. Former Denver resident says business men of Los Angeles should build railroad to Goldfield. Los Angeles members of national guard interested in government's sharpshooters' tournament. Federal authorities are making strong uphill fight in the prosecution of "Tom" Barr. Ernest L. C. Merkel, sentenced to imprisonment for life for the murder of his wife, will be tried again on the charge of having murdered Mrs. Frankie Fox. Man who attempted to rob tourist in corridor of hotel held to answer charge of assault with intent to rob. Most inspector starts campaign against butchers who adulterate their wares with preservatives. Restaurant keeper dies of wounds received at hands of thugs.