

## HUSBAND CHARGED WITH FORGERY

### B. W. MUIR HAS P. J. SEPULVEDA ARRESTED

### WIFE MAY SUE FOR DIVORCE

**Trials and Tribulations of the Late John A. Muir's Widow, Who Married Young Spaniard, Said to Be Numerous**

P. J. Sepulveda of Long Beach, the young husband of the widow of the late John A. Muir of Los Angeles, is in the county jail, charged by his stepson, B. W. Muir, with having forged his wife's name to a check for \$200 on the First National bank of this city.

In Long Beach the Muir boys declare their mother will commence action for divorce at once.

Sepulveda was married to Mrs. Muir shortly after the death of her husband, a little over a year ago, and since that time, it is alleged, she has had no end of trouble with her youthful spouse. It is asserted that Sepulveda has been cruel to her.

### Arrested Once Before

In the complaint filed yesterday B. W. Muir alleges that the check bearing the forged name of his mother was drawn March 11 and cashed by the State Bank and Trust company of Los Angeles, and that the forgery was discovered when the paper was sent back to the Long Beach bank and payment refused. At the time Sepulveda was arrested by complaint of the State bank, but as Mrs. Sepulveda deposited a sum in the Long Beach bank sufficient to cover the check her husband was released.

Shortly after the first arrest, alleges the new complaint, Mrs. Sepulveda was induced to deed in trust to her husband a lot at Sixth place, Long Beach, valued at \$8500, and it is claimed that he sold it without authority. The Sepulvedas then made a trip east and it was not until their return that Mrs. Sepulveda discovered her lot had been sold.

Muir alleges that about the same time he and his brother discovered that Sepulveda was abusing their mother and decided it was time to call a halt. They declared that Sepulveda has secreted some diamonds belonging to his wife, so yesterday secured a search warrant and got possession of the gems.

### Old Charge Revived

Yesterday the old forgery charge was revived and Sepulveda was again arrested. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Brayton and his bail fixed at \$1500. The examination was set for May 6 at 10 a. m.

When Sepulveda and Mrs. Muir were married, April 7, 1904, in Los Angeles, there was considerable attention attracted to the case because Sepulveda had said he was marrying Mrs. Muir to protect her from her sons. The Muirs now declare their mother has had enough of Sepulveda's kind of protection and that she will sue for divorce.

Mrs. Sepulveda's first husband was one of the best known railroad men in the southwest, having been division superintendent of the Southern Pacific, and at the time of his death general manager of the Los Angeles Railway company.

At the time of the marriage Mrs. Muir was about 50 years old, while Sepulveda was less than half her age.

## LONE HIGHWAYMAN HOLDS UP MT. HAMILTON STAGE

By Associated Press.

SAN JOSE, April 29.—This evening, about 6 o'clock, two Mount Hamilton stages and a private surrey were held up by a lone bandit, heavily masked and armed, between Smith's creek and Mount Hamilton observatory.

There were about twenty people in the stages and these were ordered to alight and deliver up their valuables. The robber felt the pockets of each person and when he heard the jingle of money relieved the owners of it. The drivers were not molested and were permitted to remain on their seats.

About \$50 and some rings and watches were taken. Posses are in pursuit of the desperado.

Among those who were of the party are the following: H. T. Pitkin, San Francisco; Mrs. F. A. Harnden and Miss Nora Harnden of Alameda; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Buell and family, San Jose; Miss Jean Forgans, Santa Cruz; Louis Hoening, Lockport, New York; and A. H. Sharp of Oakland, Indiana.

A telephone message at midnight from Mount Hamilton states that a second bandit appeared to aid the first man while he was still holding up the crowd. Two school teachers from New England were in the party. The watch of one of them was taken, but she pleaded for its return, saying it was a keepsake from her mother. The robber bowed most politely and returned the watch, saying he had a mother himself and was not taking any keepsakes.

The bandits, it is said, mounted and rode rapidly away after the hold-up.

## LETTERS OF SENATOR AND WIFE CAUSE OF SUIT



MRS. T. C. PLATT

## FAIR CO-EDS TIRE OF OPPOSITE SEX

### RESOLVE NOT TO WASTE ANY TIME WITH MEN

### FORM "OLD MAIDS" LEAGUE

### Henceforth, Declare Young Women of Occidental, Tears and Pleadings of Youthful Swain Will Go Unheeded

What! Men? Ah, then—No men. Amen.

With this for a slogan, coupled with a determination to never, never have anything to do with men, thirty of the fairest of the Occidental co-eds have formed an Old Maids' league and henceforth the tears and the pleadings of the youthful swain will go unheeded. Independence is the rule today, tomorrow and, yes, forever more.

It matters not a bit that these particular young women have none of those qualities usually attributed to the old maid. They are determined and that ends it. As yet none of them have succeeded in developing abnormal fondness for cats, a crop of wrinkles or a hankering after tea and solitude. On the contrary they are determined to have all the fun that can be had, only the unfortunate boys are not to share in it.

College students of the male persuasion have fallen beneath the ban. Whether they have done anything to bring themselves so much disfavor history does not relate, but rumor is current that these same young men are not gifted with a fitting appreciation of the charms of co-eds and thus the edict.

### Want No Escorts

The girls have resolved henceforth to appear at public functions and at college affairs in a body. Their first appearance was made recently, when thirty members attended the oratorical contest given in the college chapel. The first four front rows were reserved by them, and after the larger part of the audience had been seated the "old (young) maids" fled in, one by one, and marched to the front of the auditorium.

They were greeted with smiles, but the audience refrained from making any open demonstration until the subject of the last speaker's oration was announced.

"Wanted—A Man" read the chairman and then the climax came. Cheers and handclapping from every side of the room and all eyes were turned on the four front rows. The "old maids" with dignity befitting their determination never moved a muscle—at least not then.

When the judges had made their awards and the company had disbanded then came the time for the girls.

In the seclusion of the home of one of the members, seated around a table laden with good things to eat, they talked it all over, the league and the boys and other things. Then, not content with merely talking it, they gave vent to their enthusiasm by giving the slogan of the club over and over, until the room rang with "no men" and "amen."

It is rumored that the Old Maids' league will appear at another function very soon and it is definitely announced that "old maids' row" will be a permanent institution in the chapel.

### France Also Shaken

LYONS, France, April 29.—Earthquake shocks were felt here and at Pontarlier and Gex between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning.

## PLATT'S LETTERS CAUSE OF SUIT

### YOUNG WOMAN BRINGS ACTION FOR \$35,000

### SAYS SENATOR MADE LOVE

### Mae C. Wood Demands Compensation for Epistles Which She Claims She Was Deprived Of

Special to The Herald.

OMAHA, Neb., April 29.—Mae C. Wood, a former clerk in the postoffice department in Washington, who was said to have brought suit for breach of promise against United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, shortly before his marriage to Mrs. Lillian T. Janeway, began action here today in the district court against Robert Wynne, consul general to London; William Loeb, secretary to President Roosevelt and J. Martin Miller, United States consul at Aix la Chappelle, France.

She alleges they conspired and wrongly deprived her of the manuscript of a book which she had compiled, entitled "Love Letters of a Boss," which was composed of verbatim extracts from letters written to her by Senator Platt; that defendants also illegally deprived her of the original letters upon which the book was based. She demands judgment against the defendants for \$35,000 on the ground that the manuscript and letters were worth that amount as a foundation for other literary products.

In the complaint filed today, which apparently was written by Miss Wood, she alleges that in 1903 she was engaged to marry Platt and that he pretended to be very much in love with her. On April 15 of that year, she declares, when the engagement was about to be cancelled on account of the senator's conduct, in order to make a living and obtain compensation for "peculiar humiliation and persecutions," she determined to publish verbatim autographs of the "silly love expressions contained in the said letters which were mixed with political animosities and news."

She also prepared and added to the manuscript her own replies to the senator's letters as nearly as she could remember them. The defendants heard of this, she says, and Miller, a detective, was put on the case. Under a promise that he could get the book published she gave the manuscript to Miller. Then he showed the secret service credentials and ordered her to give up all the letters written to her by Senator Platt and Lillian T. Janeway. She says she went to W. A. Hummell's house and there turned over to Miller some of the papers in her possession.



SENATOR T. C. PLATT

## HARRY BUNKERS FOUND GUILTY

### JURY RETURNS VERDICT UPON FIFTH BALLOT

### PRISONER REMANDED TO JAIL

### Will Be Sentenced Next Monday, Unless the Motion for a New Trial Should Be Allowed

By Associated Press.

SACRAMENTO, April 29.—Harry Bunkers, the expelled state senator from San Francisco, was found guilty as charged today, and unless a motion for a new trial be allowed, he will be sentenced to serve from one to fourteen years in a state prison next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

When the verdict was returned Bunkers paled. It was the first time during the progress of the trial that he gave evidence of feeling. Yet it was not fear that was in his face; rather it was an expression of incredulity. He rallied quickly and during the discussion on the question of filing a new bond, which finally resulted in his being remanded to the sheriff and locked up in the county jail, he showed only ordinary interest in the proceedings.

The court charged the jury at 1 p. m. and it retired at 1:38. It took five ballots. First, acquittal 3, blank one, guilty 8; second, 9 to 3; third, 9 to 2; fourth, 9 to 1; fifth, guilty.

At 3:05 the verdict was handed in. The court fixed May 8, for sentence. Subsequently, by request of defendant, this was modified to read May 2, 10 a. m. A motion in arrest of judgment will then be made, and if it is denied sentence will be pronounced.

Bunkers pleaded to be allowed to go on his present bond, the district attorney having moved that he be remanded to the custody of the sheriff. The court said it was a question for the district attorney who was familiar with all relations of the case, while the court knew it only within the lines of the trial. There is a doubt, he said, as to the present bond being good for appearance to take judgment. The district attorney said that in view of that doubt he would insist upon his motion and the court ordered the defendant into custody.

The sheriff permitted him to go with a deputy to telephone to his wife in San Francisco, and soon after he was behind the bars in the county jail.

## BOWEN RECALLED TO WASHINGTON



MINISTER BOWEN

### Secretary Taft Will Handle the Affair, and if Accusations Stand the Recalled Minister May Go to Chile

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Secretary Taft has received instructions from the president to call Minister Bowen, now at Caracas, to Washington; Minister Russell, minister to Colombia, to Caracas, and Mr. Barrett, now minister at Panama, to Colombia. It is stated that if Mr. Bowen's action relative to the charges affecting Assistant Secretary Loomis are not subject to criticism it is the president's purpose to send him as minister to Chile and then probably as ambassador to Brazil.

Mr. Bowen will make his statement to Secretary Taft, who is disposed to deal with the case himself and not add it to the bulk of important business which will confront the president on his return to the capital.

Secretary Taft also sent a cablegram to Minister Bowen today stating the reasons for his summons to Washington. They are in brief: First, Mr. Bowen had filed charges against Mr. Loomis; second, the publication of those charges in the New York Herald; third, Mr. Loomis' complete denial; fourth, Mr. Loomis' counter charge that Mr. Bowen had secured that publication, and fifth, Mr. Loomis' desire to be confronted by Mr. Bowen here. The secretary added: "If all goes well you may return to the diplomatic service."

## CHICAGO'S MAYOR TRIES TO BRING ABOUT PEACE



EDWARD E. DUNNE

## STRIKE LEADERS ARE INDICTED

### BILLS FOUND AGAINST THE TEAMSTERS' OFFICERS

### MEN ACCUSED OF CONSPIRACY

### Mayor Dunne Appoints a Committee of Citizens, Who Will Endeavor to Bring About an Agreement

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Twelve of the labor leaders prominently identified with the teamsters' strike now in progress in this city, were indicted by the grand jury tonight.

This was the last day of the session of the grand jury, and the indictments were returned to Judge McEwen just before the jury adjourned. Each indictment contains six counts and charges the men with conspiracy. Bills were returned against the following: Cornelius P. Shea, president of the International Teamsters' union; Hugh McGee, president of the Truck Drivers' Union; Jeremiah McCarthy, business agent of the Truck Drivers' union; M. F. Kelly, president of the Market Drivers' union; Charles Wild Randt, secretary of the Teamsters' Joint Council; George F. Rothen, president of the Packing House Teamsters' union; James B. Barry, president of the Railway Express Drivers' union; John Smith, president of the Coal Drivers' union; Harry Lapp, business agent of the Coal Drivers' union; Charles Dold, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor; Steven Sumner, president of the Milk Drivers' union; and J. W. Young, business agent of the Baggage and Parcel Drivers' union.

One count of the indictment charges the defendants with conspiracy to prevent all persons not members of the Teamsters' union from securing employment as drivers. This is described in the count as being contrary to "public morals." Another count charges conspiracy to prevent any union teamster from picking up or delivering any goods from Montgomery Ward & Co. This is called "trade morals." A third count charges conspiracy to do an illegal act, in that the teamsters were warned not to do any work for Montgomery Ward & Co. The fourth charges that the conspirators compelled the proprietor of the Windsor-Clifton hotel to refuse certain guests of the hotel because they were employees of Montgomery Ward & Co. The other indictments differ only in minor points.

The strike continued to spread today, and a large number of teamsters em- (Continued on Page Two.)

## CROWDS THROUGH THE CHURCHES

### ALL RUSSIA CELEBRATING RISEN CHRIST

### NO RIOT MARS THE FESTIVAL

### Ceremonies Attended by Enormous Masses of People, and Devout Enthusiasm is Manifested on Every Side

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 30.—Easter day, Russia's greatest day of joy and peace, was ushered in with none of the disorders and rioting that were dreaded. As for centuries past the throngs of the Russian faithful throughout the empire gathered at midnight in and around the cathedrals, churches and shrines to greet the risen Lord, and to mark the end of the Lenten gloom and sadness of passion week with illuminations, the pealing of bells and shouts of "Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" Nothing could better illustrate the deep devotion of the Russian folk than the universal participation in the midnight festival.

Though for weeks the people had been fed with rumors that the Terrorists and Revolutionists intended to signalize the festival with a series of bomb outrages throughout the empire, up to 3 o'clock this morning no instance of such an attempt, which would be sure to bring down upon the party responsible, the execration of the united Russian nation, has been reported and it is believed the rumors were founded only on fears.

The credulous authorities took precautions on a grand scale, as if the reports of plots to destroy the Easter gladness were true, and in Moscow and other disaffected centers strong forces of troops were held in readiness for any possible emergency. The governors of practically all the provinces have issued proclamations declaring that there is no basis for alarm and the government has announced its ability and its intention to preserve order throughout the week, especially on Monday, when disorder is chiefly apprehended.

### Czar Did Not Attend

The absence of the emperor from the midnight services in either of his capitals diminished interest, but the ceremonial was carried out in all its elaborateness and stateliness.

The main feature of the service, namely, the procession of the clergy to the tomb where the Interment of the Savior was enacted on Friday afternoon and the discovery that the tomb is empty, the search around the church for the body of the missing Lord, and the angelic proclamation, "He is risen," which is repeated by the priests (Continued on Page Seven)

## MANY KILLED BY TEXAS TORNADO

### SIXTEEN LIVES ARE LOST IN LAREDO

### OTHER FATALITIES NEAR BY

### Local Seminary Is Greatly Damaged and One of the Teachers Has Narrow Escape From Death

By Associated Press.

LAREDO, Tex., April 29.—Sixteen people were killed and scores injured in Laredo by a tornado which tore through the city late last night. Rumors of others killed in places outside Laredo are heard, but as yet lack confirmation. The property damage is large.

The damage wrought at the Laredo seminary is severe. Not one of the group of magnificent buildings which go to make up that institution, escaped damage. The escape from death of the teachers at present quartered in the institution is considered miraculous, as the walls of some of the buildings which they occupied were completely demolished. Mrs. Eastly, one of the teachers, was heroically rescued by several cadets of the institution, who lowered her by a rope from a second story. She was badly bruised.

The Mexican National hospital building had the roof lifted from the edifice and it will require much time to repair the building for patients.

A trip through the town fails to show a locality that has not suffered more or less from the storm. Trees, fences, telegraph and telephone poles, corrugated roofs, chimneys and walls, and debris of all imaginable kinds strewn the streets.

The city authorities are at work clearing away the wreckage of the storm and tonight the city began to resume its customary tranquil appearance. The fireman are at work endeavoring to straighten out the tangle of wires and it is believed that within two days the electric light service can be resumed. It is hoped to re-establish telegraph communication at least partially within two days.

### Fatalities in New Laredo

Conditions in New Laredo, across the Rio Grande river, are similar. It is not officially known how many dead or injured there are at that city, but it is stated there are five. The five known dead added to the list of dead on this side of the river would bring the number of dead in both cities up to twenty-one persons.

The storm made its appearance from the southwest in the neighborhood of Pampas, Mexico, seventy-two miles (Continued on Page Two.)

## THE DAY'S NEWS

**FORECAST**  
Southern California: Cloudy, unsettled weather Sunday; showers in the mountains; fresh south winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 69 degrees; minimum, 58 degrees.

### PART I

- 1—Letters cause suit.
- 2—Regard Morocco as open field.
- 3—Alhambra's new high school.
- 4—Compass errors corrected.
- 5—Southern California news.
- 6—Illumination of Broadway.
- 7—Sports.

### PART II

- 1.3—Real estate.
- 4.7—Classified advertisements.
- 8—Real estate.
- 9—Markets.
- 10—Odd hotels for Portland fair.

### PART III

- 1.3—Social.
- 4—Editorial.
- 5—Cables.
- 6—Family arrayed against actor.
- 8—Fast forging to the front.

### PART IV

Magazine section.

### EASTERN

Twelve of the Chicago strike leaders indicted. Collision in South Carolina kills four and injures a score of others. Sixteen lives lost in Laredo, Tex., by tornado, and other fatalities in neighborhood rumored.

### FOREIGN

Easter celebrated throughout Russia with profound enthusiasm. Switzerland alarmed by earthquake shocks extending over wide area. Head of German mission to Morocco explains his country's attitude.

### COAST

P. J. Sepulveda charged with forgery by his stepson, B. W. Muir. Aeroplano makes highly successful ascent at San Jose.

Lone highwayman holds up Mt. Hamilton stages and relieves some twenty persons of money and jewelry. Expelled Senator Bunkers found guilty.

### LOCAL

P. J. Sepulveda, who married widow of late John A. Muir, charged with forging wife's name to check. Police find big stock of liquor in Central avenue grocery.

Fair co-eds of Occidental college resolve not to waste any more time with men. Civil engineer invents compass course corrector.

Impressive ceremonies attendant upon presentation of toy weapon to Mayor Theo. The first. Ornamental lights on Broadway to be lighted Monday night. Actor compelled to leave stage or lose his inheritance.