

## ST. PETERSBURG FEARS BLACK SEA FLEET NOW PARTICIPATING IN ODESSA MUTINY

### BIG TAX SWINDLE DISCOVERED BY OFFICIALS

### Property Is Falsely Recorded

### Stanford University Used as Blind

### Alleged School Holdings Are Questioned

### Threatened Exposure May Reveal Startling Methods by Which It Is Asserted City and County Have Been Fleeced

After an investigation extending over the past four weeks the city assessor's office is in possession of evidence which tends to show that prominent Los Angeles realty holders, owning property here but having it recorded as belonging to state educational institutions, the holdings of which are exempt from taxation, have swindled the city and county out of thousands of dollars.

The investigation continues. Each day is bringing forth additional evidence of manipulations by which some of the most valuable business property of the city is escaping taxation and startling developments are expected when the evidence is placed before the board of equalization at the opening of its sessions next month. Some of the swindlers are of several years standing. One business man is said to have already convicted himself in letters which are now in the hands of the authorities.

Under the state law the properties of Stanford university and of the newly founded State School of Mechanical Arts are free from taxation. This includes not only the real estate in actual use by these institutions, but any properties which may be in their possession as a part of their endowment funds.

### Have Big Holdings

From the records in the city assessor's office Leland Stanford university has invested in Los Angeles business property over \$1,000,000, while the School of Mechanical Arts has holdings valued at \$200,000. This property, receiving fire and police protection and other advantages, does not pay one cent to the city for the benefits which it is receiving. How much of this property in the name of the two institutions, but which is in reality owned by private individuals, will not become apparent until City Assessor Lewis makes public the result of his investigations.

The modus operandi has been as follows: The state institutions, using money from their endowment funds, have taken mortgages on much Los Angeles real estate for slightly over one-half its real value. As the property is assessed for only one-half its real value and it devolves upon the mortgagee, in this case the state institution, to pay the taxes, it yields nothing to the city.

### Records Not Satisfied

In a number of cases, it is asserted by the city assessor's office, the mortgages held by the university have been canceled, but no assignment has been made of the property on the assessor's books, and although of private ownership, as recorded state property it remains exempt.

Four weeks ago City Assessor Lewis, through a secret source, became aware of the subterfuge. In the particular transaction which came to his attention, he says he convinced himself of the transfer of money through a local bank by which Los Angeles men had paid off the mortgage. But there was no assignment of the property made on the records.

He applied County Assessor Ward of his discovery and when statements were sent out to property owners both he and Mr. Ward assigned the ownership of the mortgage to the person who purchased it, and awaited developments. They came sooner than was expected.

### Say Letters Are Convicting

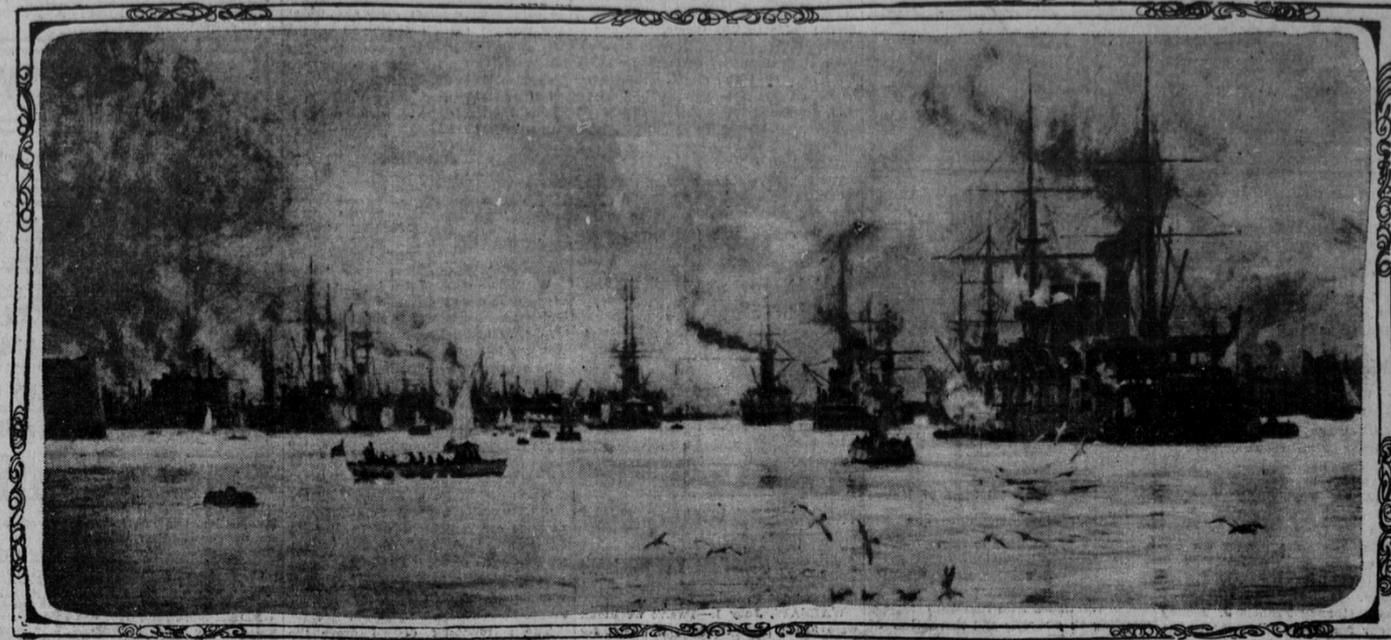
Two days later each received a letter couched in identical terms, in which the individual puts himself on record as saying that the mortgage is held by the university, is so recorded and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

ODESSA, July 2.—Matters appear to be becoming increasingly serious. Although there is a flood of wild rumors in circulation it is difficult to ascertain the truth of any of them.

According to one of these rumors, which is from an apparently reliable source, a deputation of one man from each of the mutinous ships, the Kniaz Potemkine and the Pobiedonotseff, today visited the governor general and notified him that unless the city capitulated to the mutineers within 48 hours, the warships would begin a bombardment.

Strong forces of military guard every street leading to the harbor and the public is not permitted to approach any point overlooking the harbor or the sea, even in the suburbs, where the garrisons have been strengthened by an addition of four battalions of infantry and a battery of artillery, the latter of which has mounted a heavy gun on the high ground in Alexander park commanding the harbor.

Many fears are expressed that the remainder of the Black Sea squadron now here and consisting of two battleships, two cruisers and six torpedo boats, have joined the mutiny.



VIEW OF THE HARBOR OF GRONSTADT, WHERE EIGHT THOUSAND RUSSIAN SAILORS AND MARINES ARE IN A STATE OF MUTINY

### GRIEF GENERAL AT HAY'S DEATH

### NATIONS SEND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

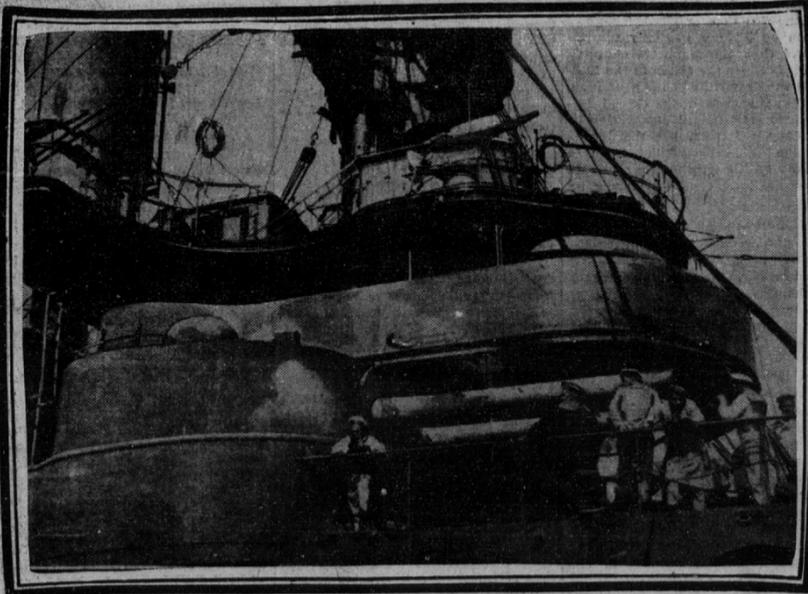
### THE END CAME SUDDENLY

### President Roosevelt Will Attend the Funeral, and Members of Senate Will Act as Honorary Pall Bearers

By Associated Press. NEWBURY, N. H., July 1.—The body of Secretary of State John Hay, whose unexpected death early today has caused sorrow throughout the land and evoked expressions of sympathy and regret the world over, lies tonight in a room of The Fells, from which quaint gambrel roofed mansion which for fourteen years has been the summer home of the Hay family.

Just one week ago tonight the secretary arrived at this village from Washington, wearied with the cares of state and anticipating a "long summer's rest." Tonight the same launch in which Mr. Hay made the short trip from Newbury to the landing at The Fells conveyed relatives of Mr. Hay to the cottage, where they brought sympathy and help to the stricken woman and her only son. In that week came first the news that the secretary had been seized with a sudden and alarming attack calling for expert medical treatment; then that he had passed through the early stages of recovery and reached a condition promising in every respect ultimate recovery. Then the crushing blow fell. At The Fells there is deep grief, while at Newbury there is silence and sorrow where there was pride that the distinguished summer resident had again come among the plain townspeople, and throughout the nation there is a sadness and regret at the loss of one of her greatest statesmen.

It was the middle of the forenoon before there was any evidence at The Fells that the prostration caused by the sudden and terrible experience was abating. It was then that Clarence Hay and the attending physician issued a statement reviewing the last illness and circumstances attending the death. The only members of the secretary's family at The Fells when the end came were Mrs. Hay and Clarence. Mrs. J. A. Wadsworth of Geneseo, N. Y., a daughter, has been ill recently and had not been at Lake Sunapee this season. Mrs. Fay's Whitney, another daughter, is on her way to Europe. The brief announcement was made in



VIEW OF STARBOARD GUN DECK OF REVOLUTIONIST BATTLESHIP KNAIZ POTEKINE

the forenoon that the body probably would be taken to Cleveland on Sunday, and the request was issued that the family be permitted to remain in uninterrupted quiet until late in the afternoon, when details of the funeral plans would be announced. Those wishes were strictly observed.

Only undertakers and messengers carrying telegrams entered the grounds until toward evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mather arrived from Gloucester, Mass. Mrs. Mather is a sister of Mrs. Hay.

### Messages of Condolence

From early forenoon until late tonight the arrival of messages was almost continuous. They came from all parts of the world, but in accordance with the wishes of Mrs. Hay the names of the senders and the texts of the messages were for the most part withheld. It was learned, however, that among them were messages from President Roosevelt, President Loubet of France, Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, ex-Ambassador Joseph H. Choate and Governor John Lane of New Hampshire. It was 7 o'clock tonight before final announcement was made concerning the funeral arrangements. They provide that the body should be taken to Newbury by special train at 11:30 tomorrow and proceed via Claremont Junction and the Connecticut and Passumpsic division of the Boston & Maine railroad to Springfield, Mass., where the funeral car will be attached to the regular Boston-Chicago train.

### DEFIES FATHER'S IRE AND ELOPES

Special to The Herald. SAN BERNARDINO, July 1.—An elopement that is of interest to many Los Angeles people ended in the marriage in this city tonight of Charles Walter Smith, Jr., of Los Angeles and Miss Lois Beryl Hitt of Rochester. Smith is the son of wealthy Los Angeles parents, 24 years of age. The bride

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS REGISTERED IN NEW YORK

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, July 1.—The following Southern Californians were registered at the leading hotels here during the week: Los Angeles—F. Baker, R. S. Crombie, S. Smith, J. F. Clapp, A. W. Collins, H. Maynard, G. L. Cuzener, J. Cuzener, W. G. Taylor, C. C. Abbott, F. E. White, C. H. Hueh, G. Mastrovich and M. M. Dodge. San Diego—T. Hamilton.

is the daughter of the superintendent of young Smith's father's ranch at Rochester, is 17 years of age and a very beautiful young woman. The attachment between the young people has been of many months' standing but was stoutly opposed by the parents of the young man, who supposed the love affair had been broken up six months ago.

A short time ago the father of the young man went east on a business trip and young Smith took advantage of the late parent's absence and journeyed to Rochester. In company with the young woman and her parents young Smith came to San Bernardino tonight, secured a marriage license after hours and sought out Rev. E. K. Holden, who performed the ceremony.

Young Smith says he does not expect his father will allow him to return home when he hears of the wedding but that he does not care as he will make his way in the world and provide his young wife a home. He expects to go to Panama, where Smith claims to have accepted a position as civil engineer.

### LOS ANGELES TO HAVE NEW POSTAL SUB-STATIONS

Special to The Herald. WASHINGTON, July 1.—Four new stations of Los Angeles postoffice will be established on July 15, as follows: No. 6 at 244 West Twenty-third street, No. 7 at 2315 Vermont avenue, No. 8 at 1311 West Main street and No. 9 at Third and Figueroa streets.

### FUSE BURNS OUT; CITY IN DARKNESS

### PECULIAR ACCIDENT CUTS OFF MANY LIGHTS

### EDISON COMPANY IN TROUBLE

### Hotels, Theaters and Many Business Houses Inconvenienced—Temporary Connections Are Made Speedily

Without a moment's warning the entire city plant of the Edison Electric company was rendered useless last evening about 9:30 o'clock and all of the buildings lighted by the company were plunged into total darkness.

Business houses, restaurants, barber shops, hotels, residences, boxing matches, and in fact a great portion of the city was left without electricity, all because of a singular accident that may never be duplicated in the city. Fortunately the trouble was confined to plants Nos. 1 and 2 and did not extend to the various suburban districts which are dependent on the Edison company for light.

Directly, the cause of the trouble was due to a short circuit in plant No. 2, located on Fourth street, and later trouble spread to plant No. 1.

"It was 9:20 o'clock," said General Manager B. F. Pearson, referring to the trouble, "when the operators of plant No. 2 noticed the trouble on the switchboard and all of the switches there were automatically burned out, thus cutting out the feed wires to the various districts.

"This in turn threw trouble into the plant on Second street, burning out the switchboard there and setting the telephone exchange on fire. This caused damage that cannot be repaired before two or three days."

Emergency connections were made and about midnight customers were supplied with light.

"This is the first time in five years that we have not been able to supply our customers with light in case of an accident, and had it been any other than this trouble we could have given them light," said Mr. Pearson. "Either our plant No. 3, located on the east side, or our storage battery here would alone be able to furnish sufficient electricity to light the city for many hours, but as the switches are cut out it was impossible to remedy the trouble until new connections had been made."

### REVOLUTIONISTS EVERYWHERE ACTIVE

### Warsaw Again Scene of Slaughter

### City of Lodz Wrapped in Flames

### Charred Bodies Lie in Streets

### Rebellion Blazes Forth Anew in Every Part of Russian Empire—Troops Continue to Murder Unarmed Workmen

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 2, 3:30 a. m.—An Odessa dispatch received here at 2 o'clock this morning reports that a steamer has gone out to the Kniaz Potemkine with a supply of provisions. The statement received in St. Petersburg regarding the surrender of the battleship and the dispatch which leaves so many details yet to be cleared up, is accepted here with caution, and until the fact is fully established apprehension that the revolt will break out again will not be ended.

St. Petersburg is without definite knowledge as to whether the crew of the Kniaz Potemkine has returned to its allegiance or whether the revolt continues and perhaps had spread to other ships and the inability of the government to announce an end to the uprising gives rise to the darkest reports.

Signs Are Ominous The few dispatches which have arrived through the official agency are evidently carefully censored and lack reference to the mutiny, but the details they have about the hurried emplacement of coast artillery positions confirm.

### THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST Southern California: Fair Sunday; fresh west wind. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 75 degrees; minimum, 59 degrees.

### PART I

- 1—Revolution more widespread. 2—Ogden Armour indicted. 3—Melba scores manager. 4—Admits guilt; no accusers. 5—Southern California news. 6—Cables. 7—Copper welding rediscovered. 8—Venice dedication. 9—Sports.

### PART II

- 1.3—Real estate. 4.8—Classified advertisements. 9—Catholics fight divorce. 10.11—Markets.

### PART III

- 1.3—Social. 4—Editorial. 5—Social. 6—Old-time restaurants here.

### PART IV

Magazine section.

### EASTERN

Government brings suit against Santa Fe railroad company for contempt. Whole nation expresses grief at death of Secretary Hay.

### FOREIGN

Melba, in fit of jealousy, makes trouble at W. W. Astor's concert. St. Petersburg believes that Black sea squadron has joined mutineers. Revolution in Warsaw breaks out afresh, and city of Lodz is in flames.

### COAST

Berkeley experts find spray which kills deadly brown scale on apricot trees. Seattle gets report of disastrous floods and fires in Yukon district. Congressman Williamson to be placed on trial in land fraud case.

### LOCAL

Los Angeles blacksmith discovers art of welding copper. Demand for books at public library continues heavy. City Assessor Lewis discovers tax swindles which were accomplished through falsified recording property. City will purchase \$2,400 worth of fire apparatus. Spring street business men object to delay in plans for street lighting. Pine trees cause no end of trouble for family on West Temple street. Laundry workers go on strike. Forecaster says foggy weather makes more beans. Divorces and marriages both numerous during past month. Self-confessed perjurer may escape because no one has sworn to complaint. Woman of uncertain age almost causes suspension of business at marriage license counter.