

HOOK TRIAL WILL BE OPENED TODAY

YOUNG MILLIONAIRE CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER RESULT OF AUTO ACCIDENT

Wealthy Young Angeleno is Accused of Causing Death of Miss Margaret Birtwistle in March

Charged with manslaughter in the death of Miss Margaret Birtwistle, Barbee S. Hook, millionaire son of the late railway magnate of the Traction company, will face the criminal charge in Judge Smith's department of the superior court this morning.

Every step possible has been taken by Attorneys Hunsaker and Britt for a vigorous defense of their wealthy young client, and it is believed several days will be taken up with the testimony in the case. For the district attorney's office Attorneys McComas and Fleming will take charge of the prosecution.

The accident which resulted in the death of Miss Birtwistle occurred on Downey avenue near Avenue 22 during the latter part of March. Hook, accompanied by three friends, had been automobiling towards Arcadia. They were returning to the city after dark and were speeding along Downey avenue when, in turning to avoid a collision with a car, he struck Miss Birtwistle as she was crossing the street. Two girls who were seated in the tonneau of the machine were injured, while the auto was wrecked in a frantic attempt by Hook to avert the catastrophe.

Since the police court examination a settlement has been made by Mrs. Hook with the mother of Miss Birtwistle.

NOME VESSELS BEATEN BY STORM BUT SAFE

Zealandia Arrives With First News Since Wires Went Down in June

SEATTLE, July 9.—Bringing the first news out of Nome since the wires went down the middle of last month, the steamship Zealandia reached port from the north today enroute to San Francisco. Zealandia reports that all the steamers of the Nome fleet concerning which there has been much speculation during the past week, are safe and that the delay in their reaching Seattle on their voyage was occasioned by eight days of such severe weather as to make it impossible to handle the cargo on the lighters.

The storm came from the north and piled up a heavy sea, which tossed about the steamers and sailing craft anchored off Nome in a dangerous manner.

The Zealandia brought eighty-five passengers, all but eight of whom were for Seattle, the remainder going to San Francisco. She also brought out the biggest shipment of gold which has come from Nome this season, \$1,322,000. She sailed for San Francisco shortly after midnight.

CHINESE PHYSICIAN STRANGLER TO DEATH

Is Known to Have Had on His Person Much Money, Diamonds and Other Property

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—Strangled to death with his own queue, the body of Lin Moon Chuck, a Chinese physician, was found lying in the entrance of a squalid Chinese house in Chinatown today. It is supposed that he was decoyed to that place by a fictitious call to attend a sick person and then killed and robbed. He was known to carry considerable money and also had some valuable diamonds and jewelry.

TWO MEN INJURED IN RAILROAD ACCIDENT

GREENCASTLE, Ind., July 9.—While running at the rate of 60 miles an hour this evening, eastbound New York fast mail train on the Big Four collided with the westbound freight No. 98, which was pulling into a siding at Oakall, five miles west of here. Fireman Tippy, aged 40, of Indianapolis, was fatally injured, and Engineer A. M. Carter of Mattoon, Ill., seriously injured. Both of the injured men were on the mail train. None of the mail clerks or passengers were injured. The engine, one mail car and the combination car left the track and ran 50 feet into a cornfield.

SALESMEN IN PRISON FOR CIGARETTE SMOKING

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 9.—Edward Hammel, traveling salesman for a patent medicine company, has been convicted of smoking cigarettes. He is serving a sentence of twenty-nine days in default of payment of a fine of \$25 and costs, assessed by Judge Foster of Otterbein and will, in all probability, be compelled to serve the entire sentence.

TRIAL OF HOOK ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE BEGINS TODAY



BARBEE S. HOOK, ACCUSED OF RECKLESSLY DRIVING AUTOMOBILE WHICH KILLED A GIRL

WOMAN HURLED 30 FEET BY CAR

MRS. KATHERINE OSTROM IS KILLED

LIVES ONLY TEN MINUTES

Attempts to Cross Tracks at Corner of Ninth and Olive Streets When She is Struck

Mrs. Katherine Ostrom, 930 East Thirty-second street was almost instantly killed by an eastbound West Ninth street car at the corner of Ninth and Olive streets last night.

Mrs. Ostrom was returning home from the Swedish Baptist church, Hope and Eighth streets, and was crossing the street when she was struck by car No. 283. According to eye witnesses she was hurled thirty feet down the track and when assistance reached her she was in an unconscious condition.

The car stopped at once and the train crew lent their assistance in carrying the woman to Heinzenman's drug store, corner Ninth and Main streets. Medical aid was summoned but she died ten minutes after the accident occurred.

J. T. Doores and J. Rettenmayer, both of 941 Sunbury street, were eye witnesses to the accident. They say the woman was crossing the street and apparently did not see the approaching car or hear the warning signal which was given by the motorman. They say the motorman tried to slacken the speed of his car before the accident occurred but was too close to her to materially break the force of the impact.

August Wallton was the first person to reach the side of the injured woman. He assisted in carrying her to the drug store and then hastened to her brother-in-law's house at Wadsworth and Jefferson streets.

Mrs. Ostrom was 49 years old. Her husband died of paralysis but a month ago. She leaves a son, 20 years old, who has been in ill health for the last year. He is suffering from heart disease and it is feared that the news of his mother's death will be a severe shock to him. Mrs. Ostrom came to California three years ago for her husband's health.

The body was removed to Pierce Brothers' undertaking establishment and the coroner's inquest will be held this morning.

CUT HIS THROAT IN HIS WIFE'S PRESENCE

PHILADELPHIA, July 9.—Silas McDonald, who was for years cashier of the State National bank of St. Joseph, Mo., and came to this city after that institution went into liquidation, tonight committed suicide here by cutting his throat in the presence of his wife. He had been in ill health. His wife was severely cut in attempting to prevent the deed.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BUYS HIGH-BRED STALLIONS

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 9.—E. Hio-sawa and T. Hayashi, representatives of the Japanese government, have purchased five highly bred stallions to be sent to the royal stud. Three are thoroughbreds and two are registered trotters. The consideration in each case is private.

U. S. CONSUL AT VENICE TO MARRY BARONESS

VENICE, July 9.—The engagement is announced of Paul Nash, the American consul here, and Baroness Ina Mayneri of Piedmont. The baroness, who moves in the highest society, is at present residing in Venice.

WALKS TO DEATH IN CHINA SLOUGH

FRIENDS POWERLESS TO SAVE INSANE MAN

ONE IS NEARLY DROWNED

San Francisco Tailor Breaks Away From Companions and Plunges into Water, Fighting With Would-be Rescuer

SACRAMENTO, July 9.—Edward Lotz, a tailor from San Francisco, who has been held at the county jail in an apparently demented condition for the past few days, committed suicide this morning by deliberately throwing himself into the China slough and allowing himself to drown.

Lotz was being taken to the 8:20 train by Deputy Sheriff Edward Reese and S. Berowitz, a friend of Lotz from San Francisco. The three started down I street from the county jail about 8 o'clock this morning, Lotz walking in the middle. They conversed a little as they walked down the street and when they reached the banks of the China slough, Lotz broke away from Reese and Berowitz and plunged into the slough. The water was not deep at the place Lotz picked out to end his existence and he proceeded out into the water about fifty feet before he reached a depth over his head.

Lotz was closely followed into the water by his friend Berowitz. The latter grabbed him and tried to pull him out, but Lotz got hold of Berowitz's legs and pulled him under. Lotz seemed to be seized with a fit of violence and grabbed Berowitz by the head and the two struggled desperately in the water.

Finally Berowitz realized that he, too, would be drowned if he did not break loose from the crazy man's hold. He fought and succeeded in freeing himself and then rose to the surface of the water and called for help. He was partially exhausted and swam to a fence that projects into the slough. He rested himself on the fence and called for help. A Chinaman responded and Berowitz told him he would give him \$10 if he would save Lotz, who was still struggling in the water.

The Chinaman was afraid that the water was too deep and Lotz went down for the last time. Berowitz then swam to the shore.

Deputy Sheriff Reese waded into the slough in an attempt to save the drowning man, but not being an expert swimmer, was unable to render much assistance.

The body was recovered about 11 o'clock by two fishermen whom Sheriff Reese employed to drag the slough. The body was located with a hook on the end of a long pole, in about six feet of water.

Lotz was a native of Germany and about forty-eight years of age. He has lived in San Francisco for a number of years and has followed his occupation as a tailor. Since he has been in this state he has accumulated a fortune valued at \$10,000. He has \$7000 cash in one of the savings banks of San Francisco. He was unmarried and so far as is known he has no relatives in California. The only relatives known are in Germany.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PEOPLE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 9.—Los Angeles people in this city at present are Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Murray at the Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. D. Denmore at the Normandie and Mrs. F. H. Pfund at the Astor.

CASSINI FALLS INTO DISFAVOR

REGARDED AS BEING RETIRED IN DISGRACE

FEELS HIS POSITION KEENLY

Russian Ambassador Leaves Washington Without Receiving Any of the Honors to Which is Due His Rank

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Count Cassini, the retiring Russian ambassador, who has been transferred to Madrid and sails for Europe next Tuesday, is out of temper with everyone, including his own government, and he is taking no pains to conceal his ill feeling toward Baron Rosen, his successor.

Rosen's attitude toward his predecessor strengthens the previous indications that, instead of having been promoted to Madrid, as claimed, Cassini had really been recalled, and is leaving Washington in disgrace. This is the general belief among other diplomats, and it is so strong that they are paying the retiring ambassador none of the honors due his rank.

As ambassador and dean of the diplomatic corps Cassini was entitled, by diplomatic etiquette, to a formal farewell banquet, but nothing of the kind has been arranged. Cassini feels his position keenly.

CHINA ASKS TO BE HEARD

Japan Objects to Her Being Represented in Peace Conference

WASHINGTON, July 9.—China's request to be represented in the Washington conference on the ground that she is vitally interested in the proceedings has been received by the president and formally transmitted to the belligerents. Whether the president has received the formal replies cannot be learned, but it can be stated that while Russia is inclined to favor the suggestion Japan will not consent to it.

Japan has already made public her assurance that Manchuria is to be restored to China. That is one of the principles for which she says she has been fighting. Japan regards herself as fully capable of executing that promise without the assistance of China, and, in view of China's inability before the war to cope with Russia in Manchuria, the Japanese government is unable to see what possible service a Chinese representative would be in the Washington conference.

Moreover, the Japanese have all along taken the position that, when peace negotiations were begun, they would be conducted directly with Russia. It is altogether unlikely that the Washington government will press the claim of China and the official view here falls to sympathize with the idea. The past week has seen few developments in the plans for the negotiations. Negotiations for an armistice are not expected to be concluded until after the plenipotentiaries meet. It is pointed out again that the beginning of the rainy season in the war zone removes the necessity for an immediate signing. Little doubt is felt, however, that this will be the first subject discussed by the plenipotentiaries and probably their initial act will be the signing of a protocol providing for the cessation of hostilities for a limited period.

De Rosen Going to Oyster Bay

Baron de Rosen will go to New York within the next few days and thence to Oyster Bay to be presented to the president. Meantime he is in daily conference with the attaches of the embassy and has had several long talks with Count Cassini, who posted him on each step in the negotiations up to this moment. No place has yet been selected for the holding of the conference, but this Baron de Rosen will discuss with the president next Thursday. Expecting that some place in New England will certainly be selected, Baron de Rosen chose Manchester, the summer headquarters for his embassy. It is believed here that the choice lies between Portsmouth, N. H., and Portland, Maine, with the chances in favor of the former.

Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, will be an early visitor at Oyster Bay to discuss the arrangements for the conference. It is the belief here that, instead of the president taking the tedious trip to Washington to greet the plenipotentiaries, the plan which probably will be adopted is for the plenipotentiaries to go to Oyster Bay, the Japanese representative boarding the Mayflower at the navy yard, Washington, and the Russian envoys going in the Dolphin from New York to Oyster Bay, where they will be jointly received by the president and formally presented to each other. They could go by boat thence to the place selected for the conference, and return to Washington at the conclusion of their labors, for the formal

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FORMER RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES



COUNT CASSINI

EIGHT MEN ARE BLOWN TO PIECES

PREMATURE EXPLOSION OF BLASTING POWDER

TWO OTHER PERSONS HURT

Accident Occurs on Susquehanna River Near Scene of Pennsylvania Railroad Disaster in May

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 9.—Eight men were blown to pieces and two others were injured by the premature explosion of a big blast of rock powder on the Pennsylvania railroad improvement near New Cumberland at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The accident occurred directly across the Susquehanna river from the scene of the Pennsylvania railroad wreck of May 11, in which twenty-three persons were killed and many others injured.

All the victims of today's disaster were employees of P. S. Kenbaugh & Co., incorporated contractors, who are now building the double tracks for the Pennsylvania railroad to connect with the Erola yards. The bodies of the men were terribly mangled and particles of flesh and bone were scattered for a distance of 200 yards from the scene of the explosion.

The dead are: JAMES WISEMAN, ARTHUR GREEN, ROBERT THOMPSON, FRANK MULLACH. Three Italians and one Slav known only by numbers.

An inquest was held this afternoon. The jury rendered a verdict of premature explosion from an unknown cause and no blame is attached to the contractors.

INSANITY EPIDEMIC FOLLOWS REVIVAL

TOPEKA, Kan., July 9.—Investigation made by the state board of control of charitable institutions during the last week shows that the counties in which lengthy religious revivals have been held during the last year have high records for the number of insane persons sent to the state asylums. "Insanity," said H. C. Bowman, member of the board, "seems to have followed religious revivals like an epidemic. Reno county, where there was a protracted revival early last year, has sent fifty-two insane persons to the state asylum in Topeka in twelve months. I find this epidemic of insanity has also followed the revivals which were held in Topeka, Arkansas City, Winfield, Wichita and other places."

WOMAN IS SLAIN IN BAKERSFIELD

SLAYER ESCAPES; PROBABLY A BURGLAR

SHE HAD FIRED AT INTRUDER

Body of Mrs. Mary Van Dorse Found Pierced By Bullet When Her Husband Returns Home From Work

BAKERSFIELD, July 9.—Mrs. Mary Van Dorse was murdered at her home early this morning by some unidentified person. The supposition is that some one attempted to rob the house and when she went to investigate the burglar fired at her and killed her. As yet there is no clue to the person who committed the crime, but the officers are using every effort to find the guilty person.

At 11 last night Mrs. Van Dorse returned to her home and retired, and about 3 o'clock this morning six shots were fired near the place. When her husband returned from work about 4 o'clock he found her lying on the floor at the entrance of the house.

She had a bullet wound in her breast and at that time had probably been dead about an hour.

It is thought that when she heard the intruder she got her 22-caliber revolver and went to the door and on seeing him fired, but missed her mark. It is known that she fired one of the shots, because one of the chambers in her revolver contained an empty cartridge. When she fired the murderer probably opened fire and one of the five shots fired by him entered her body. The bullet which did the deadly work entered the body just above the left breast and lodged in the left lung. Judging from the course the bullet took, she must have been leaning out of the door when she shot and the murderer returned fire from the right. This morning the officers found the marks of the other shots, which had entered the house near where the body was found.

HAS NEGRO DEPORTED TO PREVENT LYNCHING

Evidence Fails to Establish Criminal Charge and Judge Orders Removal From Parish

NEW ORLEANS, July 9.—To prevent Spencer Roy, a negro, from being lynched Judge Gaudet in the twenty-eighth judicial court of Jefferson county at Gretna yesterday instructed Sheriff Marrero that he be taken out of the parish. On complaint of Miss Irene Bourlet, an 18-year-old girl, Roy had been arrested on a criminal charge. When the testimony was heard the charge was not established, but the evidence showed that Roy had grossly insulted the young woman and the residents of Jefferson parish were thoroughly aroused.

SPEED IS TERRIFIC

Death Valley Miner on Wild Journey

Scott's Special Train Is Breaking Records

FLIGHT OF SCOTT SPECIAL

Table with columns: Station, Dist., Time. Lists train schedule from Los Angeles to Barstow.

Croesus Racing to Chicago Against Time

Distance Between Los Angeles and Barstow Covered at a Rate Never Before Equalled on This Division of Santa Fe

Awakening the silence of the desert with the wild screeches of its locomotive whistle and startling the villages of the western plains into an unwonted activity, madcap Walter Scott's self-advertising special is speeding on its way to Chicago.

The race between the highest handiwork of a railroad's ingenuity and the passage of time is on.

Officials of the Santa Fe went to their beds last night to toss about and lie awake. Until the click of a telegraph key in the Chicago office bears the message of the train's arrival in the western metropolis forebodings of a possible accident will constantly haunt them.

Leaving Los Angeles at 1 o'clock the train halted at San Bernardino at 2:05 1/2. It had broken all past records for fast travel over the distance of sixty miles intervening between there and Los Angeles. The time, exclusive of that taken out for stops, was sixty-two minutes, or a continuous speed of a mile a minute.

At Barstow it lacked five minutes of 4 o'clock when the engineer swung himself from his engine, his face covered with grime, his eyes red and his blue shirt and overalls bearing the dust (Continued on Page Three.)

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST

Southern California: Fair Monday; light west wind. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 80 degrees; minimum, 62 degrees.

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EASTERN

Count Cassini departs on his journey to Europe. Eight men are killed in Pennsylvania by premature explosion of a blast. Two persons are shot in race riot in New York.

FOREIGN

Admiral Kruger takes possession of the Khas Potemine, Japan opposes China's request to be represented at peace conference. Bomb throwing reported as daily occurrence at Tiflis.

COAST

San Francisco tailor, insane, walks into water and drowns. Bakersfield woman is murdered, presumably by a burglar. Grass Valley reports serious forest and grass fires.

LOCAL

Business men to oppose policy of mayor regarding freight carrying by interurban railways. Paralyzed Chinaman, oldest ward at county hospital, prepares to leave. Scott's special train starts on record breaking trip to Chicago. Octogenarian tells story of privation and suffering in flood. Mayor McAleer believes twenty-one year franchise will stand. Catholics lay corner stone of new parochial school. San Francisco policemen defeat Los Angeles policemen in ball game by score of 7 to 5. Miner tells wonders of Nippon and Searchlight districts. Negro trouble introduces new tangled religion into Los Angeles; has many peculiarities. Evangelist Bulgis says Bible has stood the test. Infant Patti idol of audiences at Orpheum. Barbee Hook trial scheduled to open today in superior court.