

GAMBLING CAUSES RUIN OF EMPLOYEE

DEFAULTING TICKET AGENT IS ARRESTED

IS WANTED IN CLEVELAND

Julius C. Mengendorf Speculates With Funds of Employers and is Charged With Embezzling \$6000

Refusing to deny his identity when accosted by Detectives Davis and Roberts on Spring street, near Fourth street, yesterday morning, Julius C. Mengendorf was arrested on the charge of embezzling funds entrusted to him while ticket agent for the C. and B. Transit company of Cleveland, O. The amount of his defalcation is said to be \$6000.

Mengendorf does not deny his guilt, but insists that the defalcation has been made good several months ago. He left Cleveland October 31, 1904, and came to Los Angeles, where he and his wife have since resided. He will be held, pending instructions from the Cleveland officers.

ACKNOWLEDGES HIS GUILT

Letters to Employers Explains Speculation as Cause of Shortage

CLEVELAND, O., July 14.—Speculation on a small salary was the reason given by Mengendorf in letters sent to his several employers for his shortage, which, all told, amounted to about \$6000. These letters were mailed to his employers by Mengendorf the morning of his disappearance from the city. Mengendorf left Cleveland on the morning of October 31, 1904. His absence was not noticed until it was time for him to make reports to his employers, the various interurban electric railway companies, which have a general ticket office at the square.

No trace of the former ticket agent could be found. In the letters he left behind he said that he was going to a foreign country, there to work day and night to secure money to repay the defalcations. The amount of the shortage was almost covered by bonds in the American and the Bankers' Surety companies, these last amounting altogether to \$4500. The companies were immediately called on to make good the claims of the electric railways companies.

Mrs. Mengendorf, who had been left behind by her husband, interceded with the officials of the railway companies and the bonding companies with the result that prosecution of her husband was deferred for a time, that she might raise the funds and pay the debts. She was given every consideration by the companies, which made it as easy as possible for her to accomplish her purpose, but she was unable to raise the money, and, broken-hearted, at last gave up and left the city, returning to the home of her parents in Akron, Ohio. Warrants were then issued for her husband.

Mengendorf was very well known in Cleveland and quite well liked by a large circle of business acquaintances. He lived well at the Melrose apartment house on Prospect street. He came here from Akron several years ago. In that town he was the manager of the Academy of Music.

INTEND TO INTRODUCE STAFF SIGNAL SYSTEM

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC ADOPTS SAFETY MEASURE

Device That Has Worked Successfully on Other Roads and Notably Over Raton Pass, on the Santa Fe, to Be Installed on Mountain Division

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—The Bulletin says: "By the installation of the staff signal system on the mountain division of the Sierra Nevada the Southern Pacific will remove all danger of a possible accident on the line. The staff signal system has been worked for some years on other roads, notably over the Raton pass of the Santa Fe, and has given complete satisfaction, the officials of the Santa Fe saying that without this system they would have been unable to handle the traffic over the mountain."

"Some time ago Mr. Adler, who was then with the Southern Pacific, was sent east with J. H. Wallace to make an inspection of the system, and his report was so satisfactory that General Manager Calvin has decided to put in the staff system on the road between Rocklin and Truckee."

"This system takes the place of a train order, and the officials in speaking of it declare that it is impossible for a collision to occur with this style of signaling."

"It does not mean that operators will be done away with, for the operator will set the signal at the approach of trains, and there are three different signals. One of these signals is for the approaching train to take the side track, the second for it to come up on the main line and stop, and the third indicates that the engineer can take out the staff and continue on his way at full speed."

"When the engineer has taken out the staff this locks the line till the next station is reached, and he can put back the staff, even when he is traveling at a high rate of speed. If he should receive the signal to go ahead all that he has to do is to pull out another staff and the line is locked until he reaches the next station."

"The railroad people say that the possession of this train gives a train absolutely right of way and is the only permit for any train to occupy the track."

CHARGED WITH TRYING TO BLACKMAIL STANDARD OIL

Fresno Painter Writes That He Can Influence Supervisors Not to Raise Assessment

FRESNO, July 14.—A sensation was created this forenoon here by the county supervisors, sitting as a board of equalization, when H. G. Morrow, agent of the real estate and tax department of the Pacific Coast Oil company, controlling the Standard Oil pipe line, was on the stand. He told of having received from a Fresno contracting painter, C. L. Hollis by name, two letters that the supervisors could be bribed for \$500 not to raise the tax assessment of the company.

The letters stated that Chairman Thomas Martin and two other members of the board are simply dummies in the affairs of the county. A subpoena was issued to bring Hollis before the board and verify his alleged statements.

Hollis had last year the contract to paint the court house under a Republican administration, and there was a scandal in connection with the work. The grand jury took it up, but merely criticized the business administration of the board.

In the letters Hollis wrote that he would have to be the go-between to influence three supervisors. The sheriff had not found him up to noon to serve the subpoena. Morrow brought the alleged blackmail charge before the district attorney last night, but it was resolved to withhold action until after the public expose today.

FRENCH CELEBRATING FALL OF THE BASTILLE

Officers of British Naval Squadron Attend Parisian Ceremonies and Are Enthusiastically Greeted

PARIS, July 14.—The French national holiday was celebrated today. Boulevards were thronged with merry-makers and all the leading thoroughfares were elaborately decorated. There was a brilliant review at Longchamps, which was attended by President and Mme. Loubet, the cabinet officials, the diplomatic corps, and a vast throng of people. About 20,000 troops participated in the maneuvers.

A notable feature of the review was the presence of 123 officers from the British naval squadron at Brest, all in full uniform. Their arrival was the occasion for an enthusiastic reception, the band playing the British national anthem. The popular ovation accorded to the British officers was further indicative of the Anglo-French understanding.

President Loubet gave a luncheon to the British officers and to a number of French military and naval men in the Elysee palace at noon. "Public games and dancing are going on in all the public places under the control of the municipality and the theaters will give free performances."

SECRETARY TAFT'S PARTY ARRIVES AT HONOLULU

Reports Enjoyable Voyage and is Met by Acting Governor and Committee of Citizens

HONOLULU, July 14.—Secretary of War Taft and party arrived this morning on the steamer Manchuria. Soon after the vessel docked the visitors went driving to the Fall. As the guests of the citizens' commission they will visit local places of interest and have luncheon at the Royal Hawaiian hotel, where Secretary Taft will make an address.

The Manchuria was met outside of the harbor by Acting Governor Atkinson and a committee. The members of the distinguished party declare they had an enjoyable voyage to Honolulu. There were several dances on board, in which Secretary Taft and Miss Roosevelt participated. Lectures were also given on Philippine subjects. Secretary Taft, in an interview referring to Chinese exclusion, said that it was not proposed to admit any more Chinese of the coolie class, but merely to treat more courteously Chinese who are entitled to admission. The Manchuria leaves for Manila tonight at 6 o'clock.

TORPEDO BOATS WILL JOIN COAST SQUADRON

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The state department is making arrangements to form a flotilla of torpedo boats to be attached to the coast squadron. The torpedo boat destroyers heretofore attached to the coast squadron will be attached to the battleship squadron.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT OPPOSED TO BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Mr. Rockhill, the American minister at Peking, has cabled the state department that the Chinese government is vigorously opposing the threatened boycott of American goods.

CENSORSHIP IS AGAIN IN FORCE

TREPOFF TURNS SCREWS ON WORSE THAN EVER

ALL RIOT NEWS SUPPRESSED

Blanket Order is Issued and Leading Anti-Government Paper, Which Had Attained Immense Circulation, Suspended

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, July 14.—The government censorship now under the direction of General Trepoft, assistant minister of the interior, has been revived with all its pristine vigor. A blanket order has been issued prohibiting the publication of any news relating to strikes, disorders or revolutionary action.

The Nashi Shian, the leading anti-government paper, which attained an immense circulation when the Russian censorship was lifted, today suspended publication. A band of Terrorists fully equipped to manufacture bombs and forge passports, was captured in a house near the Fontanka canal last night.

Thirty Sailors Shot LONDON, July 15.—The correspondent of the Chronicle at Kustentzi, Rumania, says that according to a sailor belonging to the Kiaz Potemkine, thirty of the crew of the battleship who surrendered have been shot.

Regiment Joins Revolutionists TIFLIS, Caucasus, July 14.—A regiment of Russian sappers stationed at a small village in the mountains near here has murdered all its officers and, it is rumored, has joined the revolutionists.

Will Use Only Polish Language WARSAW, Russian Poland, July 14.—The employees of the Vienna-Lodz-Kalisz railway have decided to use the Polish language in the transaction of railway business. If any one is punished for so doing all the employees will resign.

Published Editorial Characterizing the Sale of Brooklyn Theater to City as a Swindle

NEW YORK, July 14.—Arthur Brisbane, editor of the New York Evening Journal, was placed under arrest today on a charge of criminal libel preferred by City Comptroller Grout. Mr. Brisbane went voluntarily to court to answer the charge. A hearing in the case was set for Monday at 2 p. m., in order that Mr. Grout might be examined before his departure for Europe on Tuesday next.

The editorial complained of by Mr. Grout was headed "Straining at a Set of False Teeth and Swallowing a Theater." It alleged that Mr. Grout had refused to audit a bill for \$40 for false teeth bought by District Attorney Jerome's order for Dodge, the principal witness for the prosecution in the criminal proceedings growing out of the Dodge-Morse divorce case, but that he had approved the sale of the Montauk theater in Brooklyn to the city.

The theater was needed to carry out a street widening plan. The sale was characterized in the editorial as "swindling."

SAN FRANCISCO TO HAVE BIG IMMIGRANT STATION

Will Be Located on Angel Island and Be Modeled After New York Institution

CLEVELAND, July 14.—At the weekly prayer meeting of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church tonight John D. Rockefeller said that the Christian faith demands that every man must do according to that which he hath or according to with which he has been blest.

After a number of persons had spoken Mr. Rockefeller said: "There are two men who appear equally zealous in the cause of Christ. But one is more effective than the other. The thing to do is to find out the secret of the effectiveness of the one. The beginning of the application of our Christianity must come now, tonight, tomorrow morning in our homes or in the office. Sometimes it has seemed to me that I might advance the Christian faith by assisting the endowment of chairs in theological seminaries."

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SILK THIEVES GET VALUABLE PLUNDER

Chicago Believed to Be Headquarters of Gang That is Committing Wholesale Depredations

CHICAGO, July 14.—That a band of silk thieves, whose operations have resulted in plunder valued at \$25,000, are making Chicago their headquarters and that stolen silks are being systematically sold through a "fence" in this city, is the belief of the police. The burglaries believed to have been committed by the gang have occurred within a radius of 300 miles of Chicago, and principally in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. Telegrams from the police of many

towns have been received, telling of numerous burglaries committed in country stores and department stores of larger cities, in which valuable silks have been stolen.

The police of the following places, among others, have within the past few days notified the Chicago authorities regarding operations of the band supposed to have headquarters here: Bloomington, Ill.; Hannibal, Mo., and Clinton, Iowa.

BRUTAL DOUBLE MURDER REPORTED IN ARIZONA

Robbery the Obvious Motive and Perpetrators Believed to Have Been Mexican Employes

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 14.—Samuel Plunkett, a stock grower, and a man in his employ named E. A. Kennedy were murdered, presumably on July 12, at Plunkett's ranch, one and a half miles above Livingston, a little town at the head of the basin of Roosevelt storage reservoir on upper Salt river.

The object of the murder was undoubtedly robbery, as watches and all the money the men had were taken, though the amount of the latter is unknown.

The crime was only discovered this afternoon. The government engineers had a business engagement with Plunkett, which he failed to keep, and a messenger was sent to his ranch. The men had evidently been dead at least two days.

Al Sieber, a famous Indian scout, and Ranger Peterson are seeking for the murderers, who are supposed to be Mexicans formerly in Plunkett's employ.

Plunkett had a wife, who is now visiting in Old Mexico, but Kennedy had no family.

The murder was a most brutal one. Plunkett's body was found in bed, literally cut to pieces. His head was crushed and there were all the signs of a terrible fight. Kennedy's body was found on the porch, badly cut, the head being also crushed. No firearms were used.

The scene of the crime is 100 miles east of Phoenix.

NEW AUTO PATROL WAGON IS BALKY

Declines to Carry a Late Load of Drunks to the Police Station

With a load of drunks the new automobile patrol wagon balked for the first time early this morning in its short career at the police station. It pranced merrily half way up the First street hill and then suddenly stopped. No amount of persuasion could induce it to go another revolution. It acted even worse than a balky horse. The prisoners were unloaded at last and escorted to the sergeant's desk by three patrolmen.

The load of prisoners had no sooner been disgorged by the auto than it showed a willingness to act again in obedience to the gentle hand of Driver Mart.

Another run was made at once and everything went well until the Chamber of Commerce building was reached, and then with no apparent reason it stopped again.

The old reliable patrol wagon was sent for, as well as a coil of strong rope, but while the driver was waiting for this assistance to arrive E. L. Dwyer whizzed by in his White steamer and volunteered his help in towing the helpless wagon to the station.

In five minutes the new automobile patrol wagon was in its accustomed place at the police station.

After a thorough examination of every chain link and spoke, it occurred to some one to look at the meter. There was "nothing in it." The batteries were completely exhausted. The feed wires were attached and in five minutes the machine was as "good as new."

JOHN D. TALKS ABOUT "CHRISTIAN FAITH"

Hints That He May Assist Endowment of Chairs of Theology

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EARLY MORNING FIRE DAMAGES DWELLING HOUSE

Fire causing a damage of \$350 broke out in the dwelling of Mrs. J. Casey, 2930 Enterprise street, at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Casey was sleeping in the rear of the building at the time the fire started and was awakened by the smoke pouring into her room. She hurried from her room scantily attired and summoned the fire department.

The flames were extinguished with little difficulty. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

WITTE CONFERS WITH NICHOLAS

HAS PROLONGED AUDIENCE OF THE EMPEROR

GETS FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Czar Reported as Desiring Peace but Unwilling to Turn to Statesman Who Predicted Present Troubles

ST. PETERSBURG, July 14.—M. Witte had a prolonged audience of the emperor at Peterhof this afternoon, at which the whole subject of the peace negotiations was gone over in detail. The difficulties of the situation were discussed and indications were given that his majesty is more apt personally to govern M. Witte's course than is indicated by the formal instructions which have been given him.

M. Witte will leave St. Petersburg, next Wednesday for Paris, sailing, as previously announced, from Cherbourg, July 26, on the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

A prominent Russian statesman who is qualified to speak on the matter said to the Associated Press: "The emperor now sincerely desires peace. In spite of somewhat strained personal relations in the past between the emperor and M. Witte, due to the fact that the latter was never a fawning courtier, but always insisted on bluntly telling his imperial majesty what he believes, the emperor has always recognized his great ability and devotion to the best interests of Russia. It was gall and wormwood to his majesty, however, to turn for the extrication of Russia from her difficulties to the very man who predicted all the disasters of the last eighteen months."

TAKAHIRA SEES ROOSEVELT

Expresses Personal Gratification at Selection of M. Witte

OYSTER BAY, July 14.—Several days ago Mr. Takahira made an engagement to see the president today concerning the arrangements for the reception of the peace envoys at Sagamore Hill and other details of the peace conference to be held at Portsmouth, N. H.

The Japanese minister arrived here at 1:20 o'clock from New York. He was met at the station by one of the president's confidential messengers, who escorted him to Sagamore Hill. Assurance was given that the minister's visit was not of notable significance. He bore no special advice to President Roosevelt from the Japanese government. He discussed with Mr. Roosevelt some points about the approaching conference, but it is announced that no date was agreed upon for the reception of the Russian and Japanese envoys by the president.

Minister Takahira expressed his personal gratification at the designation of M. Witte as the leading plenipotentiary of Russia. He said that M. Witte was one of Russia's most eminent statesmen and his appointment would lend confidence and weight to the conclusions of the conference. He said that arrangements for the conference were moving along smoothly and expressed the hope that a satisfactory agreement would be reached. Minister Takahira, after taking luncheon with the president, left Oyster Bay for New York on the 2:18 train.

HILL ARRANGING ITINERARY

ST. PAUL, July 14.—President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern railway is personally arranging the itinerary for the Japanese peace plenipotentiaries on the journey from Seattle to Washington. The party, which is headed by Baron Komura, will arrive at Seattle on the steamer Minnesota July 20. They will travel eastward over the Great Northern to Duluth, where they will embark on the steamer Northwest for Buffalo. At Buffalo the party will be taken by the Pennsylvania railroad to Washington, arriving there early in August.

Linevitch Being Reinforced ST. PETERSBURG, July 14.—Plans for the reinforcement of General Linevitch's army are keeping pace with the preparations for peace negotiations. The nineteenth army corps has received marching orders and the mobilization of six regiments of Cossacks has been successfully accomplished.

MT. HAMILTON FIRE BURNING ITSELF OUT

SAN JOSE, Cal., July 14.—The first east of Mount Hamilton, after devastating 13,000 acres of land, has reached the "Burnt hills" and will probably now die out for lack of fuel to work on. Information comes today that the fire was started by a rancher near the Livermore road for the purpose of destroying grasshoppers, which have become a pest in that section, and that the fire got away from him.

BOY ORATOR ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF LARCENY

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—William Rodey, the boy orator who a few years ago stumped the state for a gubernatorial candidate, was arrested last night and appeared before Judge Cabaniss on the charge of grand larceny today. He was but 13 years old when he made his famous speeches and his head is said to have been turned by his phenomenal success. He is accused of stealing a horse and buggy.

AMUSEMENTS ANGELUS THEATER The Angelus Stock Company In a Complete Scenic Production of Nat Goodwin's Greatest Success. In Mizzoura Augustus Thomas Masterpiece. New motion pictures and illustrated songs between the acts. First time at these prices. Evening at 8:15, Prices 15, 25, 35 cents. Matinees at 2:15 (Wed., Sat., Sun.), 10 and 20 cents. The Angelus in the coast city best ventilated theater in town. Box office open daily 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Seats reserved one week in advance. Phones: Main 4188; Home 1372.

ORPHEUM MODERN VAUDEVILLE CLAUDE GILLINGWATER & CO. in "The Wrong Man", "Eight Redoubt Arabs", "Whirlwind Acrobats", "George W. Day", "Corky Wilson Trio", "German Comedians and Warblers", "Lillian Shaw, Dialect Comedienne", "Fred's Monkey Actors", "Lavinie and Leonard, Automobile Comiques", "Orpheum Motion Pictures", "Last Week of the Vocal Marvel, Bessie French, Child Prima Donna. Prices—No Change—10, 25, 50c. Matinees Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE ...For Her Children's Sake... Matinees Sunday, Tuesday, Saturday, 10c and 25c. Evenings, 10c, 25c, 50c. Next Week—"KING OF DETECTIVES."

BELASCO THEATER BELASCO, MAYER & CO., Proprietors. Last week of Belasco Theater Stock Company and WHITE WHITTELEY in MATINEE TODAY. Fortunes of the King Next Week—Inaugural of regular fall season with Isabelle Evesson, Jos. A. Galbraith, and all favorites in DOROTHY VERNON OF HADDON HALL. EXTRA—Special matinee Wednesday, July 13—Innocent "GHOSTS," by HARRY MESTAYER and own company. Seats now on sale. Regular Belasco prices.

MOROSCO'S BURBANK THEATER SIXTH AND MAIN PHONES 1270. Matinee Today. We Are King. A play somewhat like "The Prisoner of Zenda," though more romantic. Matinees every Sunday and Saturday, 10c and 25c, no higher. Evenings, 10c, 25c, 50c.

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Fast electric cars leave Sixth and Main today to connect with Catalina steamers as follows: 7:50 a. m., 9:15 a. m., 12:30 p. m. and 5:25 p. m. Sunday car leaves at 9:15 a. m. You will find our cars at the wharf to bring you to town on your return.

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Only costs you \$2.00 to make the round trip to Alpine today or tomorrow. You can't afford to miss it. Spanish Orchestra and Costumed Singers and Dancers at Casa Verdugo tomorrow afternoon.

The Pacific Electric Railway

All Cars from Sixth and Main.

JOSEPH MURPHY DIES ON SCAFFOLD AT FOLSOM

EXECUTED FOR THE MURDER OF GUARD COTTER

Convicted Man Remains Stolid and Silent to the Last, Though Accepting Ministrations of Catholic Priest. Body Scarcely Quivers After Drop

FOLSOM, Cal., July 14.—Joseph Murphy was hanged at Folsom prison today. He spent a restless night and slept about a half hour this morning. He accepted the ministrations of a Catholic priest and walked with a steady step to the gallows, where he remained stolid as the cap and noose were adjusted. He did not say a word. The trap was sprung at 10:03. His body hardly quivered after the drop and in ten minutes and fourteen seconds he was pronounced dead.

Murphy with twelve other convicts escaped from Folsom prison July 27, 1903, after an assault upon the prison officials, in which Guard Cotter was killed, Chief Turnkey Cochrane dangerously wounded and the late Warden Thomas Wilkinson, Captain of the Guard R. J. Murphy and other officers captured and marched out of the prison grounds.

The convicts divided into two bands after the fight at Pilot hill, in which one of their number, J. J. Allison, was killed. Murphy and John H. Wood, the leader of the band, worked their way to Reno, Nev., where they were captured several weeks after the break. In their flight they had an encounter with a detachment of the militia located at Coleridgeville, in which two members of C. H. Rutherford and Jones, were killed.

Harry Eldredge, another of the convicts, is awaiting execution, having been convicted of murder.

TUG CAUGHT IN ICE JAM AND LOST NEAR NOME

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—News has reached here that the tug North Coast, owned by the Northwest Consolidated company, was lost forty miles from Nome on May 10, and that Capt. Storey and his crew of three men had a narrow escape from death. The tug left Nome for Bluff City but was caught in an ice jam and the engines were disabled. The captain and crew finally abandoned the steamer in a rowboat, and after a hard struggle landed at Solomon, a village ninety-five miles from Nome.

By order of the creditors. ROBERT PASCH, Receiver. 242 S. Spring street.

San Francisco Attorney is Released From Jail Awaiting Extradition Trial

CREDITORS SATISFIED