

STANFORD CASE IS RESURRECTED

SENSATIONAL CHARGES MADE IN HONOLULU PHYSICIANS ARE INVOLVED

Claim Made That Representatives of Estate Offered Doctors Money to Change Opinion on Cause of Death

By Associated Press. HONOLULU, Aug. 23.—The tragic death of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford has been recalled by a sensational story published here to the effect that representatives of the Stanford estate have practically offered monetary inducements to local physicians to change their opinion that strychnine caused the death of Mrs. Stanford.

It is alleged that the bill of \$150 of Dr. C. B. Wood, who performed the autopsy on the body of Mrs. Stanford, has been refused payment by the estate on the ground that the territorial authorities should have performed the autopsy. Dr. Wood declares that he was employed on behalf of the estate by Dr. Humphries, and the latter said that he considered the refusal to pay Dr. Wood to be amazing, as he considered the employment of a private autopsy physician to be proper.

The Star in its story of the matter says that in different interviews a representative of the estate indicated to the physicians that it would be satisfactory to the estate if they could revise their findings of poisoning and in such event their bills would not be questioned, and Doctors Humphries, Day and Wood would be each paid the amounts of their claims of \$150 each.

All four doctors are preparing a statement to place their version of the scientific facts of the case before the public in final justification of their decision concerning the cause of the death of Mrs. Stanford.

OROVILLE ONCE MORE THE PREY OF FLAMES

HAS THIRD CONFLAGRATION WITHIN A YEAR

Three Firemen Fatally Injured in Blaze, Which is Believed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin and Causes Loss of \$150,000

By Associated Press. SACRAMENTO, Aug. 23.—A special service dispatch to the Bee, from Oroville, says: Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning fire broke out in a frame building in the rear of Atkinson's big feed and livery stable and burned for over an hour and a half, inflicting a loss of \$45,000 and causing the death of one man and minor injuries to several others. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin, but so far suspicion has not been directed against any particular individual.

The burned district is in the heart of Oroville, lying on the north side of Montgomery street. From the frame building where the fire originated the flames quickly spread to the livery stable and then to other buildings in that neighborhood. The firemen, assisted by citizens, fought the fire vigorously and to their good work is due the fact that much greater loss was not inflicted.

The losses total \$150,000, about one-third being covered by insurance. Undoubtedly most of the damaged buildings will have to be rebuilt. Three firemen were fatally injured. This is Oroville's third big fire within the last twelve or fifteen months.

BRITISH BARK FOUNDERS; EIGHTEEN MEN DROWN

By Associated Press. BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 23.—A report has been received here of the foundering of the British bark Bidston Hill. The report states that 18 of the crew were drowned. The remainder, who were saved, are expected to arrive at Buenos Ayres by one of the Argentina steamers.

The Bidston Hill was a four-masted bark built in Liverpool in 1886, and owned by the Bidston Hill company of Liverpool. She was commanded by Capt. Jones, and was 2434 tons measure. She sailed from Hamburg May 29 for San Francisco.

TRAFFIC OFFICIALS FAIL TO SETTLE GRAIN WAR

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—After a stormy session, during which western traffic officials tried vainly to settle the grain war, several of them left the meeting declaring that it had furnished a strong argument in favor of government control or regulation of freight charges. The traffic men were unable to agree, despite the fact that the railroads are on the eve of one of the greatest grain movements in years. A contract which the Union Pacific has with the Peavey Elevator company seems to be the stumbling block.

MAY HAVE TO RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE



WILLIAM TRAVERS JEROME

LEADING BROKER UNDER ARREST

F. A. PECKHAM IN JAIL FOR COTTON SCANDAL

HELD IN DEFAULT OF \$12,000

This is the First Indictment as Result of Disclosures Following the Investigation of Report Leakage

By Associated Press. SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 23.—F. A. Peckham, indicted for complicity in the department of agriculture cotton report scandal, was arrested here today and arraigned before United States Commissioner Charles M. Davison, who ordered an adjournment of examination until tomorrow morning. In default of \$12,000 bail, Peckham was lodged in the Saratoga county jail at Ballston.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—F. A. Peckham, the New York broker who has been arrested in Saratoga today, has been one of the most conspicuous figures in the investigation of the cotton report leakage in the department of agriculture. The indictment is the first which has become known in connection with the charges against the integrity of the government cotton statistics. It is understood this arrest was made on a bench warrant issued by Chief Justice Clabaugh of the supreme court of the District of Columbia for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the cotton report of the department of agriculture. The fact of the issuance of the indictment has been carefully kept secret in this city.

Mr. Peckham's name has been associated very closely with Moses Haas of New York, and both of them declined to testify before the grand jury here. Secretary Wilson reported that L. C. Van Riper of New York said that Haas acted as a go-between in conveying information from Holmes, the dismissed associate statistician, to other New York brokers. Correspondence between Holmes and brokers found by the secret service agents contained the initial "P," which is said to be the way in which Holmes referred to Peckham. According to the report of Secretary Wilson on the investigation made, Holmes admitted that he and Peckham had close relations and were at one time associated in a business venture in which Holmes "was to have an interest equal to the sum of \$6000," which he was to receive as a gift from the other members of the firm.

Secretary Wilson said that Mr. Holmes admitted that he had occasion to visit New York he frequently found that his hotel bills were paid by Peckham or Van Riper. Secretary Wilson's report advanced information to Van Riper and Moses Haas of New York.

CANADIANS GRANT MURDERER REPRIEVE

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 23.—Charles King, the American who was to have been hanged at Edmonton on September 1, has been granted a reprieve until September 20.

GRAFT CHARGES LOUDLY DENIED

FRIENDS OF CANAL ACCUSE THE RAILROADS

SAY LOBBY IS INTRIGUING

Point Out That Demand for Rate Legislation is Invariably Followed by Sensational Stories Respecting Panama Affairs

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Friends of the Panama canal believe that they have discovered the sinister hand of the railroads in the constant "knocking" that is evident against the canal project and commission. The Washington papers have gone to the extent of declaring that there is graft at Panama, and that a sweeping investigation must be made by congress. The friends of the canal deny this, and allege that the transcontinental railroad lobby is attempting to discredit the enterprise.

It is a significant fact that whenever eastern papers are specially vigorous in demanding railroad rate legislation, such agitation is invariably followed by sensational stories from Panama declaring that there is graft at Panama, and that a sweeping investigation must be made by congress. The friends of the canal deny this, and allege that the transcontinental railroad lobby is attempting to discredit the enterprise.

Chairman Shonts is indignant at the insinuations of graft and promises a complete financial statement disproving the charge that ten millions have been expended with practically nothing to show for its use.

In view of the suspicion that there is graft in nearly all departments of the government, congress may be badgered into an investigation.

BUDDHISTS MAKE DEADLY ATTACK ON CHRISTIANS

French Roman Catholic Missions in China Wrecked and Many Priests Slain

By Associated Press. VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 23.—Word is received by the Empress of China of an outrage in Yunnan province showing the revival of fanatical antagonism to Christian colonization.

Official advices reaching Peking state that a mob of 1000 Buddhist lamas, having made a preconcerted arrangement to drive the Christians out of their province, attacked the various French Roman Catholic establishments on the coast of Sawhoas, wrecking one church and killing many priests, the number being stated at between eighteen and twenty-three, with others wounded.

The French minister at Peking has made strong protests to the Chinese minister demanding effectual punishment.

GOVERNMENT BUILDING SELLS FOR MERE SOG

By Associated Press. ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—The United States government building at the Louisiana purchase exposition, erected at a cost of \$500,000, has been sold to a wrecking company for \$10,500. The steel trusses in the structure alone cost \$100,000.

NOMINATION OF JEROME OPPOSED

ODELL AND MURPHY REFUSE INDORSEMENT MAY PREVENT FUSION PLAN

District Attorney Will Probably Fail to Secure Support of Republicans or Tammany's Forces

Special to The Herald. NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—District Attorney Jerome will probably fail to obtain the indorsement of either the republican organization or of Tammany hall in his candidacy for re-election to his present office. While he has many admirers in both organizations the leaders are averse to making him their candidate and he will therefore probably be forced to run as an independent candidate with the indorsement of the citizens' union and such minor organizations as may fall into line.

B. B. Odell, Jr., chairman of the Republican state committee, Governor Higgins and William Halpin, president of the Republican county committee, were in the city recently, and while none of them would say in so many words that Mr. Jerome would not receive the Republican indorsement, it was apparent that Mr. Odell is opposed to placing his name on the Republican ticket.

Unless the strongest kind of pressure is brought to bear by the Republicans who are said to favor the nomination of Mr. Jerome it is not likely that he will have any regular party support. This may prevent fusion between the Citizens' Union and the Republicans, as the union has made the indorsement of Mr. Jerome a condition of joining its forces with those of any other anti-Tammany body, and has even gone so far as to make him a candidate for the nomination of mayor against his will.

Charles F. Murphy was equally reticent regarding Mr. Jerome when he was questioned at Tammany Hall. He said that it was too early to discuss candidates, and that the Democratic city convention would decide. This convention will be called for early in October. Mr. Murphy will not listen to any suggestion looking to the nomination of Mr. Jerome as a Tammany candidate for any office.

MINERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Are Almost Suffocated by Gas and Smoke at Bottom of 800 Foot Level

By Associated Press. REDDING, Aug. 23.—Twelve miners in the Midas mine at Harrison gulch were caught at the bottom of the 800-foot level yesterday by fire in a wooden air flue at the 600-foot level. Vast quantities of smoke and gas descended, almost suffocating the men. When finally taken to the surface their eyes bulged from the sockets and their faces were badly swollen. Five minutes more and death would have resulted.

Today a miner endeavored to go below, but was overcome by gas and carried out. Operations will be resumed tonight. On Sunday at the same mine A. Letarre, a Spanish miner, drilled into an old charge of powder. The explosion hurled him onto the roof of the 600-foot level and then down the shaft. His body was stopped by projecting lagging. He was terribly mutilated, but is not dead. The lagging prevented a fall of 300 feet.

LIFEBOAT HEROICALLY RESCUES DROWNING MATE

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—First Mate Oscar of the schooner Salvador, which arrived here today, was swept overboard in a heavy storm off the Alaska coast on June 22 and was rescued in a drowning condition after the life boat had almost given up the search for him. The life boat was itself nearly sunk by the mountainous sea that was running at the time, but her crew heroically fought the gale until the rescue was accomplished.

NEGRO KILLS WHITE MEN IN ALABAMA

By Associated Press. SELMA, Ala., Aug. 23.—Oliver Lott, a negro, shot and killed John Hilton and seriously wounded Harry Hilton, both white men. Lott then barricaded himself in a house, and when a posse surrounded the place shot and mortally wounded G. Talley, the leader, a mill owner. The posse then fired into the building and set it on fire. Lott's body, riddled with bullets, was found in the ruins.

ELDERLY MAN JUMPS OVERBOARD AT VALLEJO

By Associated Press. VALLEJO, Aug. 23.—A man of about 60 years of age jumped overboard from the steamer General Frisbie today. He was rescued but died later. In his clothing was found an order on the San Francisco county hospital bearing the name of McDermott.

ROOSEVELT PROPOSAL REJECTED BY WITTE IN DOWNRIGHT TERMS



GEORGE VON L. MEYER

ALAMITOS VOTES TO STAND ALONE

DECLINES TO BECOME PART OF LONG BEACH LIQUOR ISSUE RESPONSIBLE

Annexation Election Yesterday Results in Second Refusal of Bay Village to Merge With Seaside Resort

Special to The Herald. LONG BEACH, Aug. 23.—Alamitos voted against annexation to Long Beach today by an overwhelming majority. The annexationists practically "laid down," having given notice that the project was to fall through, but their opponents, fearing a trap, worked all day to get their full vote. There was no reason for fear, however, as both sides were working for the same end.

When it became evident that annexation would be defeated in Alamitos no attempt was made to bring out the opposition vote in Long Beach. The count tonight showed the following figures: In Long Beach, for annexation, 104; against, 18; in Alamitos, for annexation, 39; against, 266.

The annexationists will at once begin work on other lines. New territory will be mapped out, taking in only the most thickly settled part of Alamitos and another election will be called.

DR. TRUEWORTHY'S CONDITION IS WORSE

Victim of Street Car Collision Experiences Relapse and Friends Are Alarmed

As a result of injuries sustained on Wednesday, August 16, in a collision between a Pasadena short line car and a south-bound Monrovia car, Dr. John W. Trueworthy, president of the Los Angeles library board, lies at his home in a precarious condition.

For a week physicians and friends have been doubtful of the result of his injuries, and last night their fears were increased when the patient experienced a change for the worse. Concussion of the brain, contusion of the right side and an abrasion of the right elbow are the injuries sustained.

Last evening the patient appeared to be more nervous than at any former time and his temperature increased with the hours. Physicians advised absolute quiet and gave orders that no friends should be admitted to the room.

DESPONDENT SUITOR DRIVEN TO SUICIDE

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—Despondency, believed to be due to the fact that he was unable to secure funds to return to his sweetheart at her home in Belfast, Me., is thought to have been the cause of the suicide of Charles Skinner, who killed himself by inhaling illuminating gas today in his room on Fourth street.

WHALING FLEET HAS EXCEPTIONAL LUCK

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—The schooner Salvador brings news from the Arctic that the whaling fleet has met with good luck this season. When the Salvador sailed the catch was as follows: Thresher and Narwhal, 7 each; William Bayliss, 6; Alexander and Charles Blanson, 5 each; Jeannette, 4.

IMPROVEMENT IN FEVER SITUATION

CONDITIONS IN NEW ORLEANS ARE HOPEFUL

FIVE DEATHS YESTERDAY

Members of Citizens' Committee Go to Baton Rouge to Discuss Affairs With Governor Blanchard

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 23.—Report to 6 p. m.: New cases, 54. Total to date, 1556. Deaths, 5. Total deaths, 219. New foci, 19; total, 352. Under treatment, 321.

Little variation from the steady improvement of the past week marked today's numerical record of the yellow fever situation.

The quarantines have fortunately been put on in a season of summer dullness and if they are taken off when trade becomes active the only inconvenience will come from the obstructions to the movements of traffic. Surgeon White, Chairman Janvier of the citizens' committee, Beverly Warner, in charge of the ward superintendents, and President Souchon of the state board of health went to Baton Rouge for a conference with Governor Blanchard. The trip was made at the suggestion of the governor, who desired to know at first hand the exact status here of all departments of the work.

One of the features of the situation that is attracting attention is what are termed new foci in excess of the number of cases under treatment. It is an encouraging feature because it is an indication of a slow extension of the fever, which is particularly true of the district above Canal street.

In order to take no chances the authorities are not to cancel new foci until after thirty days have elapsed. Large quantities of rock salt have been purchased by the federal authorities with a view to salting stagnant gutters and pools. Imperfect drainage exists in many of the wards, due to the fact that the drainage system has not yet been entirely completed. The salt is expected to destroy the pools as breeding places for mosquitoes.

A freshly infected spot in St. Bernard parish was announced today. It is at Terreaux boues, the parish seat. Health Officer Mergaux found five genuine cases and three more were suspicious. The town and its vicinity were invaded by Italians after the fever appeared here and the infection is attributable to New Orleans.

Many sensational reports have been sent away of hero worship of which Dr. Leach of Minnesota is the subject. Dr. Leach has been courteously received by the public in general and has been the recipient of much attention. Many thousands of people here are taking arsenic and many would like to see an actual test of it. But there is no truth in the statement that the population is mobbing the doctor's hotel in the effort to have audience with him. The doctor addressed a large meeting tonight, the feature of which was consideration of Dr. White's letter printed today, in which it was shown that congressional committees after hearing opinions of the army and marine hospital surgeons had refused to authorize commissions to experiment with arsenic as a prophylactic for plague, cholera and yellow fever.

MEYER URGES ON CZAR NEED OF PEACE

President's Proposal Spurned

Russian Refusal Is Most Emphatic

Witte Tells Komura That Suggested Compromise Is a Sham, a Mere Diplomatic Attempt to Gild the Pill

Special to The Herald. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 23.—The Japanese plenipotentiaries at the conclusion of the afternoon session of the peace conference threw the cards upon the table. It was the dramatic moment—the moment to which all the previous proceedings of the conference had led.

The protocols, involving agreement upon eight of the twelve conditions originally presented by Japan, had been signed. One side or the other must make a move, for the plenipotentiaries had reached the parting of the ways. The adversaries faced each other across the table. Of course it was well understood what would happen, but that in a way only made it more dramatic.

Figuratively, President Roosevelt suddenly entered the conference room. M. Witte sat silent, and the move in the great diplomatic game passed to Japan. Baron Komura in a few words explained that Japan, in her great desire for peace, was ready to make certain "modifications" of the original articles in the hope that Russia could see it possible to accept them. He then presented in writing to M. Witte the compromise proposition which President Roosevelt had suggested.

It was concrete and specific, and it followed the lines outlined in these dispatches. It offered to withdraw article 9, providing a payment by Russia of Japan's bill for the cost of the war, on condition that Russia would accept article 5, which provides for the cession of the island of Sakhalin, so modified as to include an arrangement for the purchase by Russia of the northern half of the island for 1,200,000,000 yen. In addition, it offered to withdraw entirely articles 11 and 12, stipulating for the surrender of the interned warships and the limitation of Russia's sea power in the far east. It was President Roosevelt's compromise and M. Witte knew its contents as well as did Baron Komura. The question of whether he had been "bluffing" was put to the test.

Denounces Proposal as a Sham

Without a moment's hesitation M. Witte explained that the modification proposed was merely a sham, a change of phraseology, a diplomatic attempt to gild the pill, inviting Russia to pay

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THE DAY'S NEWS

- FORECAST For Southern California: Cloudy Thursday; fresh southwest winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 76 degrees; minimum, 54 degrees. 1—Nomination of Jerome opposed 2—Council fixes tax rate. 3—Catholics picnic. 4—Sports. 5—Southern California news. 6—Editorial. 7—Shows great art. 8—Classified advertisements. 10-11-12—Public advertising. 13—Markets. 14—Married twice in a year.

EASTERN Russia rejects, in unmistakable language, compromise suggested by Roosevelt. Jerome will not be supported for reelection by either Tammany or the Republicans. Charges of graft in Panama canal administration vehemently denied.

FOREIGN St. Petersburg holds services in commemoration of grant of national assembly. Polish strikes suppressed, and jails incapable of holding numbers of convicts. Chinese Buddhists wreck French Roman Catholic missions, killing many priests.

COAST Pasadena citizens to enjoy holiday at Venice today. Airship gives remarkably successful exhibition at Portland fair. Oroville visited by disastrous conflagration.

LOCAL City council fixes tax rate at \$1.20 and makes big cut in appropriations. Assistant to Harriman here to inspect San Pedro harbor. Dr. Trueworthy, who was injured in collision August 16 between Pasadena and Monrovia cars, experiences change for worse, and friends are alarmed. Speed maniac dashes away after striking man at Spring and Second streets, and escapes arrest. Catholics by the thousands attend annual picnic and reunion at Ocean Park. Famous painter of farm scenes visits Los Angeles.