

# POLICE SCANDAL

## Remarkable Charges in San Francisco

### Plan to Rob and Murder Is Alleged

It is claimed that certain officers were in conspiracy to rob stores and that they killed a special watchman

Special to The Herald. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—Police man J. H. Helms' wife in her testimony against him for divorce has brought to light one of the most remarkable police scandals San Francisco has ever had, which involves a conspiracy among some tenderfoot police officers to rob stores and the murder of a watchman who caught them red-handed.

George F. Nichols, a special policeman, was murdered on the night of August 23, 1900, by two men who were caught by him robbing a cafe at the corner of Merchant and Sansome streets. Who the robber-murderers were has never been ascertained to the satisfaction of the police department. Former Chief of Police Wittman was then captain of detectives. He investigated the killing of Nichols and reported to his superior officers that he had sufficient evidence to send some members of the police force to San Quentin, but nothing further was done than to dismiss the suspected officers from the force.

Now comes the wife of Patrolman Helms, who swears before the court that her husband admitted to her he was a burglar and that he was assisted in his crimes by Patrolman John Edner of the Harbor station.

It is also said that Wittman was in possession of this information, but never saw fit to act upon it. Chief Dhan promises to sift the matter to the bottom and to punish the guilty officers, but it is doubted if this will be done, as it might involve high officers in the service.

## LOSES LIFE WHILE OUT ON FISHING TRIP

### TELEGRAPHER AT NAPLES IS DROWNED

Skiff is Capsized and Joseph D. Piltch, One of the Occupants, Tries to Swim to Shore for Help, but Perishes

SANTA BARBARA, Nov. 17.—Joseph D. Piltch, night operator at Naples station, Southern Pacific, eighteen miles west of this city, was drowned this afternoon while attempting to swim ashore from an overturned skiff in which he with a companion named Ned Farren, also of Naples, had been on a fishing trip. The boat was about 100 or 150 yards from the shore when the craft was thrown into the midst of heavy breakers. The skiff capsized and the two men with some difficulty managed to reach a place of safety on the bottom of the overturned boat. After a wait of a half-hour in this uncomfortable position Piltch, who was considered a good swimmer, took off his clothing and struck out for shore to secure help for his stranded companion. Five minutes after he started M. H. Farren, a brother of Ned, appeared at a different point on the beach and, noticing the upset skiff and the plight of his brother, secured another boat and went to his rescue. He saw nothing of Piltch and it was not known for half an hour afterward that he had been drowned.

With a heavy surf breaking it could not be told from the boat whether or not he had reached land, and the Farren boys thought that he had probably landed in safety and had gone to the village for help. His continued absence alarmed them and a search along the shore revealed his body in the surf.

## DISASTER ON STEAMER

### One Killed, Four Injured by Bursting of Boiler Tube on the Californian

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 17.—The steamer Californian of the American-Hawaiian line arrived here yesterday, sixty-four days out from New York. It was learned that shortly after the steamer left New York one member of the crew was killed and four others were badly scalded through the bursting of a water tube on one of the boilers, but officers and crew will not discuss the affair, and the names of the dead and injured have not been given out. The injured men were placed in a hospital at St. Lucia, in the West Indies.

## BISHOP MERRILL'S FUNERAL

### Services Over Remains of Prominent Churchman Are Held in Chicago

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Funeral services for the late Stephen M. Merrill of the Methodist Episcopal church were held today in Grace Methodist church. Fully 200 men prominent in the Methodist church came here from other cities to attend the services, among them being Bishops Warren of Denver and Moore of Portland.

## Canal Engineers Meet

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The full board of consulting engineers for the Isthmian canal commission met today. It is expected their final decision will be reached tomorrow.

## ITO SUBMITS TERMS OF JAPAN TO KOREA'S KING



Marquis Ito

## His Proposed Plan Opens the Ports and Turns Over Management of Foreign Affairs of Hermit Kingdom to the Mikado

SEOUL, Korea, Nov. 17.—Marquis Ito in a four hours' audience with the emperor yesterday submitted the Japanese program for a protectorate over Korea. It provides for the political status of Japanese residents of Korea, open ports and the turning over of the management of Korea's foreign relations to Japan.

Today the emperor laid the Japanese scheme before the cabinet. It is stated that if the Japanese proposal is not accepted complications will follow and that the Korean government will eventually be obliged to submit. The emperor and the court are not yet willing to recognize the loss of independence. Local Japanese express surprise that the Koreans should desire to retain autonomy, when the benefits of Japanese domination are apparent.

## HEIR TO THE THRONE OF BELGIUM IS DEAD

### COUNT OF FLANDERS PASSES AWAY AT BRUSSELS

Deceased Was a Brother of King Leopold—His Only Son, Prince Albert, Is Now First in Line to Succeed to the Throne

BRUSSELS, Nov. 17.—The Count of Flanders, brother of King Leopold and heir to the throne, died at 11:30 o'clock this morning. Death was due to inflammation of the respiratory organs. The count was born in 1837.

The new heir to the throne of Belgium is Prince Albert of Flanders, only son of the late Count of Flanders.

Prince Albert was born April 8, 1875, and was wedded Oct. 2, 1900, to Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria. They have two children, Prince Leopold, born Nov. 3, 1901, and Prince Charles, born Oct. 10, 1903. Prince Albert is one of the most popular members of the reigning house of Belgium. He is of a studious disposition and bears a striking resemblance to his uncle, King Leopold. Prince Albert has travelled extensively. His wife, Princess Albertine, is also very popular with the Belgians. It is possible that the Belgian Socialists will cause trouble when it is proposed to transfer to Prince Albert the present annual grant of \$40,000 paid to the Count of Flanders as heir apparent. When the late count proposed some time ago to renounce his succession in favor of Prince Albert, the Socialists, who have always denounced the count for accepting this grant in view of the fact that he was enormously rich, announced their intention of opposing in the strongest manner possible the transfer of the grant.

## ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

### Richard Kastor, Son of a Millionaire, Taken Into Custody in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 17.—Richard Kastor, son of H. W. Kastor, a millionaire, was arrested today by a deputy United States marshal at the federal building on an indictment returned by the federal grand jury, charging him with conducting a scheme to defraud in connection with the Merchants' Brokerage and Commission company of St. Louis. The postoffice inspectors allege that Kastor acted as the go-between of the Merchants' Brokerage and Commission company and a United States senator; that the company paid Kastor to prevent the issuance of a postal fraud order against it and that Kastor worked through the United States senator.

## Edward Able to Transact Business

LONDON, Nov. 17.—King Edward, although in the hands of his physician, as a result of spraining his ankle yesterday while out shooting in Windsor forest, is transacting the usual state business. His ankle is progressing well.

## Earl of Minto in Bombay

BOMBAY, Nov. 17.—The earl of Minto, the new viceroy of India, formerly governor general of Canada, arrived here this evening. The retiring viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, will leave Bombay tomorrow for England.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—A dispatch to the Tribune from El Paso, Tex., says: At the bull fight at Ciudad Juarez yesterday, given for the American mining convention, there was a panic when Felix Robert, the Frenchman, seriously hurt, and another fighter is impaled on the horns of the enraged animal.

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## ANGELONOS IN SAN FRANCISCO

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Shipley, Dennis and Jones were charged with being members of a gang of cotton thieves. The sheriff's posse ordered them to surrender and a fight ensued. Jones, the third member of the gang, was wounded but escaped.

## KENTUCKY HOLDS RECORD

Battleship Sent the Longest Wireless Message of Any American Warship

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The battleship Kentucky holds the record for an American warship for having sent a message the longest distance by wireless telegraph, according to the reports received at the bureau of equipment of the navy department. The Kentucky, while lying in Hampton Roads, sent a communication to the wireless station at Beaufort, S. C., a distance of 500 miles.

## Distinguished Passengers Arrive

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Right Rev. P. W. Riordan, Roman Catholic bishop of San Francisco, and Rev. M. D. Connolly of San Francisco were passengers on the steamer Koenigstein Lulse which arrived here today from Italian ports.

## CLERKS ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL

### ARMOUR CAUSES ARREST OF FORMER STENOGRAPHER

Charges That William McSwain and Associate Tried to Make Him Pay \$40,000 for Certain Letters Stolen From Company

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—William S. McSwain and William Cole, his brother-in-law, were arrested here today charged with attempting to blackmail J. Ogden Armour and other members of Armour & Co. for \$40,000 in connection with the beef trust investigation with letters which they are alleged to have stolen from the files of the company.

McSwain was employed by Armour & Co. for four years as a stenographer and in that way had access to part of the mail of the packing company. Since the recent beef investigation was begun it is charged he has taken letters from the files of the concern. Three weeks ago, it is alleged, he approached Mr. Armour and threatened to turn the letters over to the federal authorities unless he was paid \$40,000. Mr. Armour refused to listen to the proposition, and then Mr. McSwain, it is alleged, made similar demands on other officials of the Armour company. With the help of leading McSwain and his companion into trap several meetings were held between McSwain and Attorney Rosenthal, representative of the packing company.

"At each of the meetings," said Mr. Rosenthal, "the sum was gradually reduced until McSwain agreed to give up the letters for the sum of \$15,000. A meeting was arranged with him at the Auditorium hotel, where it was agreed that \$10,000 should be paid him on the delivery of the letters and \$5,000 a week later."

When McSwain and Cole appeared at the hotel this afternoon to collect the money they were arrested by two city detectives. The officials of Armour & Co. declare that they had no fear that the letters in the possession of McSwain could be used against them, but that they had the two alleged conspirators arrested in order to discourage other employees who might adopt a similar course to secure money.

## ATTACKS DEPUTY SHERIFF

### Folsom Convict Makes Assault With Knife and Club, but is Overpowered

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 17.—J. W. Finley, one of the Folsom convicts awaiting trial for his life on a charge of assaulting prison officials in an attempt to escape with Francisco Quijada and Charles Carson last December, made an assault upon Deputy Sheriff Julius Jacobs in the county jail this morning. Finley struck Jacobs with a knife and it was evidently his intention to dispose of Jacobs as the latter opened his cell to direct its morning cleaning by trustees, take Jacobs' revolver and then make a fight against the other jail officials for liberty.

Finley struck Jacobs with the club, but immediately two trustees were upon him and the club and knife were taken from him. Jacobs was not injured.

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Two Killed, Three Injured in Battle Between Cotton Thieves and Officers

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## "MIZZOURA"

The old "show-me" state can always be depended upon for something unusual. This time it is the fore again. A man there had hammered down the Sunday lid until not even the fumes escape, while a woman from prohibition Kansas had gone over to fight him and try to pry it up. Did you ever? It's a remarkable story—all about it in The Sunday Herald.

## TO PUNISH FRENCH COMMANDER

PARIS, Nov. 17.—The council of ministers at a meeting today decided to inflict fifteen days' arrest on General Brugere, commander of the army, for making public details of a conference which he had with the minister of war relative to the controversy between General Brugere and General Percin, who was chief of staff under General Andre, the former minister of war.

## Politics Cost Him His Job

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The removal from office of John P. West, registrar of the Lewiston, Idaho, land office, was announced today at the department of the interior. Political activity is given as the cause of the removal.

## MRS. ASTOR CUTS DOWN THE "400" TO ONLY 79



Mrs. John Jacob Astor

## Gives Dinner at Her Fifth Avenue Home in Honor of Prince Louis, to the Pick of New York's Society Leaders

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor, the recognized leader of society, gave a dinner tonight at her Fifth avenue residence in honor of Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, and incidentally she cut down New York's most exclusive coterie from 400 to seventy-nine, for there were exactly seventy-nine invited to meet the royal visitor.

Everything attending this first gathering of the "79" was framed in magnificence, limited only by faultless good taste. It was the nearest approach to the American salon to which the royal visitor could be bidden. The "79" were served in the Astor gold dinner service. Throughout the dinner Victor Herbert's orchestra played. Only four young girls were present. They were Alice Roosevelt, Evelyn Burden, Mabel Gerry and Natica Rives.

Among the married couples chosen members of the "79" were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lehr, Col. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. J. Laurens Van Alen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morton, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Drexler, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Iselin, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish.

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## THIEF ENTERS WAREHOUSE IN AN EXPRESS PACKAGE

### CAUGHT WHILE CONCEALED IN SAME MANNER

Rifles Room of \$700 Worth of Goods and Repacks Himself With His Plunder, but is Detected by a Watchful Employee

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—A thief who entered the Security Storage company's warehouse in an express package yesterday was caught today as he was about to leave the warehouse hidden in the same package along with \$700 worth of stolen goods. Last night he climbed out of his package and after rifling the warehouse again repacked himself and his plunder.

When caught today he said his name was John Schmidt, and told the story of his robbery. Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock two packing cases were taken to the Security Storage warehouse at 213 Spring street. Schmidt was in one of them, which was fitted with spring locks so as to be opened from the inside. With him was a bottle of whisky, a set of burglar's tools and a dark lantern. The other box was used for packing his plunder.

Schmidt emerged last night and plundered the place, and at 7 o'clock this morning he was detected by a watchful employee. Five minutes later an expressman called asking to remove the two boxes which contained the burglar and his plunder. The police went with the expressman to meet the man who sent him after the boxes. This man, who gave the name of Robert Arnold, was found waiting at the Bowery and Second avenue and was arrested.

## RECALLS FACTS ABOUT REPUTED HEIR OF KING

### REV. JOHN FOX KNEW JAMES ORD, GEORGE'S ALLEGED SON

Direct Descendant of This Man, Now a Western Union Superintendent, Believes Himself Entitled to the Fitzherbert Estate of \$5,000,000

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—That the British legation at Washington paid the tuition of James Ord, the reputed son of King George IV and his lawful wife, Mrs. Fitzherbert; that brother officers visited Georgetown university, where he was trained, and that the original Ord bore a striking resemblance to the English king is the gist of a statement made yesterday by Rev. John Fox, S. J., president of St. Peter's college, Jersey City.

Father Fox was at Georgetown university for many years and was intimately acquainted with the Jesuit astronomer, Father Curley, who knew James Ord. Father Fox said: "Father Curley died at the age of 94. I recall distinctly his speaking of the Ord mystery, of the lineage of a young student whom he knew as a boy at the university. He told me that in those days, the latter part of the eighteenth century, young Ord was spoken of as one of royal birth. Father Curley told me particularly that the bills contracted by young Ord were met by the British legation and that in his time British officers frequently visited the institution to inquire for young Ord. The two eldest sons of this Ord attended Georgetown university when Father Curley was stationed there as a priest."

"I met James Ord in 1839. I did not broach the subject, but when he gave me his name I recalled Father Curley's story. Although bent with age, there was a kingly bearing about him. James L. Ord, the Western Union Telegraph superintendent in Chicago, is a direct descendant of the original Ord, and believes himself the legitimate grandson of King George IV and the legitimate heir to the estate of Mrs. Fitzherbert, said to be \$5,000,000.

## Coal Schooner Probably Lost

KINGSTON, Ont., Nov. 17.—Wreckage has been found in the vicinity of the Galloway island, near Sudas, by incoming vessels. The description of the wreckage tallies with the build of the schooner Marie, coal laden, bound from Sudas to Napanee, Ont., which has not been reported for ten days.

## Sewage Pollutes Tahoe's Water

AUBURN, Nov. 17.—Much complaint is made from Lake Tahoe resorts of the emptying of the sewage into the lake and polluting the water. District Attorney Robinson has prepared an ordinance for passage by the supervisors making it a misdemeanor to do so hereafter.

## MAY END STRIKE

### Outlook Better in St. Petersburg

### Many Anxious to Return to Work

Plebsite to Be Taken Today in Factories to Decide on What Action Shall Be Taken by the Operatives

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 18, 1:45 a. m.—Though, according to surface indications yesterday, the outlook for the speedy ending of the strike was gloomy, the revelations made at a meeting last night of the council of workmen's delegates showed that a large portion of the workmen were breaking loose from the control of the leaders and were anxious to return to work and a plebscite which will be taken today in the various factories probably will result in a decision to abandon the strike Monday.

At the meeting of the council, which was held in the same hall where Father Gapon, Maxim Gorky and other leaders denounced the emperor on the evening of January 22 (Red Sunday) delegates from different factories arose and reported that the workmen, under the influence of the ultimatum issued by the employers announcing that the factories would be shut down indefinitely unless work was resumed on Monday, and with the pleading of their wives and of the conservative workmen ringing in their ears, were demanding that the strike should be ended.

This precipitated a hotly contested debate between the moderates, who declared that the strike in the first instance was a strategic mistake and that it would be a graver error in tactics to attempt to force the men to remain in line and the "last ditch" action, especially the unattached delegates who are members of the council by virtue of their membership in Socialist organizations. One fiery speaker, who in order to be better seen and heard, mounted the balcony from which Father Gapon in disguise had delivered his last address in that hall, thundered his denunciation of those who wished to discontinue the struggle.

## Urges That Strike Continue

"Even if we cannot continue the strike until the purposes for which it was called are attained," he said, let us not abandon it without inflicting a real blow on the government. A three-day strike is a mere pin prick in the hides of the crafty fox Witte and his followers, so let us keep it up for a fortnight. The men in other factories at St. Petersburg are daily joining us; our delegates are closing the pharmacies and the railroad tie-up is complete. What a figure we will cut in the eyes of our brothers outside of St. Petersburg if, before they have had the opportunity of acting on our appeal, they hear that we have laid down our arms."

After a long discussion a motion to

## THE DAY'S NEWS

Southern California: Fair Saturday; light north winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 68 degrees; minimum, 50 degrees.

## PART I.

- 1.—May end strike.
- 2.—Four murderers pay penalty.
- 3.—Eastern man to succeed Smale.
- 4.—Editorial.
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## PART II.

- 1.—Injury fatal to victim of auto.
- 2.—Southern California news.
- 3.—Harriman works for good of men.
- 4.—Classified advertisements.
- 5.—Claims she was beaten by will.

## EASTERN

California and former Governor Budd touched on in insurance inquiry. Mrs. John Jacob Astor cuts down original "400" to 79 in dinner to Prince Louis.

## FOREIGN

Count of Flanders, heir to the Belgian throne, is dead. Outlook better in St. Petersburg, as many strikers wish to resume work. Marquis Ito submits Japan's program for protectorate over Korea.

## COAST

Big police scandal is laid bare in San Francisco. Operator at Naples is drowned while trying to swim ashore from capsized boat. Steamer arrives at San Diego, having had one killed and four injured by bursting of boiler tube.

## LOCAL

Mrs. Tuffree, victim of Boyle Heights automobile accident, dies. Abused husband denied divorce on his fifth attempt. Little girl tells of her father's actions, and secures divorce for mother. Mrs. Carrie Swearinger, cut off with \$1 by her mother's will, attempts to have will set aside. Representative of Milan exposition visits Los Angeles. Senator William A. Clark arrives in new private car. First Baptist church may get pastor from east. Speeding automobilists escape policeman. One motorist cuts rope. Big merger of savings banks is completed. Gracious Los Angeles committee is named by municipal bodies. Southern Pacific officials say insurance plan is for benefit of employees. Advance guard of socialist junketing party returns from Owens river.