

COUNTRESS CALLS
COUNT A LIBERTINE

CASTELLANE DIVORCE CASE
IS NAUSEATING

Council for Both Sides Argue for and Against the Separation of the Wealthy but Unhappy Couple

By Associated Press. PARIS, Nov. 7.—The Castellane divorce case is again before the court. Today Maitre Cruppi, of counsel for the countess, reviewed the points he has covered last week and declared that proof of the count's infidelity and cruelty contained in the thirteen allegations made last week were sufficient to justify a divorce without summoning witnesses. Maitre Cruppi then plunged directly into the count's maneuvers since the divorce proceedings were instituted to reconquer his wife's affections. After the failure of the attempt at arranging a reconciliation February 1, when the countess was granted the temporary custody of her children, Count Boni began a systematic campaign, writing to the countess letters filled with avowals of sincere repentance, supplications for pardon, passionate words and professions of undying love. On February 25 the countess sent a cold rejoinder, informing the count that she had suffered too much and had lost all affection for him and confidence in his honor and veracity, concluding with her statement that she found him "disgusting." The letters continued until the middle of September, when the count wrote that he would not long survive, pleading to see the countess. It was then that M. Cruppi, that the countess, worn out with her husband's insincerity, wrote him three postal cards, one of which read: "My response is the refusal of a respectable woman to see such a libertine."

The wording of the other cards was equally emphatic. M. Cruppi made no concealment of the fact that the countess aided her husband in his electoral campaign last May. Maitre Bonet, of counsel for Count Boni, began his reply by describing the dreams of luxury of a young American heiress when she married a French nobleman, resulting in making the life of extravagance upon which she entered quite natural to her. Counsel then read affectionate letters written by the count to the countess excusing her inability to furnish funds because her brother George would not supply them. To show that the count made sacrifices as well as his wife, Maitre Bonet declared that he had made the ancestral forest of Bueny in order to make the first payment of \$80,000 on the Malakoff avenue property. The divorce proceedings, counsel said, were due to the evil counsel of mischief makers, especially to the manipulations of Edmond Kelly, the American lawyer, whose object was to obtain a high fee. Without adverse interference, counsel was sure the countess would return to her husband. As for the testimony of servants, Maitre Bonet said he classed such evidence, mere declarations not made under oath, as a comedy, and confessed he insisted on the examination of witnesses which would permit the tribunal to judge of their credibility. Maitre Bonet protested indignantly against the bitterness shown against his client in picturing him as the brutal father of his wife's children. "The count has not been the brute he has been described to have been. He always has been a gallant gentleman who has respected affection for his wife. There has been nothing to shake or destroy it. "The count's only thought has been to give his wife the luxurious, queenly existence of which she dreamed. If he exceeded his aim it is to his honor only. As a result of this laudable effort he has been saddled with the task of paying \$24,000 annually."

Counsel for the count declared that the Gould family did not look favorably on a divorce. At any rate, George J. Gould wrote to Count Boni that he was profoundly grieved at what had happened. Had it not been for Mr. Kelly, who desired to secure the management of the immense estate, the countess would have listened to her husband's supplications. Mr. Kelly directed the campaign against the count. Counsel instanced an alleged case in which an agent of Mr. Kelly gave money to a witness to prove the count's infidelity, and the person referred to, smitten with remorse, returned the money. "Another witness, continued Maitre Bonet, told a friend that he was making enough money to buy a villa at D'Eauville and live independently. The countess, counsel asserted, had known of the things complained of several years ago, and he hinted that she had connived them and had taken no action except under outside pressure. Maitre Bonet did not attack the countess during the course of his remarks, but on the contrary spoke of her in high terms. Before counsel had concluded the court adjourned until tomorrow. Maitre Bonet's charge of bribery of witnesses may prove successful in forcing an inquiry, as a French court seldom overlooks such allegations. Mr. Kelly this afternoon was served with 150 documents in creditors' cases, which will be heard immediately after the divorce is disposed of.

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For Mayor—LEE C. GATES.
City Attorney—LESLIE R. HEWITT.
At present and for eight years Deputy in the City Attorney's office.
Treasurer—CAPT. C. H. HANCE,
Former City Clerk; at present cashier with the Title Guarantee and Trust Co.
Assessor—WALTER MALLARD,
For many years chief deputy of Ben Ward, both as City and County Assessor.
City Clerk—HARRY J. LELANDE,
Incumbent.
Tax Collector—JUDGE R. M. LUSK,
Large property owner; former County Judge in Texas and president Board of Trustees, Trinity University.
Auditor—W. C. MUSHET,
Expert accountant and secretary of the Los Angeles Board of Trade.
Councilman First Ward—R. W. DROMGOLD,
Leader in improvement association work in the First ward.
Councilman Second Ward—A. S. VANDEGRIFT,
Manager Reral Sh. company.
Councilman Third Ward—WALTER J. WREN,
At present Fire Commissioner.
Councilman Fourth Ward—NILES PEASE,
Formerly of Niles Pease Furniture company, and president of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association.
Councilman Fifth Ward—A. J. WALLACE,
Stock and bond broker, and vice president of the Sinaloa Land Co., etc.
Councilman Sixth Ward—J. V. AKEY,
Druggist, Vernon and Central.
Councilman Seventh Ward—MARTIN F. BETKOUSKI,
Member of the Fire Commission.
Councilman Eighth Ward—DANA W. BARTLETT,
Head of Bethlehem Institutional work in this city.
Councilman Ninth Ward—M. T. COLLINS,
Pioneer resident of the Ninth ward; former Councilman.
Board of Education—
JOSEPH SCOTT,
Attorney; Incumbent.
H. W. FRANK,
Of the London Clothing Co.; Incumbent.
EMMETT H. WILSON,
Attorney; Incumbent.
FIELDING J. STILSON,
Stock and bond broker.
ROGER S. PAGE,
Attorney; former member Board Education.
DR. W. F. STEDDON,
Physician; former member Board of Health.
MELVILLE DOZIER,
One of the oldest educators in Los Angeles.

BELL IS NOT YET DEFEATED

(Continued from Page Two.) party to forget the oft-repeated lesson and rally again. Chairman Schwamm made the following formal statement to The Herald last night: "The Democratic party is to be congratulated upon its tremendous gains in Los Angeles county. Exaggerated claims that this county would give a Republican majority of 25,000 to 30,000 have inspired Democracy to its best efforts in cutting down these figures to a paltry few thousand. "Theodore A. Bell, our young leader, has made a lasting impression upon us. His great fight will become historic and memorable. Democrats never acknowledge defeat. They possess the spirit of perseverance and cherish the virtues which made the martyrs saints. We have hopes not only for the hereafter and here on earth where we have a right to be and a right to rule. Our day of triumph shall come as our forefathers had it. "We Democrats know no bitterness nor resentment. Even breaks would cause us joy, and if ever we win we shall let the world know it. We had bought lots of cow bells and red fire to make noise, only to put off the occasion to use them. "A curse from a traitor in our ranks proved true. A Southern Pacific attorney within our fold sold us out at the last minute, and we were to him. "Let us forget our oft-repeated lesson and rally again. ANTHONY SCHWAMM, "Chairman Democratic County Central Committee."

By Associated Press. STOCKTON, Cal., Nov. 7.—Total vote San Joaquin county on congressmen: Needham (Rep.), 4104; Greene (Dem.), 2558. Republicans elected R. L. Beardslee assemblyman, Twenty-third district, and A. F. Percival assemblyman, Twenty-fourth district. No senator to be elected this year.

By Associated Press. MERCED, Cal., Nov. 7.—Merced county gives Bell for governor about 250 plurality. Curtin for state senator and Yalton for assemblyman, both Democrats, are elected. The Democrats captured seven county candidates and the Republicans four.

By Associated Press. NAPA, Cal., Nov. 7.—Bell has carried this county by at least 1100 votes, and McKinlay, Republican, for congress by 600 votes. Frank Bush for assembly has been elected by 400 majority.

By Associated Press. OAKLAND, Nov. 7.—Gillett's majority in Alameda county will be 4000.

By Associated Press. SAN JOAQUIN GOES FOR BELL STOCKTON, Cal., Nov. 7.—The complete vote of San Joaquin for governor, as shown by the semi-official returns, is as follows: Gillett, 3159; Bell, 3474; Langdon, 512.

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GIVES DETAILS OF MURDER CRIMES

MURDERER MAKES COMPLETE CONFESSION

San Francisco Thug Breaks Down and Tells the Police How His Dastardly Deeds Were Committed

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—With the confession of John Siemsen, alias Simpson, before them, verifying in every particular the stories of robberies and murder told by his confederate and dupe, 18-year-old Louis V. Dabner, the police are bending every effort to complete the chain of evidence they believe will give both men swift transit to the gallows. The third man in the Behrend robbery, the police say, was Harry Kearney, a former convict who was serving a term of five years at Folsom for burglary committed in this city at the time Siemsen, alias Simpson, was a prisoner there. He was employed in a plumbing shop at Sacramento and came down to San Francisco on the day before the Behrend robbery. He took meals at the home of Siemsen and Dabner on Union street and was with the thugs for some time, but disappeared immediately after the commission of the crime. Every police department in the country has been warned to look out for him, and it was in the hope that publicity would aid in his capture that Captain of Detectives Duke decided to give out his name and photograph for publication. In the Dockweller case the man who assisted Siemsen and Dabner is said to be Edward Scott, alias "Scotty," a convict who was sent to Folsom from Los Angeles county. The detectives today called on Hulda Von Hofen-Siemsen, the child wife of one of the men charged with murder, and demanded in the name of the police the return of jewels, diamonds and furs that were purchased with coin stolen from the Japanese bank. A REMARKABLE CONFESSION Youthful Criminal Tells How Murders Were Committed By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—Admitting their part in three murders of incomparable brutality and several robberies, for one of which an innocent man was sent to the penitentiary for fifty years, Louis Dabner, a youth of 18 years, almost fresh from high school, and J. H. Siemsen, a Kanaka and ex-convict, have in confession told for dramatic intensity exceeded anything in the criminal annals of San Francisco, cleared up the mystery surrounding the perpetrators of a series of crimes that caused a reign of terror in San Francisco and settled the case. Urged on by his broken-hearted father, who with tears streaming down his face appealed to the boy's love for his mother and to his religious training, young Dabner finally broke down and told the police the details of the crimes. He related how he and Siemsen murdered and robbed Johannes Pfitzner in his shoe store at 909 Market street, beat William Friede to death with a window sash weight in a haberdashery store on Market street, robbed the Japanese bank of \$4200, killing the manager, E. Murakata, with a piece of gas pipe; beat A. Sarny to death, insensible and committed several holdups, among them that of Dr. T. W. B. Leland, for which James Sutton was convicted and sentenced to San Quentin for fifty years. At times the boy, his father and older brother who was present would break down utterly and weep convulsively in each other's arms. Because of these frequent interruptions the boy was two hours telling his story. So dramatic and intense became the scene at times as the father fell on his knees pleading with the police for his son that even the hardened police officials were visibly affected. Confirms Confession Last night's Dabner's confession was read to Siemsen, and he was then confronted with Dabner and the latter's father and brother. Siemsen confirmed Dabner's confession in every respect, adding to it many details and enacted for the benefit of the police and the newspaper men present the several crimes which the two had committed. With no signs of bravado and a naturalness that amazed the police, Siemsen related how he met Dabner and how he became attached to him, but for the youth's good told him he was a former convict with whom he had better not associate; how the boy accompanied him and saw Siemsen do several "jobs," and finally expressed a wish to John, despite Siemsen's warnings: "Some day we will get caught. It never fails. Don't deceive yourself that we will always escape, so be prepared." Both denied that there was any elaborate planning of the murder of Pfitzner and Friede, but declared that it was done on the impulse of the moment. Dabner stated Siemsen suggested robbing Pfitzner as they walked past the store. They picked up a heavy window weight in the ruins, returned to the store, where Siemsen said Pfitzner a blow while he was trying on a pair of shoes on Dabner. They got \$100. Pfitzner's watch was thrown into the bay. Friede's Murder This was followed by the brutal murder of Friede, who was killed with a piece of gas pipe by Siemsen while Dabner was trying on a coat. The confession next tells of the Japanese bank robbery and the killing of Manager Murakata, and how Sasaki, the clerk, was struck again and again before he was left for dead. Siemsen, from his share of the \$4200 stolen from the bank, paid \$150 for a diamond engagement ring for Hulda Von Hofen, the 16-year-old daughter of a respectable Jewess, whom he married last week without her parents' consent and who had no knowledge of his true character. Siemsen stated that he is the son of a wealthy Hawaiian planter, who disowned him because of his incorrigible habits. He steadfastly refused to give his father's name, admitting that Siemsen is not his true name. Siemsen is well educated and claims to have graduated from a military academy in Honolulu. He is an artist, a musician and has numerous other accomplishments. The police declare him to be the most remarkable criminal they have ever had any dealings with.

SEES WATCHMAN TAKE MONEY

PRIVATE DETECTIVE SOLVES THEFTS

Employe of Merchants' Fire Dispatch Confesses After Two Hours of Questioning by Police Officials

Daniel J. Landy, 911 Diamond street, employed as a watchman by the Merchants' Fire Dispatch, was detected last night in the act of taking \$2.25 from the cash register in the office of the Los Angeles laundry, San Fernando street and Bellevue avenue. This discovery is believed to solve the mystery that has surrounded the thefts of small amounts of money that have been occurring at the laundry office almost nightly for some time. The exact amount of money taken during the period that the thefts have been known could not be learned, but it is estimated that the amounts aggregate over a hundred dollars. Landy was conducting a man who was to take his place as watchman over the beat he has been covering for the purpose of familiarizing him with the duties and territory. When they entered the laundry office Landy was seen to go behind the counter and take the money from the cash drawer. A private guard employed by the laundry to investigate the mysterious thefts witnessed the act. The guard notified the police at once of what he had seen, and while Landy was still showing his successor through the laundry building Detectives McNamara and Craig arrived to arrest him. When questioned at the detective office Landy at first stoutly denied that he had stolen the money. But after being submitted to the most rigorous sweating for over two hours he at last confessed that he was guilty of the charge.

ROBBERS BATTLE WITH CAR MEN

(Continued from Page One.) her dashed back across the bridge, picking up his hat as he ran. His companion attempted to pull the conductor from the car, but passengers dragged the car man back to safety at the expense of his vest, which was torn in two. As a last resort one of the robbers grasped the conductor's coat and pulled it over his head. Whether that was an attempt to cause the money to spill out from the coat pockets to the bridge or whether it was an effort to blind the conductor for a moment cannot be conjectured, but both attempts failed of success. For James Bull Guirado street, a passenger who was the only one near enough to reach the robbers, struck with his fist and sent the assailant reeling from the car. That the robbery was carefully planned was evident, for not until after the attack was completed and the car moved some distance was the emergency signal given the motorman and the car brought to a standstill near the center of the bridge. Reports to the Police In the meantime the position of the conductor at the top of the car steps and the assailants on the bottom step were as plain as day. But the car from going to the conductor's assistance, while those in the front, among them a deputy sheriff, did not know of the attack until the emergency signal was given and passengers leaped in pursuit. But the was useless, for the assailants had dashed back to the bridge and around under it to the river bed, where pursuit in the darkness was futile. The conductor and passengers searched the street near the car track for several coins which the conductor had dropped during his struggle and in the hope that the men might have dropped the watch as they ran, but their efforts met with failure and the conductor, after reporting the affair to the company and to the police, proceeded with his car. "They jostled me as soon as they got on the car," stated the conductor. "As soon as I noticed the tall man ring the bell I ordered him to stop and immediately he started to swear at me. As I went toward him his companion jostled me and then I went for assistance. They left the car and when I started the car again they leaped on the step and struck me and one of them grabbed my watch, broke the chain and escaped with it toward the river bed."

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By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—When Abraham Ruef was asked last night if he was satisfied with the results of the election he said: "It seems to be a complete victory for us. We have elected Gillett, as I predicted we would. That was no surprise to me. "We have got everything we went out for except Lawlor and we will get him next time. "We have elected all our assemblymen and senators with one exception. Yes, I refer to French, and he was advised by me not to run. "As to the judges it seems now that the four elected are Coffey, Graham, Lawlor and Mogan in that order. "But the defeat of judges has no bearing whatever on the investigation. I know the newspapers have been making a fight against them and I expected that they would have effected public opinion more than they seem to have done. If I owned four newspapers I would have done better than that." Francis J. Heney said: "This is the most overwhelming victory for decency and good government that San Francisco has ever had."

By Associated Press. HANFORD, Cal., Nov. 7.—Complete returns on Governor give Gillett 96 plurality over Bell (Dem.). Langdon ran lightly. The Republicans have surely elected assemblyman, sheriff, tax collector, auditor, treasurer, coroner and surveyor. The Democrats have elected superior judge and district attorney on the face of the returns by a plurality of six votes each. Needham for congress has a plurality of 351.

By Associated Press. VISALIA, Cal., Nov. 7.—Practically complete returns from all precincts in Tulare county give Bell 2529, Gillett 415, Langdon 262; Barlow, Dem., for congress, 1399; Smith, Rep., for congress, 1842; Miller, Dem., for state senator, 2389; Beale, Rep., for state senator, 1700; Forbes, Dem., assemblyman, 2023; Austin, Rep., for assemblyman, 1907.

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