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MYSTERIOUS MR. RAFFLES TO JUDGE AUTO PARADE

RAFFLES WILL TAKE STAND ON BROADWAY

Fifth Street to Be His Reviewing Point

Prettiest Woman in Line Will Get an Award

Man of Mystery Declares He Will Take Big Chance of Capture on the Street This Afternoon

George Harris Donohue.

Here is where I am apt to "get in" very wrong.

For the first time in my eventful career I am to pass sentence on beautiful femininity as she is whizzed through the streets of Los Angeles in automobiles.

And all this because "Hen" Berry, president of the Los Angeles baseball club, has an idea in his cranium that I know a thing or two about real-estate when it comes to picking out the prettiest girl in town.

I see where I will have all sorts of joy during that automobile parade this afternoon. Chances are I will pick out the prettiest girl all right, and then will start the fuss. Every other girl in the parade will unanimously declare me prejudiced or something else, and decide that after all I wouldn't know a really pretty girl if I saw one.

This automobile parade business is a new one on me, and it is the first real excitement I have stacked up against since starting this work in your city.

ALL I HAVE TO DO TODAY, ACCORDING TO THE COUPLE OF LINES SENT BY BILL CARRUTHERS, IS TO STAND AT THE INTERSECTION OF FIFTH STREET AND BROADWAY WHILE THE PARADE IS PASSING BETWEEN 1 AND 2 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON, SELECT THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN THE PARADE, AND THEN MAKE A BEE LINE FOR THE BALL PARK, WHERE I AM TO GIVE THE SLEUTHS WHO JOURNEY THERE A CHANCE TO PICK UP AN EASY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Not Looking for Chief Kern

All this comes in some handy, as I am a red-hot fan, and for me to get a chance to see the Los Angeles and Oakland open the season is worth a week's pay. Then, besides, I am to have a chance to see the great and only Jim Jeffries, my friend Mayor Harper and a host of the real "tony" element of this town.

That will be going some for me, as ordinarily I am a retiring sort of youngster. I hope Captain Flammer and Chief Kern will not be present.

To those who will assist me in selecting the most beautiful girl in the parade as it passes Fifth street and Broadway just let me give you these pointers: I will not be there with a sign on my back or hat announcing my identity. I will not be posing around in the crowd trying to attract attention on the strength that I am the mysterious Mr. Raffles. I will not make the capture an easy matter for any person in that crowd.

I will be there for the purpose of maintaining my incognito to the extreme limit. I will work in and through the crowd faster possibly than any other smooth-faced man in the gathering. I will be there to gather in all the material necessary for my story tomorrow.

As the parade passes Fifth street you can count on it that one smooth-faced man in the crowd is rapidly taking in everything happening and the chances are given about all the same illustration concerning the actual capture of that game, which I know is bound to be a corker.

You may get a pretty good line on me at the ball park, as I am apt to become so engrossed in the game that I will not miss a single feature of that game, which I know is bound to be a corker.

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THREE PORTRAITS OF MAN YOU ARE SEEKING



THE MYSTERIOUS MR. RAFFLES

ARMED MEN TO GUARD SHIP YARDS

By Associated Press. LORAIN, Ohio, April 5.—With the members of company B of this city, Ohio National guard, under orders in the armory close to the seat of trouble and three companies of Cleveland troops under orders to respond to a call here at any moment quiet prevails tonight at the yards of the American Shipbuilding company.

DECLARES CZAR WILL ABDICATE

By Associated Press. LONDON, April 5.—The Daily Mirror claims to be in a position to announce upon "the highest authority" that the emperor of Russia proposes to abdicate within a month and that Grand Duke Michael will appoint regent during the infancy of the careworn. For the past three or four weeks, the paper says, events in this direction have been proceeding with lightning like rapidity in St. Petersburg but the secret has been well kept.

OBSCENE PICTURE CARDS ARE SEIZED

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, April 5.—Anthony Comstock today made three raids in which he seized 15,000 picture postal cards, which he claims, are obscene. Four men are arrested charged with having the cards in their possession.

STEAMER BURNS, BUT ALL ESCAPE

By Associated Press. DOBBS FERRY, N. Y., April 5.—The steamer City of Troy was burned to the water's edge here tonight. Sixty-five passengers were landed safely. The steamer was completely destroyed, with its cargo of freight and thirteen horses.

JAPAN TO HAVE WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLESHIP

By Associated Press. LONDON, April 5.—It is reported here that the largest battleship in the world, to have a displacement of 21,000 tons, is to be built in England for the Japanese government and that a commission is already on its way here from Japan for the purpose of placing a contract with one or another of Great Britain's ship builders.

SCHOOL GIRL TOUCHES WIRE AND DROPS DEAD

CHICO, Cal., April 5.—Laura E. Lutz, aged 12, was instantly killed this morning by an electric shock while on her way to school, three miles west of Chico.

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DEWEILER MAY SOON SURRENDER

Fugitive's Brother Is Ready to Talk Business

Abe Ruef Leaves Prison to Enter Dentist's Chair

Heny Issues Statement That Eight More Indictments Are Now Under Consideration by the Grand Jury

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—A lull in the bribery graft proceedings came today, the grand jury having adjourned from Thursday until Saturday afternoon, and sessions in Judge Dunne's court having been suspended until Monday.

Special Agent Burns received a telegram from his son in Toledo, Ohio, saying that George Detweiler, brother of A. K. Detweiler, had agreed to confer with the latter's attorneys in an effort to arrange the fugitive's bail bonds and facilitate his surrender to the California authorities.

Chief Justice Beatty of the state supreme court said that Ruef's application for a writ of habeas corpus releasing him from the custody of Elishor Biggy, will likely be decided next Monday, its determination having been delayed by the illness of Associate Justice Angeliotti.

Presiding Judge Cooper of the district court of appeal in Toledo, Ohio, stated that a decision may be expected some time next week in the appeal of Attorney Shortridge from the order of Superior Judge Dunne, committing him to the county jail for contempt.

Two exchanges in the Fillmore street prison chamber for the dentist's chair today for an hour or two, making the trip in his own automobile under the eyes of Elishor Biggy and a guard.

Assistant District Attorney Heny issued a statement that the grand jury has under consideration eight more indictments against high officials, five in connection with the Home Telephone company and three in connection with the Pacific States.

HENY SAYS THERE WILL BE TWO MORE SESSIONS OF JURY

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—Assistant District Attorney Heny today issued the following statement to the Associated Press:

"The grand jury has under consideration five more indictments against high officials in connection with the Home Telephone affair and three more indictments against high officials in connection with the affairs of the rival company.

"It would not be proper for me to say at this time that these eight indictments will be returned. I can merely say that they are being considered."

Ruef Visits Dentist

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—Elishor Biggy today took Abraham Ruef to a dentist's, where he had an appointment. Ruef's automobile was used for the trip and the prisoner was accompanied by the editor and former United States Marshal Shine, who is one of his right guard.

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Last night the attorney general's suit against State Treasurer J. H. Rice and former Treasurer Collins and A. H. Barrett, seeking to recover sums of money alleged to have been wrongfully retained by those officials, is being in the form of interest deposits on public funds.

Mr. Collins was alleged to have received and retained \$45,000, and, in addition, all of his bondsmen were made defendants.

They include a number of prominent residents of the state and Great Falls, particularly.

The praecipe stated that the attorney general is not possessed of sufficient evidence to prove a case and further that the action cannot be successfully maintained, even though sufficient evidence is obtained to support, because he is barred by the statute of limitations.

SHOOTS WIFE'S PARENTS AND COMMITS SUICIDE FOLLOWING QUARREL

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, April 5.—Albert Rhein, 50 years of age, shot and fatally wounded his father-in-law, William Rommel, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Rommel, and then killed himself.

Yesterday Rhein and his wife quarreled and she left him, going to the home of her parents. It was reported to Rhein that she had commenced proceedings for a divorce and he decided to kill his wife.

He placed three revolvers in his pockets and went to the house in which the Rommels lived. Mrs. Rhein saw him enter and ran out of the back door.

Rhein fired at her twice, but missed her. The other shooting followed.

At the hospital to which Rommel and his wife were taken it was stated that both will die.

HASTENS DEATH BY BUTTING WALL

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—Almost with his last breath Percy L. Wells, a civil engineer of Waltham, Mass., arose from his deathbed at the Grand Central hotel.

He was about to sign his will when he dashed his head against the wall with such force that he died a few minutes later.

Wells was about 24 years of age and had been in Guatemala for two years engaged in road work. He arrived in San Francisco April 2 in the last stages of consumption. He became crazed with grief when told that he could not live to reach his home and see his mother and sister before dying.

He sent for an attorney to draw up his will and every effort was made by physicians to keep him alive until the document was prepared.

A few minutes before it was ready Wells suddenly arose from his bed and hurled himself head foremost against the wall.

FAILS TO AGREE WITH PRESIDENT

Nicholas Murray Butler Says Roosevelt Does Not Thoroughly Understand the Japanese Situation in San Francisco

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, April 5.—President Nicholas Murray Butler has returned to Columbia university from his honeymoon trip to the Pacific coast.

Dr. Butler says that he disagrees with the attitude of President Roosevelt regarding the Japanese question. He believes that the people of San Francisco are fully justified in excluding the Japanese from their schools.

Speaking on the Japanese question he said: "The California sentiment on the Japanese question has not been made entirely clear. The whole school question, about which the recent discussion arose, turned in reality upon the admission or exclusion of adult Japanese side by side with little children in the public schools learning the English language. As to the wisdom of this there can hardly be two opinions.

"The feeling against Japanese, which has been voiced largely by the Japanese and Korean Exclusion league, did not have a particularly creditable origin, but has been strengthened among certain classes who fear the Japanese as competitors.

"The more thoughtful Californians, however, believe that the so-called problem of oriental immigration can be more satisfactorily settled on national rather than on local lines and thus conserve the best interests of the United States and the dignity of the people of China and Japan themselves.

"The more violent expressions in regard to this matter seem to me to be the least representative."

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After an examination before the magistrate Flores was committed to Bellevue for examination as to his sanity.

For some time past the pension department has been receiving a series of rambling letters from this city, all of which were signed "Mercos Flores."

They demand that "justice be done" in the case of his brother's claim for a pension. Each was a bit more insistent than the preceding one and finally it was announced that if no attention was paid to the claim and the pension was not granted he would go to the White House and if he did not get redress there he "knew what he would do."

THREE GULF TOWNS ARE DEVASTATED

Storm's Path Traced for Over 300 Miles

Mississippi, Louisiana and Georgia Crops Suffer

Passengers on Steamer Have Narrow Escape—Scores Injured, Several of Whom Will Die—Asylum Wrecked

By Associated Press. NEW ORLEANS, April 5.—Probably fifteen lives were lost today by a tornado which swept across portions of three gulf states and which was traceable for a distance of 300 miles.

The tornado moved from west to east, comprising the southern extremity of Louisiana and Mississippi and striking into Alabama for a short distance.

Portions of three towns were devastated and damage approximating half a million dollars was done.

The tornado began at Alexandria, La., soon after 1 o'clock this morning, instantly killing four persons there, fatally injuring three and seriously injuring thirteen others.

Soon after daylight it reached the Mississippi river, killing four persons at Jackson, La., while at Bayou Sara, La., at least half a dozen others were killed. There was one fatal injury at Jackson, Miss., where great property damage was done.

The tornado struck Selma, Ala., the inhabitants saw twisting clouds rise in the air, and the storm disappeared.

The dead: OMER BECK, NORMAN DUNNE, white. ORA DUDLEY, negroess, Alexandria. LYDIA HARDING, negroess, Alexandria.

Three female inmates of the insane asylum and two negroes at Jackson, La.

Several negroes near Bayou Sara, La. Fatally injured: Miss Mary Lea of Jackson, La., and three negroes at Alexandria.

Seriously injured: Mrs. Omer Beck and two children; Mrs. Frank Hertzog, Mrs. Matthew Dunn, T. R. Conville, wife and four children, Francis de Meelo and Edward Steward, white, of Alexandria; H. H. Ferguson, Jackson, La., and A. B. Crothers of Bayou Sara, La.

Twenty Homes Demolished

About twenty homes in Alexandria were completely demolished, fifty were damaged and together about 100 (Continued on Page Two.)

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST

For Southern California: Cloudy Saturday; light east winds, changing to southerly. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 63 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees.

1—Three gulf towns devastated.
2—Delmas will address jury Monday.
3—Labor troubles are disappearing.
4—Raffles will meet you today.
5—Bridge engineers have plans ready.
6—Editorial.
7—City news.
8—Sports.
9—Southern California news.
10—Classified advertisements.
11—Markets.
12—Railroad news.

EASTERN

Now expected that Thaw will know his fate not later than Thursday. Chicago in the gulf states claims many lives. Tornado man shoots his wife's parents and commits suicide.

COAST

Abe Detweiler's brother negotiating with the authorities to secure fugitive's release on bonds if latter gives himself up. Wholesale jail delivery narrowly averted at San Francisco. Jury again disagrees in Williams murder case and prisoner may go free.

LOCAL

Raffles will judge the auto parade at Fifth and Broadway between 1 and 2 o'clock this afternoon and will attend the ball game later. Engineers have plans ready for bridges. Live stock will be kept from polluting sources of water supply. St. Louis woman declares husband, who is wealthy undertaker, has left her stranded in Los Angeles. City has \$2,000,000 in cash on hand.