

MEET RAFFLES AT THE CITY HALL TODAY

THREE FAIL IN CORRECT SALUTATION

Raffles Is Caught; Not Properly Greeted

Man of Mystery Barely Escapes Detection at Chutes

Had Trio of Persons Who Caught the Thousand-Dollar Man Been More Particular in Details, Game Would Be Over

BY THE MYSTERIOUS MR. RAFFLES (George Harris Donohue)

Just as I expected. I CAME WITHIN AN ACE OF BEING CAPTURED ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS AT CHUTES PARK LAST NIGHT—AND I CAN NOW DISTINCTLY SEE THE EAR-MARKS OF MY SPEEDY CAPTURE IN THIS CITY.

Had those who journeyed to Chutes park followed the advice I have taken great trouble to hand out daily the chase for the mysterious Mr. Raffles would now be at an end, as I was compelled three times last night to turn down three different people who failed to give me the proper salutation.

For me to operate at night under artificial light is suicidal in so far as maintaining this game successfully is concerned. I could not do it under ordinary circumstances and I would not be writing this sort of a story right now had those on my trail not been so frightfully excited they failed to get any part of the salutation correctly when they addressed me.

Expected Capture Before consenting to take a chance at Chutes park I notified my business manager and the management of the Los Angeles Herald that it was about time to one I would not be able to evade capture in the park, but my business manager has such unbounded confidence in my ability he prevailed upon the management of The Herald to permit me to take the risk.

All I can say right now is that I am more lucky than I deserve, to be able to outwit those who started after me last night. It is the first time in my history during the presentation of the work that I have been compelled to turn possible capturers down because of the fact they have not properly complied with the conditions imposed by the management of the newspaper for which I am operating.

As a matter of fact, I do not suppose any one of the three persons who held me up have the slightest suspicion they actually had me in their clutches and it will not be until they read this story this morning that they will learn just how close they were to collecting \$1000.

The How of It This is the way it happened: Just inside the main gate, within ten feet of the turnstile, at precisely fifteen minutes past 8 o'clock, a short, thick set man with a black mustache, wearing a dark blue suit and black derby hat, who was accompanied by a tall, slender young woman who I think was his daughter, stepped up to me, with this remark, "Ah, if I'm not mistaken, you're Raffles, the mysterious man for whom The Herald offers \$1000 reward."

Noting rapidly that he had failed to give me the proper salutation I answered in an assumed angry tone: "Aw, shut up; you're the tenth man that's told me that tonight." All of which was enough to satisfy the would-be captor that he had made a mistake, and he hurried along with his companion.

Over in front of the Katzenjammer palace at 8:35 an elderly woman wearing a black dress and a black hat trimmed with some kind of lace, approached me timidly in this fashion: "Excuse me, sir, but aren't you Mr. Raffles?"

Rings in Another For an answer I wanted to another square-faced man standing not three feet away, who seemed to regard the old lady's challenge as a joke, and remarked as I started to move away: "Try it on him; he looks like the man you are after."

Then came the party of three young women, all armed with copies of the Los Angeles Herald, who corralled me as I was passing the Wonderland show. One of these girls, who seemed to be the ringleader, seized me by the arm as she shouted: "Here he is, girls; I know him; bring up the receipt."

Turning on her suddenly I caused her to release my arm as I asked rather savagely: "What's the matter with you, anyhow? Are you all going crazy?" In confusion the tall girl hastily said: "Oh, I beg your pardon, but I thought you were Mr. Raffles of The Herald."

MAN OF MYSTERY IN SIX DIFFERENT POSES



from among those who have stuck to this trail since its inception. It is impossible for me to aid any person in any manner whatsoever to gain this money and it is up to me to evade you in any way possible just so that I do it legitimately.

Remember the Salutation If you give me the improper salutation it is up to me to throw you off the scent and prolong the chase until some one actually approaches me with the proper salutation—that will mean an immediate end to this chase.

I am not much in favor of working under artificial lights, as it is a cinch I cannot keep myself properly posted on all that's going on about me in the semi-darkness. However, there is just this one thing about it. I have carried this game along over the time limit—and that it good enough for me. I came into Los Angeles with the boast that I could successfully keep my identity for a period of ten days without being detected by either your professional or amateur sleuths. The ten days are past and I have covered myself with all the glory or ignominy—whichever you prefer—necessary to my existence, and I am now waiting the password which will release me from this lonesome sort of existence which is now my lot.

Cannot Aid in Capture Under the contract which I have with the Los Angeles Herald I must remain at large until I am legitimately captured by some person in this city. I cannot aid any one in the capture, or do anything rash which would look as though I had practically given myself up at the last moment.

I was supposed to observe all the precautions at my command to elude capture for at least ten days in this city and then leave it up to the sleuths to jump in and get the money. The time limit has now passed and I have already made arrangements to present this game in another city, so I care not how soon some one in this town steps forward and says to me: "YOU ARE THE MYSTERIOUS MR. RAFFLES OF THE LOS ANGELES HERALD." But remember, BE SURE AND SAY THAT AND NOTHING ELSE.

Will Take More Chances However, as the ten days are up I can now afford to take more desperate chances, which I will do every day this game is in existence.

TODAY, FOR INSTANCE, I WILL TAKE A CHANCE WITH EVERYBODY IN THIS TOWN IN FRONT OF THE CITY HALL BETWEEN NOON AND 1 O'CLOCK. There will be there among you at least fifty minutes of that time, and as I am making the appointment for an in-between-the-block gathering some one in this city should go home tonight rich by at least one thousand dollars. Just remember that to capture me you will have to do it on the fly. I will not be posing around for any one's particular benefit, but following my usual custom I will go through my regular work with an ear on the alert every second of the time I am among you for the proper salutation.

If you hand it to me wrong I WILL PROMPTLY TURN YOU DOWN. Ten Words to Say There are only ten words in that little sentence, and as each word is worth one hundred dollars in cash, it strikes me that you should have but little difficulty in committing it to memory.

I intend making these appointments every day this week until I am captured. If I am not caught by Thursday night I WILL AGAIN GIVE YOU A CHANCE UNDER ARTIFICIAL LIGHT AT CHUTES PARK, WHERE I FEEL ALMOST CERTAIN THE GAME WILL BE BROUGHT TO A SUDDEN END.

I am in hopes I will be picked up before then, but if the chase is prolonged until that time you can practically count on it that my chances for escape will be practically eliminated.

Again, if I am compelled to maintain (Continued from Page One)

CLEVELAND URGES HIGHER SALARIES

INSURANCE PRESIDENTS HAVE RIGHTS, TOO

As Counsel for American Association Former President Would Curb Policy of Some Western States to Limit Pay

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, April 7.—Former President Grover Cleveland, counsel for the American Association of Life Insurance Presidents, has just submitted to that association a brief in relation to the matter of salaries paid by life insurance companies.

The occasion for its presentation, it is stated, is the fact that certain western states have now pending before their respective legislatures bills that would limit the salaries of life insurance officers to \$50,000 a year, while in others the limit is fixed at \$25,000 a year.

The brief, it is announced, will be filed tomorrow with the Wisconsin legislature by Robert Lynn Cox, who will appear as attorney for the Association of Life Insurance Presidents in opposition to the bill providing for compulsory investment of reserve funds in the state, largely increased taxation of premium receipts and other subjects.

Calling attention to the fact that insurance companies are private corporations, Mr. Cleveland said in part: "It has been judicially established that in legal contemplation these companies are within the definition of persons and so far as their rights are concerned they are on the same footing as citizens of the United States and of the several states.

"The fourteenth amendment of the federal constitution provides that 'no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any state deprive any persons of life, liberty or property without due process of law.'

"It is clearly the intent and inevitable effect of the contemplated legislation to abridge these 'privileges and immunities' of corporate citizens of the United States by imposing upon them limitations concerning the compensation to be paid their officers and employees in the face of the law of their creation and domicile, which makes them free from such limitation.

After arguing that the doctrine of comity forbids one state from seeking to interfere with the affairs of citizens of other states except where absolutely for the protection of its own citizens he concludes: "These corporate citizens of the United States having entered states other than their own, exhibit in their defense the certificate of fitness and approved equipment granted them by their states."

TWO WOMEN DROWN IN MEXICAN RESERVOIR

By Associated Press. EL PASO, April 7.—Two women were drowned by the breaking of a reservoir dam at San Ramon, San Jalisco. A babe in the arms of one of the women was cast on the bank of the arroyo by the water and saved.

SELECT CHICAGO, LATE IN MAY, FOR TRUST CONFERENCE

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, April 7.—The executive council of the National Civic federation has decided on Chicago as the place and May 28, 29, 30 and 31 as the dates for holding the national conference on combinations and trusts, which recently was announced by that organization.

The purpose of the conference is to consider the trust and combination problems, especially the question of what amendment, if any, should be made to the Sherman anti-trust act.

JEWIS IN FEAR OF FRESH OUTRAGES

Municipal Election in Odessa Results in a Way That Removes Safeguards for Peace for Community

By Associated Press. ODESSA, April 7.—A sensation has been caused by the results in the municipal election just ended which resulted in a victory for the union of True Russian people.

Out of seventy-two members of the town council sixty-seven are now members of the union.

The previous liberal council was regarded as the only safeguard against anti-Jewish disorders and the only body capable of interceding with the authorities against the Black Hundred.

The Jews are in fear of fresh outrages and believe these will occur if parliament is dissolved.

PROMINENT WOMAN OF CONFEDERACY DIES

By Associated Press. RICHMOND, Va., April 7.—Mrs. Chas. Bruce, daughter of Thomas Seddon of Fredericksburg, sister of James A. Seddon, a member of the Confederate states cabinet and widow of Charles Bruce, a prominent legislator and soldier of South Side, Va., died here today. She was the mother of Thomas Seddon, Albert Cason and Charles Morell, former secretary and governor of Arizona territory.

SEVERE STORM DOES DAMAGE AT COLUMBUS

By Associated Press. COLUMBUS, O., April 7.—A severe storm swept Columbus and vicinity this evening, causing much damage to property. A shed at the plant of the Columbus Tea company collapsed during the storm, burying four boys who had sought refuge there. Daniel Carroll was killed.

RELAPSE RUMORED IN CASTRO'S CASE

By Associated Press. WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, April 7.—Private advices received from Venezuela say that President Castro has suffered a relapse. His condition is said to be critical.

TORNADO OFF HATTERAS DOES GREAT DAMAGE

Vessels Bring Tales of Destruction

Thirteen People Saved from Death by Liner Blucher as Bark is on the Verge of Going Down

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, April 7.—Nearly every vessel that has arrived from southern ports during the last week brought some story of maritime disaster wrought by the tornado off the coast of Hatteras. The Blucher arrived from West Indian ports today and she was on exception. Standing in disconsolate groups about her decks were thirteen people whom the liner had saved from their foundering bark, the Gulfport, as the vessel was on the verge of going down. The rescue was witnessed by Speaker Joseph G. Cannon and others of the congressional party on board the Blucher.

Those taken by the lifeboat of the liner from the waterlogged wreck were near starvation as for nearly a week they had had nothing to live on except a few watersoaked biscuits.

Thursday morning the Blucher altered her course to head for a wreck that had been sighted. The passengers hurriedly quitted the beautiful table and gathered on deck to see the crew of the bark clustered about the aft rails. Little difficulty attended the work of rescue. The lifeboats in charge of Chief Officer Beyer was lowered from the Blucher to the wreck. Into this went Capt. Larsen of the bark and twelve members of his crew and in a short time had the refugees safely on board the Blucher.

CUBANS WELCOME TAFT AND PARTY

COMMITTEE WILL INSIST ON PLEDGES BEING KEPT

Revolutionists Say Secretary Promised to Hold Elections in June and They Want This Fulfilled

By Associated Press. HAVANA, April 7.—Secretary of War Taft and party arrived here today on board the Mayflower. The trip from the isthmus was uneventful. All the members of the party are well.

Governor Magoon, accompanied by Brigadier General Barry, commanding the army of pacification; General Rodriguez, commander of the rural guards; the mayor of Havana, the heads of departments and prominent Cuban officials, set out in launches to welcome Secretary Taft. The secretary surprised the Cubans greatly by needing no introduction to them and calling a majority of them by name. He refused to discuss politics or his plans in Cuba.

Mr. Taft and his party are stopping at the palace as the guests of Governor Magoon, who has made special arrangements for their entertainment. They will remain here until Wednesday night, when the Mayflower will sail for Porto Rico.

The committee of the last revolutionary army with which Secretary Taft made peace terms last year met here last evening and decided to insist that the secretary fulfill the promises he made at that time, including one, according to the committee, to hold elections in June.

PURE FOOD EXPONENTS TO MEET IN CHICAGO

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, April 7.—An international pure food exposition will be held in Chicago November 19 to 25 this year.

This announcement was made upon receipt of a letter from Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the United States department of agriculture, who accepted an invitation to act on the committee of tests at the exposition.

In addition to the exposition, it is planned to have a conference of pure food commissioners of several states.

TRENTHS BY MAIL AN OLD HABIT OF PRISONER'S

By Associated Press. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 7.—Marcos Fores, who was arrested Friday in New York, charged with writing threatening letters to the federal pension department, was formerly librarian of the court of civil appeals in this city.

ITALY WANTS HER SONS IN AMERICA PROPERLY PROTECTED

By Associated Press. ROME, April 7.—Francesco C. Materie, member of the chamber of deputies, has made public a letter in which he urges the government to extend its protection to Italian immigrants, not only on board steamers crossing the ocean, but even after they have disembarked in the United States.

He expresses the belief that emigrants to America are exploited and used for work in unhealthy sections of the country.

The writer points out that in 1906, 800,000 Italians emigrated and that 500,000 went to the United States.

He estimated the total number of emigrants for 1907 at 1,000,000 persons.

LETTER TO CARDINAL CAUSES FRENCH SURPRISE

By Associated Press. PARIS, April 7.—The Messidiers, the new Republican newspaper, today prints a letter from Mgr. Montagnini, ex-secretary of the Papan nunciature here, to Cardinal Merry del Val, papal secretary of state, which has caused a sensation.

The letter is dated February 19 and describes Protestants and Jews as most discontented over the separation of church and state because it deprives them of the official status on which they had set much store.

Certain leading lights in Jewish finance, it declares, had dared to say that after having made the republic they did not enjoy those special privileges they had a right to expect. In addition their material interests were seriously menaced by the Socialists and, after all, they would be better off under an empire.

SAVE TEN LIVES OFF CAROLINA

Line Shot Over Sinking Schooner Enables Life Saving Crew to Bring Five Women and Others Ashore

By Associated Press. NORFOLK, Va., April 7.—Ten persons, including five women, were rescued from death by Captain Etheridge and his crew of life savers at the Nagahend, N. C., station early today when the four-masted schooner Louis Resart was blown ashore by the heavy gale that has prevailed along the Virginia-Carolina coast for forty-eight hours.

A line was shot over the schooner and the breeches buoy ran out.

One by one all on board were hauled to safety through the seas and on the last trip Captain Fletcher came in.

WOMAN PRISONER HANGS HERSELF IN FORTRESS

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, April 7.—A woman prisoner hanged herself today in the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress.

She was arrested last November for taking part in the plan for the robbery on October 17 of the cashier of the customs house here while he was proceeding in a carriage from the sub-treasury with a sum of money estimated at \$120,000 to \$350,000 and of which \$193,000 was secured.

Car Victim Dies E. W. Robinson, 718 1/2 Crocker street, the man who was struck by a south-bound Maple avenue car between Seventh and Eighth streets on Maple avenue early Saturday night, died at the emergency hospital yesterday morning. A coroner's inquest will be held today.

JAIL EDITOR FOR ATTACK ON DIPLOMAT

Chihuahua Officials Stir Northern Mexico

Drag Enrique C. Creel Into the Diaz Plotting

Work of Agitators Is Causing a Profound Sensation Throughout the Republic, as Constitutional Questions Are Involved

By Associated Press. EL PASO, April 7.—Because he had been arguing that Enrique C. Creel, ambassador of Mexico to the United States, could not be elected the constitutional governor of the state of Chihuahua, Silvestre Terrazas, editor of El Correo, a daily newspaper of high standing published in the city of Chihuahua, is in jail.

Mr. Creel's father was an American citizen, which fact, according to the constitution of the state of Chihuahua renders Mr. Creel ineligible for the office of constitutional governor.

His father-in-law, General Terrazas, has been the constitutional governor of the state for many years and Mr. Creel has been "substitute" or acting governor and is now an avowed candidate for constitutional governor.

El Correo is opposing his candidacy and has quoted from the constitution those sections which show his ineligibility.

Closing an appeal to Mr. Creel to withdraw as a candidate El Correo in its issue received here last night says: "Will you accept an anti-constitutional governorship which is almost treason or will you decline such an act without parallel in your native country?"

After this article appeared Editor Terrazas was arrested and thrown into prison.

The arrest has caused a profound sensation throughout northern Mexico and is being used not without effect by the agitators against the Diaz government, the so-called "revolutionists" on both sides of the government.

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST For Southern California: Fair Monday; light west wind. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 76 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees.

- 1—Jail editor for attack on diplomat. 2—Want system in their work. 3—"Two Orphans" Burbank success. 4—Raffles to be at city hall today. 5—Mining news. 6—Editorial. 7—City news. 8—Sports. 9—Relics will be preserved. 10—Classified advertisements. 11—Sunday sermons. 12—Railroad news.

FOREIGN

Panamanians give departing Engineer Stevens rousing sendoff. Cubans welcome Americans headed by Taft. Mexican editor thrown into jail for attacking Ambassador Creel. Unrest continues among Jews over danger of fresh outrages in Europe.

EASTERN Former President Cleveland defends high salaries for insurance presidents. Final week of Thaw trial opens today. Harriman's financing is basis of report by Illinois attorney general. Taft and party arrive at Cuba. Dead men's votes counted in insurance elections. Panama makes gifts to Stevens.

COAST President Jordan gets interesting letter on systemizing scientific experiments in agriculture.

LOCAL Raffles will be at the city hall between noon and 1 o'clock today. California's relics will be preserved in magnificent museum. Insane man believes himself to be Caruso. Engineer Washington dies of injuries received in wreck at Colton. Spiritualists resist high license tax and circulate petitions with fictitious names. H. E. Huntington returns after many months' absence.