

GEORGE LEM MARKED MAN

CHINATOWN'S KING RECEIVES DEATH WARRANT

FINDS MYSTERIOUS NOTICE ON HIS DESK

Blow Expected to Fall After Tuesday Noon—Has Incurred Enmity of Rival Tong by Recent Actions

The death warrant of George Lem, king of Chinatown and one of the richest and most influential Chinese on the Pacific coast has been signed, sealed and delivered.

For the part George Lem took in the tong differences growing out of the shooting of Chan Mun it has been decreed by his enemies in the Bow Oong tong that he shall die.

When the blow will fall no one knows. That it is certain and sure that he is to die no one knows better than does George Lem himself, and while he is guarded by white policemen and Mongolian guards nothing can save him from the deadly vengeance of the highlanders whom he has offended by the part he took in attempting to run to the ground the three men who shot and wounded his friend, Chan Mun.

Yesterday afternoon in the same mysterious manner in which all Chinese affairs of the kind are conducted the red warning was conveyed to him.

George Lem was in an upper room of his home.

He had passed from the room in which the shooting of Chan Mun had been conducted for an office, to his dining room.

There he sat down and ate his Sunday dinner.

When he returned to his office twenty minutes later it was with difficulty that he could restrain a cry of fear and horror, as he saw lying upon his desk a bit of oblong red paper covered with Chinese hieroglyphics which to a white man would mean nothing.

To George Lem this slip of paper conveyed the information that his death had been decreed, and with the usual courtesy extended in such cases, he was told to so arrange his business affairs that his sudden taking off would not complicate the settlement of his estate or put to the poignancy of sudden grief his relatives and family as he was going away forever. How the paper came there is an unsolvable tong mystery.

George Lem is no coward.

As a man of affairs and as member of a powerful tong, he has seen too many like cases to realize that personal fear would do him no good.

His knowledge of Chinese character and of the ways of the tongs led him to realize, however, that there probably is no escape for him.

Life is just as dear to George Lem as to any human being, and he took such steps as all would take to escape the consequences of the death sentence.

Called Bodyguards

He at once called in additional body guards and sent for Sergeant Sebastian, in charge of the Chinatown squad of police.

To the sergeant he told of the warning and asked that he be protected.

Two of the best men on the squad, Patrolmen Henderson and Harrison, were detailed to keep an especial lookout for the merchant's welfare, and every member of the squad was directed to look out for and arrest any suspicious characters found in the vicinity.

It is believed by the friends of George Lem that the men who are to put him out of the way have been selected in the persons of Jew Chan, a highbinder who is wanted now in Stockton for murder of a Chinese woman, and who has been tried for murder in San Francisco on three different occasions; Lem Sney, a hatcher man of notorious reputation, and Fong Ling, a renegade hatcher man of the Hop Sing tong, the order to which George Lem belongs.

Desperate Men Chosen

This information came in a roundabout way from San Francisco, and, if true, it means that three of the coolest and most desperate and resourceful professional murderers in the Chinese ranks have been assigned to the job of killing this man for revenge.

It is in which George Lem has to fix up his worldly affairs is short.

By Tuesday noon the blow may be expected to fall and at any time after that the death sentence is in force and will be executed at the first opportunity offered.

It is not only to protect this man, but to prevent any and all other crimes of a like nature from further disgracing the local Chinese colony, but that they can successfully cope with the wily Chinese is a question in their minds, and it is the opinion of George Lem's friends, both white and Mongolian, that he is doomed beyond all question.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT NABS REVOLUTIONIST

Publisher of Radical Newspaper Is Arrested in Arizona—Southern Republic Asks That Prisoner Be Extradited

By Associated Press. EL PASO, Texas, July 28.—C. G. Leliever, publisher of the industrial, an alleged revolutionary periodical, and his son, Yves Leliever, were arrested at Douglas, Ariz., yesterday under a charge of larceny preferred by the Mexican government, which has asked for his extradition.

Leliever declares that he is guilty of no wrong and that the charge is trumped up by Mexican Consul Maza, who figured in the abduction of Sarabia and who was severely criticized by Leliever. Leliever and his son were taken to Naco and jailed.

Mrs. Morton Is Dead

By Associated Press. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 28.—Mrs. Lucinda M. Morton, wife of Oliver P. Morton, Indiana's war governor, died late today at her home in this city. She was 82 years of age.

Big Fire in Redding

REDDING, July 28.—Sixteen residences, two churches, the ice works and many outbuildings were burned last night. The area devastated by flames was two blocks.

NEGRO KILLS AN OFFICER; IS LYNCHED BY CAPTORS

Black Fires Bullet Into Policeman's Head—Given Short Shrift

By Associated Press. CRISFIELD, Md., July 28.—James Reed, a negro, was lynched here this morning. Little more than a dozen hours before he had crept up behind John H. Daugherty, a policeman, and fired a bullet into the latter's head. Daugherty died instantly.

Reed was followed by a posse, captured, and was given short shrift by his executioners.

CITIZENS TAKE ARMS AGAINST STRIKERS

TROUBLE IN NORTHERN MINES BECOMES SERIOUS

Residents of Bovey, Minn., in Camp About City Hall and Are Ready to Entrain if Services Are Needed

By Associated Press. DULUTH, Minn., July 28.—A telephone message tonight from Bovey, Minn., says that Sheriff Hooligan of Itasca county has ordered all deputies under arms and instructed them to be prepared to move at a moment's notice to quell the riots among the miners.

A mass meeting of the representative citizens was held at Bovey today, with the result that about 150 men under arms are reported to be camped about the city hall, prepared to entrain in ten minutes' time. There are about 100 men under arms at the Holman station who will be picked up on the way to Nashauk. The mines at Nashauk have not been closed at all. It is said to be the strongest camp of the Western Federation of Miners.

Mayor Cullom of Duluth said tonight that he was very hopeful of being able to announce by tomorrow that the objections to a complete understanding between the ore handlers and employers had been overcome.

The chief stumbling block in the way of the settlement of the ore handlers' strike on the docks here and at the Alouez docks at Superior and Two Harbors is the question of the recognition of the union. The men are said to be satisfied with their pay, that is, they will waive the demand for an increase asked. They are earning from \$2.25 to \$2.50 a day. H. L. Pierce, chief deputy sheriff, said tonight that no word had been received today from Sheriff Bates, who is in one of the range towns. Pierce does not consider the strike on the ranges serious.

"It is my opinion," said he, "that the range strike is very much overestimated in the east. When the dock strike is settled and the mining companies attempt to start the mines, there will see whether the strike will pan out. I don't believe over 25 per cent of the miners on the ranges are members of the union or are union sympathizers. There are a lot of Hungarians, Montenegrins and better class of Italians there who don't want to go on strike. They want to work peaceably and are satisfied. They make from \$4 to \$4.50 a day by the contract plan. The Western Federation of Miners wants to have done away with and the scale substituted."

Parents Mexican

According to the detectives the woman is the daughter of Mexican parents who live a short distance from Phoenix. At present they refuse to give out her maiden name, but say they have all the information they need concerning her early life. Her parents are said to be possessed of considerable wealth and to have given their daughter a good education.

When but a girl she met Corwell and became infatuated with him. For several years she remained in her father's home. Her parents are said to be possessed of considerable wealth and to have given their daughter a good education.

With a month of her marriage Mrs. Corwell is said to have left her husband and deserted her husband. Accompanied by her younger sister, the woman came to Los Angeles and has since lived here.

Soon after coming to this city Mrs. Corwell met William K. Schofield. He came devoted to her and for more than a year they were looked upon as an engaged couple. Early in April Mrs. Corwell married the man, and the wedding was celebrated and for some time the woman lived with Schofield as his wife.

According to those who knew the woman previous to her marriage to Schofield, she never met him until she had been married previously, but was known to him by the name of Miss Corwell, while her sister was introduced to Schofield as a cousin of his wife.

Infatuated with Bennett

A few months after being married to Schofield the woman met Bennett. She is said to have at once shown great affection for the man, which he returned reciprocally. Within a month of meeting him she is said to have deserted Schofield and gone to live with Bennett.

Schofield is said to have learned that the woman he had married was in reality a bigamist, and this information, the police are doing all in their power to gain trace of him, but even without his testimony they claim to have proof of all facts mentioned.

Soon after Estelle Corwell was arrested her deed was taken to her mother in Arizona. The woman at once made arrangements to come to Los Angeles and arrived in this city yesterday morning. She will be questioned by detectives today, and it is thought will be able to throw some light on her daughter's life after the woman came to Los Angeles.

It is said the money for the defense will be furnished by her parents, who have announced their intention of standing by their daughter to the end.

LAND FRAUD INVOLVES PROMINENT OFFICIALS

Innocent of Wrongdoing, Leading Men of the Country Are Said to Be Objects of Grand Jury's Investigation

By Associated Press. DENVER, Colo., July 28.—The News today prints a story to the effect that the federal grand jury will be asked to investigate the land company of a land company which, it is alleged, fraudulently secured a long time lease on coal lands in Routt county, this state, and subsequently sold \$40,000 worth of stock.

According to the News, considerable of the money paid by Nebraska for the stock has since been returned to the purchasers by persons connected with the land company, who, after discovering the alleged fraudulent character of the company—they themselves being innocent of any wrongdoing—made restitution because they felt that it was their connection with the concern that induced many to buy stock. It is claimed that an ex-president, a former secretary of agriculture, a leading railroad lawyer of Nebraska and a well known banker of that state are involved in the exposition, though innocent of any wrongdoing.

Spreckels Gives Library

By Associated Press. SAN DIEGO, July 28.—Plans have been completed and contracts have been let for the construction of a reinforced concrete free public library at Coronado. The structure is to be a gift to the people of Coronado by John D. Spreckels.

Feel Quake in Victoria

By Associated Press. VICTORIA, B. C., July 28.—At 2:20 a. m. a distinct earthquake shock was felt, awakening many people. It was not strong enough to do any damage.

WEATHER FORECAST

Los Angeles and vicinity—Fair & Monday; light west wind.

THINK SLAYER IS BIGAMIST

ESTELLE CORWELL MAY FACE TWO CHARGES

MOTHER COMES TO LEND HER DAUGHTER SUPPORT

Detectives Learn Woman Was Twice Married Before She Met Bennett, Whom She Shot

Will Estelle Corwell be charged with bigamy when her trial for the murder of George T. Bennett is taken up in the superior court?

This question is troubling the attorneys for the woman greatly, as information which Detectives Hostick and Zeigler, who are working on the case, consider authentic was given them yesterday which makes such a charge possible, they say.

This information is that Estelle Corwell, as she is generally known, or Mrs. Bennett, as she was known to those who met her while she was living with the man she killed, was married in Arizona in 1899 to a man of the name of Corwell, and has never been divorced from him.

The man is said to be still living in Arizona, and the woman's mother, who arrived in Los Angeles yesterday for the purpose of giving support to her daughter, knows his present address and all facts concerning the marriage.

In July, 1901, Mrs. Corwell was married to William K. Schofield in Los Angeles, and so far the detectives have been unable to learn that she was ever divorced from this man. They claim he is still living, and efforts are being made to learn his whereabouts so he can be called as a witness at the coming trial.

Efforts will be made to learn the address of the first husband, and it is probable the woman will be faced by these two men when placed on trial for the murder of Bennett.

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SON OF DIPLOMAT SHOTS TWO SISTERS AND BROTHER

Youth Attempts to Kill Members of Family at Father's Bedside

By Associated Press. VERSAILLES, France, July 28.—Henry Huntington, son of Douglas St. George Huntington, former attaché of the American embassy in Paris, was arrested here tonight on a charge of shooting his two sisters and one of his brothers. The condition of the sisters is serious. Elizabeth having received a bullet near the heart.

The tragedy occurred at the bedside of the father, who was dying.

ARMY OFFICER TELLS OF CONGO HORRORS

SAYS NATIVES WERE TORTURED BY LEOPOLD'S SOLDIERS

Former Official in Free State Exposes Atrocities Sanctioned by Belgian Government—Asserts His Protests Were Not Heeded

By Associated Press. BRUSSELS, July 28.—Major Lemair is continuing the publication of his recollections of the Congo independent state. The major served eighteen years in the Congo in command of native troops. Upon his return to Belgium he was notified that he would be prosecuted for cruelty toward the men under him, and he retaliated by beginning the publication of a sensational exposure of the revolting conditions prevailing in the native army.

Aside from painting a black picture of the conditions in the Congo, the memoirs of the major reveal that the scientific expedition led by him into the Bairei-Ghaza region, on the northern frontier, in 1904, was an expedition for conquest in disguise. The major declares that King Leopold gave him personal instructions to annihilate the Anglo-Egyptian forces coming down from Sudan as they could not be held accountable for these acts.

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