

BLACK HAND
BLAMED FOR
OUTRAGE

SLEEPING FAMILY OBJECT OF
HATRED

EXPLOSION FOLLOWS BALKING
OF BLACKMAILERS

Feud Over Love Affair, with Beginning
in Sicily, Phase of Mystery,
Cottage Partially De-
stroyed

Blackmail, and a feud over a love affair that began in Sicily, are believed to have been responsible for an attempt to blow up Nicola Giardina and his family as they slept in their cottage at 238 Enterprise street. The outrage is laid at the door of the dread Black Hand.

A bomb planted upon the porch of the little house was exploded in the early hours of yesterday morning, destroying the veranda and setting fire to the debris. Probably a vagary of the explosive saved the lives of the family, for fragments of the death machine indicate that it was capable of destroying the entire house.

An investigation by the police showed that a fuse had been laid from the porch to a point thirty feet away. This fuse was attached to a bomb made of clay held together with wires, which could be discharged either by electricity or fire. Many fragments of the exploded bomb were found by the police.

Giardina has been the object of other attacks by enemies, and for years has lived in constant fear that unseen foes would snuff out the lives of himself and those near and dear to him.

Two years ago a cousin of Giardina, Phillip Giardina, reached Los Angeles from Italy, and while in the midst of festivities at an adjoining house suddenly left the place, turned after going a few steps and fired several shots through the door, killing a man named Antonio Lepano and wounding Chavira Lepano.

The latter has since been a helpless invalid, living with Giardina. The murderer escaped and is thought to have returned to Sicily. It is now believed he has returned.

Letters Demand Money
Less than a year ago Giardina began receiving letters demanding money. He did not comply, but went to the place appointed for the deposit of the coin prepared to slay his enemy. A few weeks later he received another letter, telling him that he had been seen armed on his previous trip to the rendezvous and threatening dire results unless the demands for cash were complied with. Giardina reported the matter to the police and an investigation was made without result.

Affairs remained quiet in the Giardina household for a few months and the family was beginning to feel reassured of its safety, when near the latter part of August an unknown person attacked Giardina in the rear yard of his home, firing several shots. Darkness alone saved the Sicilian from being hit.

Since then Giardina has lived in constant fear and has taken many precautions to protect himself and family. His fears were augmented by letters received at frequent intervals, carrying the signature of the Black Hand.

The police and Giardina's neighbors say the persecutions are the result not only of a desire to obtain money by blackmail, but of an old love affair, in which Giardina's wife was one of the principals.

Detectives from Captain Plummer's office are working constantly in an effort to run down the perpetrators of the latest outrage. They have many letters containing facts regarding the family which may be of service to them in their investigations, and already have succeeded in finding clues which may lead to the arrest of the principals or others having knowledge of the crime.

WOMAN INFATUATED WITH
NEGRO: POLICE INTERFERE

Pair Come from Colorado to Wed.
"Business with Me," Says Man.
Ordered to Leave
City

Mrs. Jennie Van Lakum, white, of Manitou Springs, Colo., and William Seay, a negro waiter from Denver, were taken in charge by the police at the rooming house at 805 East Fifth street last night.

After being held at the police station for a time they were discharged. It being found that no charge could be placed against them.

Four children of Mrs. Van Lakum were taken in charge by the humane society and will be placed in proper hands today.

Mrs. Van Lakum, who is said to be a woman of considerable property and of reposing appearance, arrived here Monday night in company with Seay and took rooms at the Hotel Iowa.

Patrolman C. R. Jones learned of the fact and took the couple, with the children, to police headquarters.

At the police station Mrs. Van Lakum said that she became acquainted with the negro in Manitou while he was waiter at the Grand View hotel and that she fell in love with him and accompanied him to Los Angeles to marry him.

Seay stated while being interrogated that there wasn't any love on his part, but that it was simply a business proposition. He said the woman had plenty of money and he wanted to get it.

Being confronted with the alternative of losing her children or giving up her negro lover Mrs. Van Lakum broke down and agreed to give up the man.

Y. W. C. A. TO GIVE FIRST
ENTERTAINMENT OF SEASON

Interesting Program Planned for Event
to Be Held Tomorrow Night in
West Third Street
Quarters

The first of the Y. W. C. A. programs, a membership privilege, which are to be given the first Thursday of each month through the winter and spring, has been arranged for tomorrow night at the association rooms on West Third street.

The program for Thursday evening is as follows: "Hark, Hark, the Lark," a morning serenade from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; "The Starlight," a serenade, violin obligato by Miss Fuhrer; "Wohin," (Whither); "Mein," (Mine); "Einfussucht und Stolz," (Jealousy and Pride); "Des Baches Wiegenlied," (The Brook's Lullaby); "The Maid of the Mill"; "The Starlight," (The Linden Tree); "Die Post," (The Post); "Gute

Nacht," (Good Night), from the cycle, "The Winter Journey"; "Courage," "Erl Konig," (Erlking); "Heldenroslein," (The Wild Rose); "Auf dem Wasser zu Singen," (Sing upon the water); "Die Junge Nonne," (The Young Nun). Other dates are: December 5—"An Evening of Ballads," Mrs. L. J. Selby; February 5—Chopin program, Miss Elizabeth Ellen Lee and Miss Helen Tappe; March 5—Program by Miss Beresford Joy and Mrs. G. S. Marygold; April 5—Musical Analysis and Illustration, Mrs. Gertrude B. Parsons and Miss Maude De Gan; May 7—Program by Mrs. Merrill Moore Grigg, director of Cumnock School of Expression.

ARMY PAY TOO SMALL;
VACANCIES AT WEST POINT

Superintendent of Academy Says Mill-
itary Life Does Not Offer Enough
Advantages to Young
Men

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The story often told of late of the inadequacy of the army pay was repeated with a new variation in the annual report of Col. Scott, superintendent of the military academy. In this case for the first time in the history of the institution difficulty has been experienced in securing a number of cadets to fill the ranks of the corps.

Col. Scott says that this corps is now seventy-three below its authorized strength and the number of resignations from the regular army include ninety of the graduates from the academy.

Col. Scott says:
"In the matter of trained soldiers the output of the military academy cannot with safety be permitted to fall below the rate of consumption of those who have gone before, plus the increased requirements of a great and growing nation. It is believed that the more lucrative pursuits and greater fields for promotion in private life are securing young men from these careers of small pay and slow promotion in our country's service."

THORNS PIERCE HEAD
OF CREEK INDIAN CHIEF

Maty Tiger's Horse Runs Away in a
Thicket and Its Rider
Is Severely In-
jured

By Associated Press.
GUTHRIE, Okla., Nov. 5.—A special from Okmugee, I. T., says that Maty Tiger, chief of the Creek Nation, was seriously injured while riding in the woods near his home today. His horse became frightened and broke from the trail into a dense thorn thicket, two thorns piercing Maty Tiger's head, pressing into the left ear.

Each of the thorns was almost half an inch long. Surgeons have operated on Chief Maty Tiger, and it is possible he may recover. Maty Tiger recently succeeded the late Pleasant Porter, chief of the Five Nations.

ADVANCE GUARD OF BIG
FLEET AT RIO JANEIRO

Armored Cruisers Washington and
Tennessee Reach Brazilian Port
on Their Way to the
Pacific

By Associated Press.
RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 5.—The United States armored cruisers Washington and Tennessee, the latter flying the flag of Admiral Striber, arrived here yesterday from Port of Spain, October 4, bound for the Pacific coast.

About 200 of the crew enjoyed shore leave today. The cruisers will leave Rio de Janeiro November 10.

OFFICERS WHO FAILED TO TAKE
RIDING TEST TO BE DROPPED

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Four army officers who failed to take the test ride directed by President Roosevelt to determine their fitness for army service have been ordered before a retiring board to meet in Washington November 12, for examination.

MEMBER OF GERMAN ROYAL
FAMILY HAS SMALLPOX

Empress Augusta Victoria Will Not
Go to England Because She Feels
Daughter May Contract
Disease

By Associated Press.
BERLIN, Nov. 5.—Empress Augusta Victoria is not going to England because her daughter, Princess Victoria Louise, is likely to suffer from smallpox, having been in the company of Princess Alexandra of Schleswig Holstein Sonderburg Gluckesberg, who was attacked by the malady yesterday.

Princess Alexandra is the fiancée of Prince Frederick Augusta, third son of the emperor.

Americans Mistreated in Guatemala

By Associated Press.
GUATEMALA CITY, Nov. 5.—Two American citizens, colored, were arrested here yesterday and it is alleged frightfully beaten by order of the military governor of the department of Zacapa. The American charge d'affaires is investigating.

Save Patients from Flames

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—Considerable excitement was caused among patients of the German hospital in Hamilton court today by a fire which broke out on the top floor of the five-story building.

There were no patients on the fifth floor. Sixty patients were carried by physicians and nurses into a building which adjoins the main building.

Destroyer Makes High Speed

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Nov. 5.—At her official trial today the British torpedo boat destroyer Mohawk attained the record speed of 34.2 knots an hour. This speed is equal to about thirty-nine and a half land miles an hour.

Kept at a Distance

Yeast—Why, soap has been known to the world since the dawn of time. It is a fact that it has been known to the world since the dawn of time. It is a fact that it has been known to the world since the dawn of time.

Beware of Pneumonia

If you have weak lungs you have reason to fear pneumonia, and should keep a hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

Lou Shang Dies

Lou Shang, a Chinese cook, employed by the governor of the Soldiers' Home, was found dead in the cellar of the home yesterday afternoon. He was a leader among his countrymen.

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"Forty-Niners" Who Were Reunited
by the Earthquake. Introducing
Such Well-Known Old-Time Charac-
ters as His Honor, Judge Thomas
Hawkins, J. P. for the Precinct of
Frying Pan, Trinity County (Spring
o' '50); Col. Bill Biggers of Marys-
ville ('52); Busted Smith of Yuba
(Fall o' '49)
Unlike all other attempts to utilize the San Francisco disaster in fiction, Mr. Wilson does not make that disaster his climax (as E. P. Roe used the Chicago fire in "Barriers Burned Away"). He gives us no hackneyed repetition of the earthquake and the subsequent trials of the refugees, but applies his remarkable imaginative genius to the story of a little group of Argonauts, fascinating relics of '49, characters that cut a figure in the romantic "early days," but who had been submerged in forty years' obscurity, until the temblor tumbled them out and set them once more upon the stage for heroic action. Here in the heart of the smoking ruins they re-establish the camp of 1849, organize a community, deal rough justice, rescue the helpless, and, rejuvenated in strength, hope and ambition, they take their last stand, and play, for a few days, a glorious part.

U. S. SECOND
IN NAVAL
STRENGTH

BRITAIN LEADS, UNCLE SAM
COMES NEXT

JAPAN RANKS FIFTH, AFTER GER-
MANY AND FRANCE

Department at Washington Compiles
Statistics in Answer to Many In-
quiries as to Relative
Power of Nations

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—An interesting showing in the relative order of war ship tonnage of the principal powers has been compiled at the office of naval intelligence, which is intended as an answer to frequent inquiries of persons throughout the country who have manifested an interest in the maintenance of the navy and its relative strength and importance.

The statement shows that according to the tonnage today Great Britain leads the world with a tonnage of 1,601,116; the United States follows with a tonnage of 611,616; France third with a tonnage of 450,979; Germany fourth with a tonnage of 229,032; Japan next with a tonnage of 247,701; and Russia, Italy and Austria following in the order named.

However, were the war vessels building by the various nations now completed the United States would be the third in the list with a tonnage of 717,738, following closely France, which would be second with a tonnage of 446,112, and Great Britain, the leader, with a tonnage of 1,521,810. The other naval powers will be standing in the same relative proportion as they do with their tonnage of today, although each would show a very substantial increase.

SUPPOSED ROBBERS' VICTIM
SCOUTS IDEA OF FOUL PLAY

H. A. Lambert, Unconscious Since Sat-
urday Night, Collapsed as Result
of Mental Breakdown, Say
Physicians

H. A. Lambert, the collector for the Edison Electric company, who was taken to the emergency and general hospital from Dolgeville Sunday, in an unconscious condition, has so far recovered as to give the police information concerning his injuries.

Lambert was found Saturday night in an unconscious condition, and it was thought he was the victim of highwaymen. He yesterday scouted the idea of foul play and the physicians said he was simply overcome as the result of a mental breakdown.

Lambert can account for all the money collected by him on Saturday except \$30, but this, it is said, will be accounted for later.

Popular Actor Returns to the
Stage

FRANK STAPLES
During the past summer Mr. Staples handled several of the largest picnic parties of the season and handled them successfully. He was also the moving spirit behind the actors' ball game, which he was a member last season and which served to introduce Nat Goodwin in the role of an umpire.

ILLUSIONIST HEADS THE
BILL AT THE PEOPLE'S

Zanlock, the man of mystery, illusionist and sleight of hand expert, heads an exceptionally good bill at the People's theater this week, which includes Merrill & Burns, clog and jig dances; Morrill, the French gymnast and equilibrist; Lorraine Thorne, singing and dancing comedienne, and Rogers and Remington, in new picture melodrama; the performance concluding with James P. Lee and the People's stock company in Mr. Lee's clever one-act farce, "For One Night."

Tonight souvenir photographs of Manager Al G. Floudny will be given to every one attending the performance. Friday night a number of new acts will be added to the bill.

Purity Federation Elects

BATTLE CREEK, Nov. 5.—The Purity federation today elected the following officers: President, B. S. Steadwell, La Crosse, Wis.; second vice president, Judge Ben B. Lindsey, Denver, Colo.; corresponding secretary, Miss Julia Morrow, Spokane, Wash.

STEEL COMPANIES PLAN
ANOTHER BILLET POOL

Reported in Pittsburg That Big Con-
cerns Will Reach an Agreement
as to Output and
Price

By Associated Press.
PITTSBURG, Nov. 5.—It is reported here tonight that representatives of all steel companies in the country will hold another secret meeting tomorrow similar to the one held in this city last week for the purpose of re-establishing the old billet pool. It is said the meeting will be held either in New York or Chicago.

The conference will not be held in Pittsburg owing, it is said, to the publicity given the former meeting. A combination of the billet makers is said to be the only means of saving the trade. Prices are low and the situation bad.

It was in circumstances precisely similar to those that the billet pool of 1903 was formed.

SHERIFF LEAVES TO
BRING WIFE SLAYER HERE

Sheriff William Hammel will start this morning for Fort Worth, Texas, where he goes to take charge of Frederick D. Cook, wanted for the murder of his wife on a Santa Monica car August 27, 1906.

He will not go to New Orleans to bring back C. M. Barclay, captured under the name of J. C. Jackson and wanted in Los Angeles on a charge of passing false checks, as was suggested, as Barclay is wanted in the Southern city on a similar charge and will be tried there first.

TESTING BRIQUETTE
FOR USE IN THE NAVY

Torpedo Boat Steams Far with New
Fuel and Finds That It Makes
More Smoke Than
Expected

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 5.—The first official test of briquette as fuel by the United States navy was made yesterday on the torpedo boat Biddle, which had on board the members of the national board on fuel and structural material.

The visitors, among them being leading fuel experts of the country, went on board the torpedo boat near the Jamestown exposition grounds in the afternoon and were taken about thirty miles out to sea.

On the trip out the Biddle made an average speed of thirty-five miles an hour. The briquettes were burned under one boiler, while the other used coal. It was declared a much hotter fire was maintained by the briquette than by the coal.

At the start there was considerable smoke from the briquettes. This was a disappointment to the experts, but it was explained that the firemen did not know how to use the new fuel, which accounted for much of the smoke. Under instructions from experts of the technological branch of the United States geological survey the firemen did much better, although they did not obtain smokeless conditions.

This first test, while not conclusive, is considered a success, as the steaming qualities of the fuel were excellent. Among those who witnessed the test were Dr. G. Otis Smith, director of the geological survey; Joseph A. Holmes, chief of the technological branch of the geological survey; Commander E. D. Nelson, of the navy and several other naval officers.

PROHIBITIONISTS HOLD
CONFERENCE IN TEMPLE

Three Sessions Give Opportunity for
Many Addresses—Memorial Ser-
vices Form Part
of Program

The Prohibition conference was held yesterday at Temperance temple with three sessions. W. I. Hull of Santa Monica presided at the morning session, M. W. Atwood of Pasadena at the afternoon and Reynold E. Blight of the Los Angeles Fellowship at the evening session.

In the morning a memorial service was held for Dr. Stephen Bowers, E. C. Shipley, Rev. Sydney Kendall, J. J. Clark, William E. Cox, Mrs. E. W. Dolly, Mrs. May E. Griffith, Prof. N. J. Davis, H. W. Thompson and James Campbell.

Rev. C. Elwood Nash made an address in the evening on "The Only Way."

CATARRH OF
THE STOMACH

A Most Dangerous Disease, Which
Causes Serious Results, Unless
Properly Treated

Catarrh of the stomach is very common and is known as one of the most obstinate diseases, which, when neglected or improperly treated with cheap patent medicines, tonics, drugs, pills and other secret quack remedies, results in a broken down constitution and often consumption and death.

Catarrh of the stomach, like every other disease of the stomach except cancer, is the result of poor digestion. The digestive organs have become weak, there is a lack of gastric juice, your food is only half digested, and as a result you become affected with loss of appetite, pressure and fullness after eating, heartburn, vomiting, waterbrash, tenderness at pit of stomach, silmy tongue, bad taste in the mouth, constipation, pain in limbs and face, sleeplessness, nausea, belching of gas, diarrhoea, sick headaches, dizziness, mental depression, nervous weakness and many other common symptoms.

If your stomach cannot digest the food you eat, then the stomach needs a rest, as that is the only way you can get rid of your catarrh, but in the meantime your body needs plenty of nourishment, because you must live, and in order to live you must eat, and if you must eat your food must be properly digested, and if your stomach is too weak to do the work, then you must get a substitute that will do the work.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are the only known substitute that will digest your food as well as your healthy stomach. They contain vegetable and fruit essences, and, diastase, the very elements necessary to digest all foods.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are not a secret remedy and for that very reason thousands of physicians all over the United States recommend them to their patients for catarrh of the stomach, dyspepsia of all kinds and other stomach troubles. Experiments and tests have proven that one grain of the active principle contained in these tablets will digest 300 grains of food.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are in the form of pleasant tasting tablets or lozenges and are sold in large fifty-cent boxes at all drug stores.

Send us your name and address and we will send you a free sample package. The relief you will get from this trial package alone will convince you of the merits of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. Address F. A. Stuart Co., 150 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

MR. BUSINESS MAN
Every train from the east brings hundreds of colonists. The head of every family is looking for a home. He has the money to buy it and the money to fit it out. The first place the visitor, the tourist or the colonist turns for information is the daily paper. Does your announcement or that of your successful rival meet his eye? Will the newcomer seek you or the man who advertises in The Herald? If you are not wide awake your neighbor will get him.

Are you pursuing a penny wise method of postponing the day when you will begin to make things hum by advertising in The Herald? Your competitor will be delighted if this is the case. When you reach your place of business this morning take up this vital point without delay.

The Herald will guide the colonist to your door.