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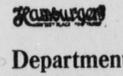
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ITALIAN IS CHARGED WITH BIGAMY AND OTHER CRIMES

Man is Accused of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses and Having Two Wives

TACOMA, March 18.—Charged with offenses ranging from obtaining money under false pretenses to bigamy, Frank Medio, an Italian, 26 years old, was arrested last night and is held pending removal to Santa Clara county, Cal. It is alleged he lured a servant girl out of \$300 and her brother out of \$500, after promising to marry the girl. While the officers were on his track he is said to have wronged a young Italian girl, a mock wedding being performed by one of his confederates. Later, he says, he married Olga Kratt, which the police doubt, though the woman is here with him.

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DEFENSE FOR MRS. DUDEN SCORES FIRST VICTORY

ATTORNEY FOR MAN KILLED GIVES TESTIMONY

Counsel for Sheffler Says Letter Secured \$1100 of Dead Sister of Woman on Trial for Murder

SAN DIEGO, March 18.—The defense of Mrs. Effie Duden, on trial for the murder of her brother-in-law, Bruce Sheffler, scored its first telling point this morning when Sam Perry Smith, formerly attorney for the man killed, was allowed to tell of his professional connection with Sheffler prior to the latter's death, and he made the accusation that Sheffler was a defaulter of his dead wife's estate to the extent of \$1100.

This was brought out after considerable argument between the state's attorneys and those of the defense as to the admissibility of such evidence, the court ruling in favor of the latter.

The point scored was immediately followed up by the charge that Mrs. Duden, one of the heirs of her dead sister's estate, refused to agree to assign to him her share of the estate, and that in the quarrel following Sheffler reached for his pistol, but that Mrs. Duden got to it first, and as he continued to advance upon her, shot him.

Attorney Smith on the witness stand testified Sheffler came to the stand in her own behalf this afternoon. She testified that on the afternoon of the shooting Sheffler asked her to step into his room to talk over property matters. During the conversation, she testified, he asked her to sign a deed to two lots and to forge the name of her sister to it. In return he was to relinquish claim to the lodging house.

She refused to accede to his request, whereupon, as she testified, he became furious and attacked her. She declared he seized her by the throat and threw her to the floor, calling her and her sister unspcakably vile names. He then reached for a pistol on a chiffonier, according to the testimony, but the witness struggled up and grasped the pistol, shooting him.

At this time while giving her testimony, Mrs. Duden shed tears, but her emotion did not prevent her from telling a very straightforward story. She was on the stand when court adjourned for the day.

Mrs. Duden, who had seemed greatly depressed since her husband's damaging admissions of yesterday, brightened up perceptibly when Judge Lewis ruled that Smith should tell of his conversations with Sheffler regarding the estate, as she apparently realized one of the strongest points of the defense had thus been brought out. Smith was still on the stand when court adjourned at noon.

It is not expected that Mrs. Duden will take the stand before tomorrow afternoon.

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LOS ANGELES SELLS TELEPHONE SHARES

NATIONAL SECURITIES COMPANY UNLOADS

Deal Gives Syndicate of Portland and Seattle Interests Control in Home and Other Phone Concerns

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18.—A syndicate composed of prominent Portland and Seattle bankers and capitalists has purchased between 40 and 50 per cent of the stock of the Home Telephone company of Portland, the Home and the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone and Telegraph company.

The stock secured is that which has hitherto been held by the National Securities company of Los Angeles, and is in effect a controlling interest in the companies.

The members of the syndicate declare that the stock is not being purchased in the interest of any other company nor that there is any intention to merge the companies in which the syndicate has secured stock.

The Home company of Portland operates an automatic telephone system in opposition to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in Portland, as the Home company of Puget sound does in Tacoma and Bellingham.

The Northwestern Long Distance Telephone and Telegraph company operates a long distance system in opposition to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, and has close affiliations and working arrangements with practically all of the independent long distance and local companies along the Columbia river and west of the Cascade mountains.

Nicaragua Is Cause of Trouble WASHINGTON, March 18.—Nicaragua is charged with being the sole cause of the unsettled conditions in Central America, according to official statements at the state department today, which are based on dispatches from its diplomatic and consular representatives. The department has communicated with its agents, stating that this government and Mexico had taken action to prevent matters taking a serious turn and requesting an expression showing the opinions held in the various Central American capitals.

Lost Bank Book Leads to Arrest SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Michael Kearney was arrested today in Merchant, Institution, where he had gone to report the loss of a bank book. He is being held on suspicion of being one of the two burglars who engaged in a running fight with the police early Tuesday morning, after they had attempted to blow open the safe of Chase & Co. The robbers were forced to flee, leaving their coats behind. In one of the pockets was found the bank book, the loss of which Kearney reported today.

It is as easy to secure a bargain in a used automobile, through want advertising, as it is used to be—and still is—to secure a horse and carriage.

STRIKE AT PARIS PARALYZES CITY

BUSINESS AT STANDSTILL: NO MAILS HANDLED

TELEGRAMS PILE UP, WITH 300,000 UNDELIVERED

French Cabinet Passes Decree Authorizing Dismissal of Strikers from State Service—Government Will Not Yield

[By Associated Press.] PARIS, March 18.—There was not the slightest indication late tonight of a break in the deadlock between the government and its striking telegraphers and postal employees, nor was there any prospect of an improvement in the situation.

The strike will be considered in the chamber of deputies tomorrow, and at that time a solution may be furnished.

The cabinet passed a decree authorizing tonight the dismissal of the strikers from the state service, and reaffirmed its determination not to yield.

The last two American mails have not been delivered. The Havas Agency, which receives thousands of letters daily, did not find any at the post-office today. With the failure of the carriers to deliver letters in Paris today the chaos was complete.

The entire public service is paralyzed, and business both public and private is in confusion. The situation in Paris and the provinces grows worse every hour. The undelivered letters number into the millions, and not less than 300,000 telegrams are piled up this afternoon awaiting distribution.

Foreign incoming mails remain unsorted, and only a small proportion of the outgoing mails have been sent away.

Military Telegraphers Helpless The few hundred military telegraphers brought into Paris are virtually helpless, as they are not familiar with the recently installed Baudot instruments, and foreign telegrams are being sent to the frontier for transmission. Even the sale of postage stamps has been discontinued in the branch postoffices.

The government has managed to keep several wires open with London and Berlin for conducting important diplomatic negotiations. A few days more of these conditions and Paris will be reduced almost to a state of siege, as far as food is concerned. The funds necessary for the smooth running of the provincial trade are hung up in the postoffice, and the supply of eggs, milk, butter, meat and country produce threatens speedily to cease. Already merchants have been obliged to send agents to the provinces with ready cash to obtain supplies.

The banks are withholding payment on checks in the absence of advices from their correspondents, and prices at the stores are soaring. A large body of strikers gathered at the Central Telegraph station today and threatened a breach of the peace, but when they found a company of infantry in rooms adjoining the main offices they left without creating any disturbance.

The real element of danger lies in the threat of the General Federation of Labor, which is purely a revolutionary organization, and the railroad unions, to declare sympathetic strikes.

Strangely enough, amid the intense anxiety the masses celebrated MI-Careme today, the usual pleasure-loving crowds assembling in the boulevards to witness the grotesque procession and throw confetti.

HOTEL IS CONSUMED; MAN DIES OF BURNS

FIRE BREAKS OUT DURING PROGRESS OF DANCE

Six Persons Injured, One of Whom May Die—Nephew of Phoebe Hearst Asleep, but is Rescued

TONOPAH, Nev., March 18.—The Lindsay hotel and two adjoining buildings, at Miller's, twelve miles east of here, were completely destroyed by fire last night.

The flames broke out in the second story of the hotel while a dance was in progress in the dining room, and in a short time the entire building was on fire. A high wind prevented the extinguishing of the conflagration.

Ike Pissek, a crumsherman, employed in the Belmont mill, received burns from which he died this morning. Henry Hoppenberg was burned seriously and was brought to a Tonopah hospital. He may recover, but his legs were burned and injured, but not seriously. The loss is estimated at \$28,000; insurance, \$18,000.

Fred Whitmore, a nephew of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, employed in the deserted mill had a narrow escape from death. He was asleep when the fire broke out. Phyl Lightfoot rushed to Whitmore's room and dragged him from bed through the burning hallway to a place of safety. Lightfoot was burned painfully, but Whitmore escaped with several minor burns and bruises.

All the injured now are in Tonopah under medical care.

PHILANTHROPIST PEARSON REQUIRES ABSOLUTE REST

Physicians Do Not Consider Their Patient's Condition Serious, Despite His Advanced Age

PASADENA, March 18.—D. K. Pearson, millionaire philanthropist of Chicago, who has been passing the winter in California, was taken today to the Pasadena hospital. His condition is not considered serious, but the physicians believe it is imperative that he have absolute rest.

Following the announcement that Mr. Pearson had been seized by a fainting attack Tuesday evening, his friends feared that, at his advanced age, the illness might prove fatal.

Mr. Pearson, who is rated as a multimillionaire, is known as the friend of the small colleges, and has given millions to various institutions in the United States.

Fifth Death Occurs MONTREAL, March 18.—The engineer of the Boston train which telescoped the Windsor street station here yesterday afternoon died today, making the fifth fatality to follow the accident.