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FRIES FORWARDS REPORT OF SURVEY AT SAN PEDRO

Sends to War Department Result of Preliminary Work on Inner Harbor

Capt. A. A. Fries, United States engineer in charge of the Los Angeles district, forwarded yesterday to the war department a report of the preliminary survey of the inner harbor of San Pedro, as called for in a resolution passed by congress and on which was predicated the appropriation for the improvement of the harbor.

WIRELESS SERVICE TO AID NEWSPAPERS

EASTERN PUBLICATIONS IMPROVE FACILITIES

Advantages of New System in Journal Appeal to a Number of Owners Along Atlantic Coast

"Hereafter hurricanes may level telegraph poles and ice storms may load telegraph and telephone wires until they are torn down like spider's gossamer in a hailstorm, but the Buffalo News will be able to receive news of the world uninterrupted through its own wireless telegraph plant."



Wise Talks By the "Office Boy"

The stranger said, "Well, little boy, what do you expect to be when you become of age?" "Twenty-one, sir," replied the boy. "Willie," said the miserly old uncle, "how would you feel if I gave you a quarter?" "Well," confessed Willie, "of course at first I would feel faint, but I'd try very hard to get over it."

Today we expect to be awfully busy in both stores, right up to closing time at ten o'clock. We want you to make it a point to come in, even if you don't want to buy. Down at our Broadway and 6th Street Store our clothing salesmen would be so pleased to show you the right things in clothing. They'd like to have you slip some of the coats on, just to show you how different ready-to-wear clothing is today from what it was a year or two ago.

F. B. Silverwood

Five Stores: 211 South Spring, Los Angeles; Broadway & 6th, Los Angeles; Bakerfield; San Bernardino; Long Beach

VALUE OF TEAM AND INDUSTRIAL TRACK INVOLVED

LOS ANGELES RAILROADS EXPLAIN POSITION

EXPERTS PLACED ON WITNESS STAND GIVE TESTIMONY

Lands for Various Trackage Are Valued by Right of Way Agent, Who Places Low Price on Ground

The question of the value of team and industry track lands is playing an important part in the hearing now in progress before Special Examiner J. D. Lederman, representing the interstate commerce commission, and in which all roads entering Los Angeles are involved.

The defendant roads yesterday offered evidence to rebut that given by the real estate experts introduced by the complainants. This was one of the features of the day.

The other was the cross-examination of Yardmaster Burdette by Mr. Kuster, of counsel for the complainants. This cross-examination consumed all the afternoon, and the measuring of steel between the railroad man and the attorney was interesting in spite of the dryness of the subject.

Mr. Burdette's testimony related to the breaking up of a train on its arrival, the segregation of the cars according to classification, the number of engines used, their hours, the cars for all crews, the time and distance involved, the situation of classification tracks and the movement of transfer cars. Mr. Burdette was closely questioned as to the storage tracks, the distance from the center of one track to a twin track, and as to whether or not these tracks were for storage.

Mr. Burdette testified that storage cars were not originally intended as industry tracks, and particularly if they were not available for team tracks. He admitted that storage tracks would not be constructed as those now used by the Southern Pacific.

States Cost of Team Tracks F. A. Waters, right of way agent for the Salt Lake road, gave some figures as to the cost of team track lands to that road, placing the purchase price as low as 8 cents a square foot. Ground for other tracks cost 9 cents and 10 cents a square foot. He declared that values where these lands are situated had not increased.

T. W. Pate of the Santa Fe freight department testified that the amount of shipping done and the time consumed in order to controvert the statements made by two inspectors at San Francisco.

Roadmaster Stevenson of the Southern Pacific testified as to the cost of maintenance of the industry spurs and yard tracks and also the cost of main line maintenance. He asserted that cost as much to maintain industry tracks as it did the main line, the average annual expense a mile being \$1000.

G. M. SoRelle was introduced by Mr. Durbrow of the Southern Pacific as a real estate expert. He placed the value of lands at least 40 cents lower than the appraisement made by Allen and McConnell.

At the afternoon session Mr. Burdette was placed on the stand for cross-examination, and the hearing continued until he had finished. The case will be resumed at 9 o'clock this morning. Mr. Durbrow departed for San Francisco last night and the hearing will resume at 10 o'clock this morning.

POSTAL AUTHORITIES TO STOP FAKE SALE

Jewelry Firm, Which Has but Small Standing, Is Holding a "Fifty-Cent Box" Lottery Scheme

A catch-penny fake, which is a lottery, pure and simple, and in which the local postal department has interested itself, is a 50-cent box sale given by a cheap "jewelry" company in South Spring street, several advertisements of which have appeared, but the postal authorities propose to stop any more publications bearing the advertisement from the mails.

The concern that the lottery is not in the best of standing, and in no way equal to the jewelry stores which do a legitimate business in Los Angeles, the altering has been out in that some of the articles in these boxes are actually worth \$40, and the statement is made that each box contains an article valued at least 50 cents. In the eyes of the law this method of doing business is a lottery and is strictly prohibited.

If the goods displayed by this "jewelry" house are any standard of jewelry, the entire stock would not greatly exceed \$40, wholesale value. Its specialty is the cheapest kind of cheap jewelry, "white topazes" set in gilded metals, bits of colored glass, beaded moonstones and other articles that glitter and catch the vulgar eye. The special price for these goods is 95 cents. Genuine white topaz, set in 18-carat gold plated rings for 95 cents is one way this place uses to catch customers.

The attention of the city prosecutor's office has been called to the lottery scheme, and it probably will be suppressed.

SMALL LOAVES OF BREAD SELL FOR 10 AND 15 CENTS

NEW YORK, May 21.—The bread famine on the east side caused by the strike of union bakers has been only partly relieved by the demands for bread made in Brooklyn, the Bronx and other sections.

Small loaves of bread, where they could be had at all, were selling at 10 and 15 cents last night. Bakers in other sections of the city unaffected by the strike were selling loaves of bread into the east side and profited by the high prices.

SAYS HE SAW 4 MEN PONCE ON ANNE POLTERA

NEGRO BOY DESCRIBES FIRST PART OF CRIME

MYSTERIOUS MARKS HE FOUND ON CHILD'S BODY

Lands for Various Trackage Are Valued by Right of Way Agent, Who Places Low Price on Ground

John Clayton Robinson, a negro youth, who lived with his aunt at 1345 East Thirty-fourth street, was brought to central police station last night by Officer I. G. Nokes, as a result of statements that the boy had made in regard to the murder of Annie Poltera, the 9-year-old child found dead Thursday morning near the entrance to Griffith park. According to the story told by the boy, he was walking along the road near Griffith park Monday afternoon and saw four men standing near a clump of bushes.

As Annie Poltera passed along, the negro said, two of the men jumped from the bushes and grabbed her. He swore that he saw one of the men strike her with a pocket knife. He became frightened, ran away, and did not see what occurred after.

The boy was turned over to Detective Tom Zeigler, who questioned him closely, but the boy stuck to his story. It is the only clew that developed yesterday in the child murder case.

Detective Zeigler took the boy to his home, and this morning will take him to the scene of the crime, to see if his story holds true. Robinson will be held in custody until the police can detail the circumstances of his story. The condition of the body leads to the belief that more than one man was implicated in the crime, and Robinson's story may prove to be the clew that will lead to the arrest of the criminals.

A sister of the negro boy came to the station and said the boy was dejected and no reliance should be placed on his story.

Reward for Murderers Offered All day yesterday scores of police officers scoured the grounds in the vicinity of the murder, but failed to find any promising clew. The murder of little Annie Poltera still remains a mystery, unless the story of Robinson can be verified.

Sheriff Hammel has taken a personal interest in the case and has offered a reward of \$25 to be paid from his own pocket for the arrest and conviction of the murderer. Further investigation reveals more grounds for a connection with the Griffith park mystery.

One question that is being asked is "Why didn't the father report the girl's disappearance before the body was found?"

The inquest over the body was held yesterday morning at Pierce Bros.' undertaking rooms, but the case was closed with no new light on the murder mystery.

The revolting nature of the crime was shown to the coroner's jury and at the inquest. The report was given that the child came to her death at the hands of parties unknown.

That Annie Poltera met a horrible death was evident. Her body was cut by a person, either of perverted mind or cunningly insane, was evident. The knife had pierced through the neck without severing the skin in front.

Mysterious Marks on Body Two circles on the body gave evidence of the fact that the person who committed the crime intended to leave a mark of some mysterious nature. The marks at first were thought to have been teeth marks, but close investigation showed that they were stamped. One mark was on the abdomen and the other on the chest.

The testimony of Dr. George W. Campbell, who performed the autopsy, was to the effect that the murder had been committed by a finger or thumb of the perpetrator to leave a mark of some kind, and believed that the semicircular marks were made on the body at first.

In his testimony he cited the fact that Jack the Ripper marked his victims with a cross, others with a circle, and the semicircular marks on the body of Annie Poltera were made by a perverser, who had read of crimes of a similar nature.

An other fact mentioned by Dr. Campbell was that part of the girl's clothing had been taken away.

John A. Poltera, father of the girl, was the first witness. As the inquest was in progress he raised his hands and cried out: "Oh, Christ, have mercy on the soul that could do such a thing!"

Father Tells Story In short guttural utterances he related the disappearance of his daughter. He stated that he did not feel uneasy when the girl did not come home Monday night, as he thought she had stopped at the home of a neighbor.

The father related that Annie had to return to the house for her hat, and admitted that he drove away without her, and that the little girl had to walk four miles to the Los Feliz school.

Jasper Sheffer and James A. Duison, park employees, who discovered the body yesterday morning scouring the road to contribute to the support of their minor children was invoked in Judge Wilbur's court yesterday.

The cases are those in which Biaggio Rosatti and Jose S. Restona, Italians, are charged with neglecting their families, and the cases were set down for trial early next week.

In case of conviction the new law fixes a maximum punishment of 1000 fine or a year in the penitentiary, or both.

Many Detectives at Work Scores of detectives were at work on the case yesterday morning scouring the country in the vicinity of the place where the body was found. That the murder was not committed at the spot

Take Lunch Today "Up-in-the-Sunshine"

A splendid table d'hot menu at 35c, served from 11 to 2 p. m. Hear the band in Grand Concert from 12 to 1:30.



Headaches Are the First Warnings

—that there is something wrong with your eyes. Don't take any chances—see the optical specialist, 4th floor, today.

BOYS' "BEST EVER" SUITS—THE NEW KIND



—Little chaps and parents are both enthusiastic over— Guaranteed—Moth proof—Rain proof—strongly made, to wear like iron. But it is the clever styles that appeal most strongly, the nifty patterns and colors—the best values we have ever been able to put forward in sizes for boys of 9 to 17 years—9—and more—see them, 3d floor. Today will be a great day for boys.

Knicker Suits at \$5

—In sizes 7 to 17 years—neat new styles and very clever patterns—a big range—a price we're specializing on and emphasize with unusual force for today—sold under Bullock's guarantee at \$5.

Boys' Knicker Pants \$1.00 And others to \$2. Splendid wool materials and patterns—sizes 6 to 17 years. Well made.

Boys' Night Gowns at 50c —From 4 to 16-year sizes—outing flannel and muslin—made very full and strong.

Boys' Blouse Waists at 50c —in new colors—light or dark—including black sateen, blue or tan chambray.

Suspenders, Collars, Ties, Shirts —and other wear for boys—attractively priced. Third floor.

CHILDREN'S COATS IN A GREAT SALE

—The department manager has marked down a great number of slightly soiled coats—in a way that should prove irresistible to mothers, today. Sizes 6 months and 1 or 2 years.

95c COATS TO..... 75c \$5.00 COATS TO..... \$3.50 \$1.50 COATS TO..... \$1.00 \$6.50 COATS TO..... \$4.50 \$2.50 COATS TO..... \$1.95 \$7.00 COATS TO..... \$5.00 \$4.00 COATS TO..... \$2.50 \$7.50 COATS TO..... \$5.00

—The cleverest styles of linen—poplin—white cashmere and Bedford cord—in a great, reduced price clearance today—Don't miss it.

CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS—A SPECIAL SHOW TODAY

—of Milans at \$2.50 and \$3.— of peanut straws at \$3.50; of leghorns at \$3.50 and \$5; of Javas at \$2; of hemp chips at \$1.25—\$1.50 and \$2.— Sailor—mushroom and sombrero styles—all for summer— Saturday the little folks have merry times at Bullock's.

WILL GIVE MINISTER FAREWELL RECEPTION

PUBLIC IS INVITED TO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Judge Wilbur, Rev. Mr. Burdette and Others to Take Part in Exercises in Honor of Rev. Mr. Ryland

A farewell reception will be given Rev. E. P. Ryland at the First Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A banquet will be given in honor of him. An interesting program has been arranged, and Judge Curtis D. Wilbur, Rev. Dr. Robert J. Burdette, Boag Duncan, Rev. Baker P. Lee, Rev. Warren F. Day, Andrew Park, Rev. A. C. Smith and others will take part in the exercises. Chester B. Scovill, the barytone, will sing a solo.

Dr. Ryland has been appointed to Houston, Texas, to one of the largest Methodist churches in the south. For four years he has been president of the Church Federation in Los Angeles, and it has grown under his wise and efficient management until it is reputed to be the largest in the world. He was a delegate to the National Church Federation in Philadelphia this year.

BROADHURST WILL NOT ALTER "THE DOLLAR MARK"

Playwright Believes Character's Resemblance Is Complimentary to the Late H. H. Rogers

After consideration George H. Broadhurst has decided not to alter the dialogue or situations of "The Dollar Mark," or its forthcoming New York presentation at Daly's, despite the close resemblance between the character of Carson Baylis and Henry H. Rogers, the millionaire Standard Oil magnate, who died this week. Mr. Broadhurst communicated his decision to friends in this city yesterday.

The playwright does not believe the stage exploitation of the Rogers characteristics in business and private life can possibly prove in the least objectionable to his surviving relatives. The character of Carson Baylis is really a eulogy, it is urged, and a glorification of a typically successful American millionaire.

The play, which opened in a phenomenal run at the Belasco here, will be put on at Daly's in October unchanged.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

The following divorce suits were filed in the superior court yesterday: Hilda Clair against Edward Clair, Anna Davis against William H. Davis, Frances Smith against William S. D. Smith, William Edward MacCoy against Susan Stewart MacCoy and Lucy E. Crowley against Joseph T. Crowley.

HEARING AGAINST ENGINEER IS CONTINUED TO JUNE 4

Hearing on the application for a writ of mandamus to compel the city civil service commission to investigate charges against J. F. Connell, members of the board of stationary engineer examiners, was continued until June 4 by Judge Moss of the superior court yesterday. The application was filed by several machinery companies, alleging that Connell was using his office for his personal benefit.

ALLEGED HE TRIED TO SLAY HIS WIFE

The trial of Edward G. Martin, charged with attempt to murder his wife, was begun yesterday morning before Police Justice Chambers. The session occupied the entire day and was continued until this morning. The evidence was heard behind closed doors, and the efforts of the prosecution were directed to proving that the attempt at murder was maliciously made. The plea of the defense is temporary insanity.

At the close of the trial Martin collapsed in the courtroom and was taken to the receiving hospital. He raved incoherently and attempted to end his life. It was necessary to place the prisoner in a straitjacket. It is the second time that Martin has become hysterical in the courtroom, and the officers have decided to watch his movements in order to ascertain whether the prisoner is feigning insanity or not. Martin is alleged to have shot his wife on the night of March 23 while she was walking with a woman friend at the corner of Sixth and Main streets. The prosecution alleges that Martin, after firing one shot, deliberately stood over the prostrate body of his wife and fired three more shots. It is also alleged that he uttered an oath and made the statement that he hoped he had "fixed the woman for good." Shortly after shooting his wife Martin walked across the street and attempted suicide, firing one bullet into his head. His attempt to end his life resulted in but slight injury. The wife is still in a serious condition, and it was owing to this fact that the trial yesterday was held behind closed doors. Martin was employed as a cook at the Delmar cafe, and it is said, became estranged from his wife and attempted murder during a period of jealousy. The trial will be resumed this morning if Martin's condition has improved.