

CONFESSIONS TO LONG LIST OF HORSE THEFTS SEEKS TO GET RICH QUICKLY; LANDS IN PRISON LAYS BUSINESSLIKE PLANS FOR DEPRADATIONS In Less Than Three Months Hitherto Honest Man Accumulates \$5000 Worth of Property by Illicit Operations

HORSE STEALING as a business is the manner in which James T. Gilroy chose to get rich quickly, according to a lengthy confession made yesterday to Sheriff Hammel and Deputies R. H. Wright and Claud Mathewson. Gilroy, who is now in the county jail, admitted having stolen thirteen head of horses, five sets of harness, a victoria and a single buggy, worth a total of something over \$5000. His deceptions began August 24 and ended September 25, and cover the state of California from Stockton to Los Angeles.

It was only after several hours' sweating that Gilroy confessed all his crimes, but once his reserve was broken the details of his illicit operations were related with a singular frankness and mildness of manner which scarcely if ever seen before in a criminal. Sheriff Hammel and Deputies Wright and Mathewson declare Gilroy to be one of the most remarkable thieves they have ever come in contact with, a man dangerous to have at large.

Gilroy was arrested in Oakland Saturday morning just as he started out to cash a sight draft on M. D. Goodbody of San Diego. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Mathewson in the First National bank, Oakland, and it came after weeks of constant search for the man who has spread terror among ranchers and owners of live stock and has puzzled the police of the entire state.

Methods Are Businesslike The absolute calmness and businesslike precision with which Gilroy carried on his operations is a revelation to the officers. He declared yesterday that he could walk into any corral at any hour of the night and steal as many horses as he pleased, for, he explained, he understands horses so well that they never give him the slightest trouble once he gets near them. He said that Gilroy's method was to drive through a certain territory, look over the places where first class stock was kept, take careful observation of the horses and their condition and make copious notes of all circumstances. Later he would return and take whatever stock he desired, driving them to some locality, not far removed, where they could be sold the horses or put them to work at \$50 a team a month. His principal cache for the stolen horses was on the ranch of Mrs. Mary Gillis, three miles from Stockton. Here he pastured at one time nine head of stolen stock. He even sold Mrs. Gillis one fine team of horses, receiving for them \$350 cash.

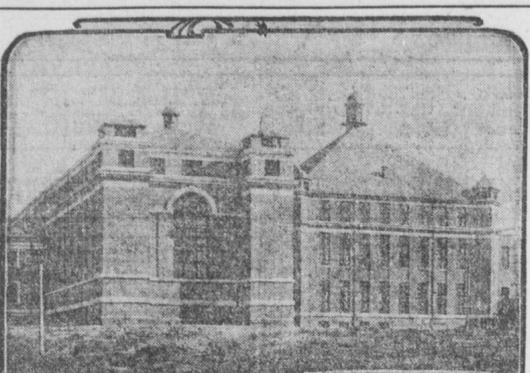
Valley Looked Easy As the Livermore valley looked particularly easy to him, Gilroy says he decided to stay in that neighborhood. His next raid was on Edward Gunn's ranch, near Altamont. Two horses worth \$200 were stolen from the Gunn ranch. At another place, the location in the Livermore valley of which is not known now, Gilroy stole two more horses which he sold to a man in Stockton.

In order that he might carry on his operations with more speed, Gilroy stole a light horse and a single buggy with which he made trips all over the northern part of California, seeking places to steal horses. He hired a pasture of Mrs. Mary Gillis, who has a farm three miles from Stockton, and made this his headquarters for a time. For the pasture he paid Mrs. Gillis, who was absolutely innocent of Gilroy's nefarious deeds, \$20 a month. Later he sold her a team for \$350.

Cupidity is Downfall After working out the Livermore valley territory for the time being, Gilroy decided to drive all his ill-gotten possessions to Sacramento. Fear that he would be captured decided him to ship his animals to Los Angeles. He hired a car and shipped seven head of horses, three sets of harness, the victoria and the buggy to Los Angeles. Arriving here, Gilroy rented a corral and a stable from the Wieland Brewery company, located at 914 Date street.

No sooner had he arrived here than he began seeking ways and means of getting revenue from his stolen steeds. He made a contract with the Barber Asphalt company to furnish it with two teams, for which he received \$50 a month. Later he sold the single buggy and horse at public auction. About the only bad luck which attended Gilroy was when one horse died in Oakland.

Federal Prison in Which Morse Will Be Confined



FEDERAL PRISON, ATLANTA

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Just when Charles W. Morse, the New York financier, was about to rehabilitate his finances the United States court of appeals affirmed the finding of the lower court which declared him guilty of bank wrecking and fixed his punishment at fifteen years in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. Morse's attorneys at once applied for a writ of certiorari and declared they would take the case to the United States supreme court. Meanwhile Morse, who had been out on bail and operating in Wall street, was returned to the Tombs prison and locked up. An hour after the key was turned on him in his cell he was re-elected president of the Metropolitan Steamship company, one of the biggest corporations he was concerned with at the time of his failure.

\$20 on it and giving notes to cover the balance due. Gilroy hitched up his mules and drove to San Diego, arriving there October 11. He sought out M. D. Goodbody, a contractor in the southern city, and after making several attempts to put his mules to work finally made a sale to Goodbody, taking in payment a sight draft for \$275. This draft was to be presented in Oakland last Saturday.

Gilroy said in his confession that he made an agreement with Goodbody to get him a full carload of mules, although it is believed Goodbody was absolutely ignorant of the source of Gilroy's supply. Deputy Sheriff Wright traced Gilroy to San Diego, but arrived there just a few hours after he had left for the north. Wright communicated with Sheriff Hammel, and Deputy Mathewson was hurried to Oakland on the morning of Mrs. Mary Gillis' raid to intercept the clever thief.

Tries to Escape When Gilroy walked into the bank he seemed suspicious, and when he saw Deputy Mathewson made for the door. Mathewson got there first and easily placed his man under arrest. When searched a big six-shooter loaded with cartridges was found on Gilroy. In his pockets half a hundred more bullets were discovered. "I did not expect to be caught," said Gilroy to Deputy Mathewson. "And I was prepared to resist capture to the last. I had decided to kill myself rather than be taken alive, but you got the drop on me, and I saw it was no use to resist. My nerve failed me or I would have blown out my brains when I found I was trapped Saturday morning."

Gilroy is a mild-mannered, soft-spoken man of 30 years. He has none of the hallmarks of a criminal, and he declares his present difficulties are the first of a heretofore honest life of earnest labor. He is unmarried and is a native of Pennsylvania. He came to California nine months ago, working at various occupations, principally that of a car cleaner and repairer at Tracy. He lived in Arizona for some time before coming to California and was employed in the mines there.

Will Plead Guilty "I had worked and worked and worked, and was never able to get a dollar ahead," said Gilroy when pressed for an explanation of his defection from the paths of honesty. "I decided that stealing horses would be easy. My plan was to get a number of teams and put them to work at 25 a month. I felt that that would be far better than slaving my life away and never having two dollars in my pocket to rub together. Of course I will plead guilty and take my medicine."

"It was exciting for a time, but when I got away with so many affairs I thought I would never be caught, and I got a little careless. That's why I was caught. It's all over now, and I will be glad when I have the chance to tell the court I am guilty. That will relieve my mind considerably. I have no people who care what becomes of me, so I guess I should have no regrets and no remorse."

Gilroy uses almost perfect English and has many appearances of having known refinement in past years. As he told his story to Sheriff Hammel there was not trace of the craven in the man. He has used various aliases, among them being Elias Gilroy, Elias Diffenderfer, L. E. Diffenderfer, P. F. Diffenderfer and James Diffenderfer.

Gilroy has accounts in the Citizens' National bank of Los Angeles and the Oakland Savings bank, Oakland. Most of his cash he has spent, so that now he has a deposit in the two places of less than \$100.

600 SENT TO DEATH WHEN CRATER BURSTS Hole in Mountain Top in East Java Fills with Water and Explodes with Terrible Consequences VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 17.—Advices were brought by the steamer Empress of India, which arrived today, that 600 people were drowned early in September in East Java as a result of the bursting of a crater which had become filled with water. When the mountain top lake was released by a breach in the crater's side the water swept down enormous quantities of sand and mud, overwhelming the villages at the foot. Rivers overflowed and the railroad near Lumajang was swept away. Officials placed the number of dead at 600, those buried alive in the stricken villages numbering from 60 to 150. The district is famine-stricken, as the harvested grain was swept away.

BODY OF WIFE BOY IS BURNED

INDIANS CHANT WEIRD RITES AT CHIEF'S PYRE BAND OF TRIBESMEN AND RELATIVES HONOR HIS MEMORY

Deserted Wife Whom He Cruelly Beat Is on Way to Be Near Husband's Grave During Funeral Services

SAN BERNARDINO, Oct. 17.—Far out on the desert among the bleak peaks which form the base of the San Bernardino range there is a little band of Indians, relatives and tribesmen of the dead Willie Boy, tonight chanting their weird rites about the encircling funeral fires which mark the spot where, lying in his rock-walled fortress, the body of the murderer, a hero in their eyes, was found, a jagged wound in his heart, through which a bullet from his own gun had plowed.

Even before the news of the death of the fugitive had reached the outside world Indians runners were bringing the message among his relatives and tribesmen, hovering about the edge of the country through which the hunt had been prosecuted awaiting either the report of his capture or death, for an opportunity to assist him in his flight, and tonight a little group of his grieving relatives and tribesmen, unmolested, are chanting their weird funeral songs over the spot where, on a funeral pyre, his body was reduced to ashes as the posse of stern-faced officers watched for the end of the noted Indian renegade.

Dimly outlined in the red glow of the flickering fires the little party of mourners, some of whom have ridden hundreds of miles to be near their tribesman in his time of trouble, change their wailing wailing the memory of the one sought for fugitive. In the unwritten traditions of the race will now be handed down the thrilling tales of the bloody career, and their own wailing wailing the memory of the one sought for fugitive.

Even in her eyes he is now forgiven for the brutal treatment meted out to her as well as all who accompanied her, after she had ended his life a suicide, after cruelly murdering his sweetheart and her father.

Dr. H. W. Mill, the former British army surgeon who accompanied Sheriff Schriever today, having driven from the granite county to Victorville. The sheriff and his men, delayed by a broken wagon, arrived late tonight.

SYVERTSON PREPARED TO APPEAL HIS CASE

FEARS COURT-MARTIAL VERDICT WILL BE ADVERSE United Spanish War Veteran Ready to Continue Flight if Opinion Against Him Is Rendered

PASADENA, Oct. 17.—The court-martial verdict rendered by the member of the United Spanish War Veterans who was charged with making derogatory remarks about his superior officers in the United States army, principally at Los Angeles last week, will, in the event of a verdict against Syvertson being given, mean an appeal on the part of the accused member, who is now perfecting his case. Syvertson believes the opinion of the court will be against him.

When the secret sessions were held in the Los Angeles Syvertson was prosecuted by an officer under whom he served two years in the Philippines. In that period Col. W. G. Schriever, who was converted to the cause against Syvertson, was captain of the company in which Syvertson was a private. They endured two years of hardships and dangers in both the tropical islands, and now it is alleged animosity may have actuated Schriever in prosecuting Syvertson so strenuously before the recent court-martial.

Former members of Schriever's company assert that during the stay of the company at Vancouver barracks some difficulty arose when a quartermaster sergeant appointed by Schriever deserted from the army and left behind him a quartered horse. The quartermaster wanted the men in the company to pay a pro rata of \$3 to settle these bills, but a majority of the men rebelled, claiming that as Schriever appointed a quartermaster, it was the duty of the men to pay his bills. The quartermaster wanted the men in the company to pay a pro rata of \$3 to settle these bills, but a majority of the men rebelled, claiming that as Schriever appointed a quartermaster, it was the duty of the men to pay his bills.

ONE KILLED, TEN INJURED IN WRECK ON N. Y. C. LINE

President of Railway Company is on Train, but Escapes With-out Injury

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Oct. 17.—A wreck in which President W. C. Brown of New York Central, W. H. Newman, former president of the road, and W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., a director, figured, occurred at Rhinecliff on the Hudson river about twenty miles north of here, early today. One passenger, James Kraskie, a peddler of New York, was killed and ten were injured, none seriously. The eight cars of the train, which was the New York express, were thrown from the track by a broken rail. Messrs. Brown, Newman and Vanderbilt were asleep in the rear car, "Idle Hour."

BALLINGER IS SEEKING FALLS

MAKES INSPECTION TRIP TO ALL RESERVES SAYS WEST IS COMING INTO HER OWN AT LAST

Yuma Reclamation Project to Be Opened in the Spring—Imperial Valley Not to Be Interfered With

(Continued from Page One) an automobile, accompanied by Mr. Lawler, Mott Flint and A. C. Brode, was driven about the city for several hours. In the evening he was entertained at dinner by Mr. Lawler at his home, 646 New Hampshire street, and at 8:30 o'clock last night boarded an east bound Southern Pacific train for Yuma to inspect the work on the Yuma project and the great dam at Roosevelt.

It was not easy for him to sandwich an interview into such a busy day. He did it graciously enough, however, and talked freely and with none of the vexatious reserve so frequently found in public officers. When he said, "that I cannot discuss," he did it politely, but so firmly there was no possible opportunity to advert to the forbidden topic. He said that when asked about the possibility of future conflict between his and Pinchot's departments, when asked about the accusation concerning the effort to corner the water power sites of the country for the gain of the trust, he would not discuss it, but the intentions of the government in regard to the reimbursement of the Southern Pacific for money expended in the salvation of the Imperial valley from the Colorado river, four years ago, when there was plain sailing for him, however, he made good progress.

Visits All Projects "I have visited every reclamation project now being handled by the department," he began. "I have learned a lot of things, of course. The first is the great importance of the work and the uselessness of expecting the general public to realize what reclamation means for a generation or more.

"The government work is pioneering, a purpose not only to provide water on arid ground but to break the way for private enterprise. We are furnishing a model for private capital to use in the further diversion of waters now unused for the development of arid land. We are using a higher type of construction, perhaps, than will be used by private enterprise, but we are doing the first experimenting and planning that others may benefit therefrom. At present no reclamation work costing more than \$50,000,000 and the work now under way will require the expenditure of an estimated sum of \$100,000,000 this year. How much it will take to finish the projects in hand I cannot now state."

"The situation in Imperial valley, the nearest reclaimed area to Los Angeles, was outlined to the secretary and he was questioned regarding it. "Not to Touch Imperial "There is no intention of entering the Imperial valley," he said promptly. "If there has been talk of the reclamation service taking over the present system or substituting one of its own it was before my incumbency. As a matter of fact no such plan is being considered. Concerning other conditions there I know nothing.

"The Yuma project is to be finished, I believe, this winter and the plan, as I understand it, is to open the reservation immediately thereafter. I am going there tomorrow and until then I cannot talk very intelligently concerning conditions there.

"Your questions about expenditures in the Imperial district bring me to say that the present administration is not going out of its way to acquire new financial burdens. As a matter of fact it is cutting down expense estimates all along the line. In my department alone there will be a decrease this year of \$9,000,000 from last year's expenditures, although it is only fair to explain this large amount owes something to decreasing pension burdens."

A blunt question concerning Taft was put to the secretary and he gave an unmistakable final reply. "Let's talk about the weather," he said. "I can talk about that."

"It's fine. Your Los Angeles weather has its peculiarities, I suppose, but it is pretty good. I have seen a good deal of Los Angeles today and I am charmed with it. It surprises me. There's Seattle, of course, but I must say that Los Angeles pleases me so much I am going to make it my business to return as soon as possible and make her another visit."

Assistant United States District Attorney General Lawler, who is solicitor general for the department of the interior, had as his guests to meet Secretary Ballinger last night. United States District Judge Olin Wellborn, Dr. Walter Lindley, Milo Potter, Henry O'Melveny, T. L. Duane, A. C. Brode, Postmaster Mottley Flint, Will Lacy and Mr. Ballinger's secretary and constant companion, Don M. Carr of Seattle.

WILL CREMATE BODY OF LAMAR. HARRIS

COUSIN IDENTIFIES REMAINS OF YOUNG ATTORNEY Unable to Say Whether Ashes Will Be Brought to Los Angeles or Scattered in Lake Michigan

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Howard A. Robinson of Memphis, a cousin of Lamar A. Harris, the Los Angeles attorney who committed suicide after robbing the Erlsine bank at Highland Park, Ill., last Wednesday, arrived here today. Mr. Robinson viewed the body of Harris at Highland Park and identified it positively as that of his cousin. He was accompanied by instructions from Harris' mother in Los Angeles, who will have the body cremated tomorrow at Graceland cemetery. Whether the ashes are to be forwarded to Los Angeles or scattered in Lake Michigan, Mr. Robinson said he did not know. Mr. Robinson saw Harris a month ago in Memphis. From there he went to Dyerburg, Tenn., to visit relatives. He was expected to return to Memphis, but failed to appear and Robinson heard nothing further from him until he learned of his tragic death.

AMUSEMENTS BELASCO THEATER 16TH WEEK OF THIS GREAT PLAY STARTS TONIGHT

This means that the Belasco company's big revival of the famous play of German student life has already been witnessed by over 200,000 theater goers of this city. It means that no play that has ever been given by a stock company anywhere in the world has delighted so many thousands of theater goers. Los Angeles playgoers know and appreciate the fact that THE BEST PLAY THAT HAS EVER BEEN GIVEN BY A STOCK COMPANY IN THIS CITY IS THAT GRAND OLD FAVORITE,

Old Heidelberg

The present revival is given on a more elaborate scale than ever. The cast is ideally perfect from LEWIS S. STONE as the young prince down to the most unimportant actor. The thirty-two singing Heidelberg students contribute some charming music to the performance, and in every way the present production of "OLD HEIDELBERG" is POSITIVELY THE BIGGEST AND BEST THAT THE BELASCO COMPANY HAS EVER OFFERED.

Bear in Mind That This Is the Last Week That "OLD HEIDELBERG" Will Be Played in Los Angeles for Over Two Years. Later This Season It Will Be Used by a Prominent Star in the East

GET YOUR SEATS FOR THIS FAREWELL WEEK OF "OLD HEIDELBERG" THE VERY FIRST THING THIS MORNING. THE BELASCO IS SURE TO BE PACKED TO THE DOORS AT EVERY PERFORMANCE THIS WEEK WITH ENTHUSIASTIC ADMIRERS OF THE GREATEST OF ALL GREAT PLAYS.

Next Week—Positive production of George Ade's rattling fine comedy, "THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN." Seats on sale this morning.

MASON OPERA HOUSE Tonight AND WEEK FIRST TIME HERE

A GENTLEMAN FROM Mississippi BY HARRISON RHODES AND THOMAS A. WISE. With JAMES LACKAYE in the Title Role. One Sold Year in New York City. Six Months in Chicago. Colonel Roosevelt Says: "It's a Corker." PRICES \$1.50, \$1, 75c and 50c. Next Week—"THE TRAVELING SALESMAN."

ORPHEUM THEATER COMMENCING THIS AFTERNOON

Vaudeville 'Circumstantial Evidence' By Harrison Armstrong. Ed Wynn and Al Lee "The Billiken Freshman." Charles Montrell The Acme of Juggling. Crouch and Welch Titled Lively Pair.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE THE BIGGEST MUSICAL HIT IN YEARS

FERRIS HARTMAN and his big singing company opened their season in Raymond Hitchcock's famous success. The YANKEE CONSUL The minute Ferris Hartman as "Abijah Booz" stepped on the stage yesterday afternoon the audience was so full of melody and fun. SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE TURNED AWAY FROM THE BOX OFFICE YESTERDAY. UNABLE TO GET SEATS FOR THIS ENORMOUS HIT. SEATS FOR THIS BALANCE OF THE WEEK ARE NOW SELLING FAST. Next Week—Ferris Hartman in his last season's tremendous hit, "THE SULTAN OF SULU." Seats on sale this morning.

MOROSCO'S BURBANK THEATER ALL WEEK MATINEE SATURDAY

MY WIFE JOHN DREW AND BILLIE BURKE'S BIG COMEDY HIT. Regular Burbank prices—25c, 35c, 50c. Matinee 25c. Gallery 10c. Next Week—"THE SILVER GILT." First time in Los Angeles.

HAMBURGER'S MAJESTIC THEATER OLIVER MOROSCO, Lessee and Manager. ALL WEEK MATINEE WEDNESDAY

EMMET DEVOY In his own comedy fantasy, "IN DREAMLAND" PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. A few front rows \$1.50. Good reserved seat on main floor 75c. Next Week—"THE GILL QUESTION."

AUDITORIUM FITZGERALD MUSIC COMPANY Presents SOUSA AND HIS BAND

TONIGHT AND ALL WEEK "Mlle. MISCHIEF" ORIGINAL N. Y. CASINO PRODUCTION. CORINNE IN THE VIENNESE OPERETTA. PRICES—EVENING, Lower floor, \$1, \$1.50; Balcony, 50c, 75c; Gallery, 25c. MATINEES 25c to \$1. A GREAT HIT LAST WEEK.

LOS ANGELES THEATER Dolan & Lenhart. MORT SHARP and his dancing belles. POPULAR PRICES—10c, 20c and 30c. CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Max Bass, general immigration agent of the Great Northern railway for twenty years, died today at his home in this city.