

INDEX OF HERALD'S NEWS TODAY

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair Tuesday; light northwest wind. Maximum temperature yesterday, 64 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees.

LOCAL

Police nip bunco game at start—Two men with alleged counterfeiting apparatus arrested. PAGE 6
Hollywood is desirable city and its annexation to Los Angeles will add to fame of Angel city. PAGE 6
Noted reader will read masterpiece known as "The Servant in the House" tonight. PAGE 6
Cleaner Christmas record this year shown by doleful of police. PAGE 6
Keating estate litigation ended by heirs agreeing to dismissal of suits. PAGE 6
Plot to rob jewelry store is uncovered in unique tunnel work. PAGE 6
Bishop Johnson shows number of divorce cases has doubled in eighteen months. PAGE 6
Treasure search ends in lawsuit—Douglas White sued by member of his yacht's crew. PAGE 6
Hindge estate demands \$500 for land needed by county for its highway system, but supervisors will investigate matter before proceeding in matter. PAGE 6
Mount Lowe searchlight to be played on city during special affair arranged for early in year. PAGE 6
Dance hall ordinances held to be valid by Judge Hutton, who disposes of injunction suit by sustaining demurrer of city. PAGE 6
Mayor is handed three resignations by members of police commission. PAGE 6
Aviation week fund grows rapidly, already \$29,783 having been acknowledged by committee. PAGE 6
Crisis of "exchange" greet clerk's row. PAGE 6
Department store heads plan new Christmas method. PAGE 6
Editorial letter box and Haskin's letter. PAGE 6
Marriage licenses, deaths and births. PAGE 14
City brevities. PAGE 5
News of the courts. PAGE 5
Municipal affairs. PAGE 5
Automobiles. PAGE 13
Classified advertising. PAGE 11
Theaters—Dramatic criticism. PAGE 10 and 16
Markets and financial. PAGE 7
Building permits. PAGE 6
Shipping. PAGE 7
Society and clubs. PAGE 11
Oiga Netherlands awards prizes. PAGE 16

SOUTH CALIFORNIA

Hollywood lighting system to be improved by installation of increased voltage. PAGE 14
President Horace M. Dobbins issues statement in rapid transit matter. PAGE 14
Pasadena rose tournament plans are progressing nicely. PAGE 14
New plan proposed for the election of officers of Long Beach chamber of commerce. PAGE 14
Woman street Christmas night dies in San Bernardino hospital, leaving a young child. PAGE 14

COAST

Blue-blooded dog made to sleep in coal cellar at San Jose suffers nervous prostration because of the indignity. PAGE 3
Owl train leaves rails near Holly, Cal., and eight passengers are thrown from their berths—No one seriously hurt. PAGE 3
Slaying of two men in John Day country, Oregon, is result of quarrel over dog. PAGE 3

EASTERN

Gifford Pinchot in address in New York declares combines should be crushed and public is warned of danger by chief forester. PAGE 3
Schoolboy is victim of murder which is believed to have been committed in Pittsburgh, following which body was removed to deserted house in Allegheny. PAGE 3
Advance of 3 1/2 points in Rock Island stock in Wall street followed by collapse in unprecedented. PAGE 7
Francis Heney files suit in New York for \$250,000 against Millionaire W. H. Crocker of California, alleging libel. PAGE 1
Death toll of storm appals New England and Atlantic coast states and damage will run far into the millions. PAGE 1
Brokaw's love for wife declared by him at trial in New York to have grown colder since last Friday, as result of having "learned something new." PAGE 10

FOREIGN

Honolulu desires and is encouraging immigration of white people to island in order to supplant Orientals. PAGE 8
Zelaya, safe in Mexico, scathes Secretary Knox and gives alleged history of revolution and overthrow. Estrada and Madriz negotiate for peace. PAGE 1

MINING AND OIL

Palmer suitor near Bakersfield in producing an average of 150 barrels of oil daily and product is coming through six-inch casings. PAGE 10
Mining activity at Austin, Nev., arouses campers, complete new equipment being on way to Manhattan property. PAGE 10
Pumas-Eureka mine in Pumas county, Cal., is sold to Nevada mining men. PAGE 10
Humboldt smelter certain to blow in by March, 1910. PAGE 10

SPORTS

Wolgate signs to meet Memo January 7, and efforts will be made to bring Fredie Welsh to Los Angeles. Match with Nelson falls through. PAGE 12
Races at Tampa and Jacksonville. PAGE 12
Trainers training hard for bouts of January 4, and much interest is being shown in various matches. PAGE 12
Frank Murray, left tackle of St. Vincent's football eleven, is short of honor by athletic board owing to Saturday's conduct. PAGE 12
Fifty colleges out of sixty-four vote in favor of retaining American football with modifications in rules. PAGE 12
Fernando ties Emeryville track record for Futurity course and wins handicap in romp from speedy field. PAGE 12
Lethal objects to being called a trainer and says that he has gone too far in vaudeville work to be thusly known. PAGE 12

Plot to Rob UNCOVERED IN TUNNEL WORK

Bold Plan Directed Toward Jewelry Store Is Frustrated

WALLS CUT THROUGH

Heavy Timbers Sawed at Night and Discovery Is Accidentally Made

THE accidental discovery by C. H. Clark, proprietor of a jewelry store, 327 West Fourth street, of a 40-foot tunnel nearly completed, through the basements leading to his store, is believed to have prevented a bold and well-laid plan to loot the jewelry store. That one or more persons have been industriously at work at night in this gain access to the store is evident, and that everything was in readiness for the carrying out of the "job" is indicated by the appearance of the tunnel. The plan of entering the store was not exactly through a tunnel, although much earth had been dug, but the cutting away of the heavy woodwork in three basements adjoining the jewelry store, affording a narrow passageway, was the real means by which the contemplated robbery was to be carried out.

The passageway leads from a cellar stairway facing on South Hill street through the basements of the store at Hill and Fourth street occupied as a grocery store by K. H. Alton. On the Hill street side is a narrow stairway leading to the basement of the corner building, which has been used for a long time by an itinerant locksmith. The locksmith had no access to the interior of the building; doing his work in the passageway during the daytime, and the place was not used at night.

Familiarity Indicated Evidently some one familiar with the interior of the building planned robbery, for the basements are used simply for storing non-perishable goods. From the cellar stairway to the basement of the Clark jewelry store, three other basements are ranged, occupying a space about forty feet long. There are no heavy walls, the basements being separated by strong iron partitions and not visited, as a rule, more than once or twice a week.

That the work of cutting a passageway through the basements leading to the jewelry store was done at night, when the occupants of the jewelry and grocery stores were absent, is certain, as the noise of sawing through the heavy timbers would have been audible in the day time or when there were any persons in the store above.

Friday night Mr. Clark kept his store open until a late hour, owing to the rush of holiday business, and his attention was attracted by sounds in the basement. Being busy at the time, he paid particular attention to the matter, but Saturday morning he investigated the basement and then discovered that the partitions had been cut sufficiently to allow the entrance of a person.

By following through the hole cut in his basement wall, he was able to see into the wall of the basement of the adjoining basements leading directly to the cellar stairway, facing on Hill street.

Although Mr. Clark does not keep any valuables in the basement and rarely has occasion to go there, the work had been carried on to such an extent that it would have been a matter of but little work to cut through the floor of his store and have access to the thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry.

Capture Prepared For In an endeavor to make a capture Mr. Clark did not report the finding of the newly-made passageway, but in company with one of his clerks stayed in the store Saturday night and Sunday night, both heavily armed and prepared to effect a capture if the robbery was attempted.

Private detectives were also employed to watch the Hill street cellar way, but evidently the persons had become alarmed, for up to late last night none had appeared at the entrance. The employees of the jewelry and grocery stores were not made aware of the discovery. It was thought that the work might have been an "inside" job. The police department was not notified until yesterday, as it was decided that publicity might put the intruders on their guard.

NOTED PROSECUTOR SUES MILLIONAIRE



FRANCIS HENEY CHARGES LIBEL

Noted Prosecutor's Action Said to Be Due to Desire to Prove He Performed Honorable Services

(Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The formal complaint in the damage suit of Francis J. Heney of San Francisco against William H. Crocker, the California millionaire, for \$250,000 on an allegation of libel, was filed here today.

Heney says he bases his action on an open letter bearing Crocker's name which appeared in a New York evening newspaper on December 3, in which Crocker defended his action in first supporting Heney in the San Francisco graft prosecutions and later withdrawing his support. James M. Beck, counsel for Heney, said today:

"As soon as Crocker's letter was published, Heney telegraphed me to bring this suit. Heney, who nearly gave his life to the cause of exposing corruption in San Francisco, desires to settle the question as to whether he conducted the prosecutions against the San Francisco grafters in an honorable and legitimate way.

Many Charges Made "In the heat of the great contest in San Francisco many charges were made by irresponsible men against Heney, but when Mr. Crocker assumed responsibility for these charges and gave them wide circulation in a responsible organ of public opinion, Heney felt his opportunity had come to have a jury of his fellow countrymen determine the justice or injustice of the accusations against him.

"In San Francisco the graft prosecutions have so divided the people into hostile camps that it would seem to me a matter of exceeding difficulty to obtain a jury that would consider the questions involved with absolute impartiality. In New York, however, there can be no selfish interests in the issues that grew out of the San Francisco graft prosecutions, and here a jury can be selected that is impartially and fearlessly judge between Crocker's grave accusations and Heney's account of his stewardship as a public official."

MEXICO'S ACTION ORDERED PROBED

State Department Takes Up Alleged Injustice of Diaz in Permitting American to Remain in Prison

(Special Dispatch) WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Acting under the demands of labor unions, the state department has called upon the American embassy at Mexico City to investigate the incarceration of Conductor James A. Cook, an American arrested for alleged complicity in the robbery of freight trains on a Mexican railroad.

Cook has been imprisoned for some time without trial, and friends in this country have besieged the White House and the state department with demands that he be given immediate trial or be admitted to bail. In cases of the kind the latter alternative is never resorted to under the Mexican law.

State department officials acknowledged that the American diplomatic representatives in the Mexican capital had been instructed to begin an immediate and thorough investigation of the matter, and to bring the request of the United States government to the attention of the Mexican officials. "The department deprecates the sensational stories based on this act," said a high official of the department tonight. "The United States has taken steps to safeguard the rights of an American citizen because friends of that citizen believe these rights are not being recognized.

HUGE STRIKE MAY TIE UP RAILWAY LINES

Switchmen Promised Aid of All Allied Branches of Organization

ULTIMATUM IS GIVEN

Crisis Suddenly Precipitated by Refusal of Hill Roads to Reinstate Yardmen. Little Hope Held

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Thomas H. Stone of Chicago, representing the Switchmen's Union of North America, has assumed charge of the situation in St. Louis and will be the union's chief officer here in case of a general strike.

There are fifty thousand trainmen in St. Louis and East St. Louis. About 3000 are switchmen. The switchmen say they will strike if the order is issued. A majority are employed by the Terminal Railroad association.

W. S. McChesney, Jr., president and general manager of the Terminal association, said tonight that the situation looked ominous. (Associated Press) ST. PAUL, Dec. 27.—Contrary to expectations, developments today in the controversy between the railroads of the northwest and the striking switchmen instead of resulting in an amicable settlement of the strike resulted in a wider breach than has heretofore existed.

Not only have the switchmen declared all negotiations with the railroads off, but labor leaders say there is a strong possibility of a general strike of all allied orders belonging to the railway branch of the American Federation of Labor.

H. B. Perham, acting as chairman of the railroad council in session here, left tonight for Washington to seek advice, declaring "there may be a more general strike."

President Hawley of the Switchmen's union asserted: "Several other members of the railway council beside Mr. Perham left for their headquarters to make preparations for a strike of their respective orders."

Mr. Perham, in speaking of today's developments, said: "Friday we were on the verge of a settlement, and we thought the matter would be fixed up today. But this morning the railroads presented a mysterious change of front and assumed such arrogance that we decided at once to have nothing more to do with them."

To Arrive Thursday "I will arrive at the capital on Thursday. As tonight's convention of state authorities has failed, I shall seek the aid of the United States in putting an end to a controversy that is causing disruption and suffering among innocent people who have no voice in the matter."

Mr. Perham was non-committal as to which department at Washington he would appeal. He said he may seek to interest the interstate commerce commission and he may take the matter up directly with President Taft.

The governor replied he did not care to act on this request until he had consulted the attorney general, who is out of the city and will not return until tomorrow. Asked how long it would take to call out a general strike if such action is decided upon, Mr. Perham said:

"Some of the orders can be called out immediately. There would be some delay in calling out others."

Morrison Explains Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, explained the coming conference of leaders of the railroad department of the federation as a step in the general agitation for wage increase all along the line.

Men on Whom May Depend Outcome of Railway Strike



DEATH TOLL OF STORM APPALLS NEW ENGLAND

Five million dollars loss is the estimate made today of the havoc wrought in and around Boston by the blizzard which yesterday swept New England and drove a record tide over the coast.

The Christmas blizzard, the severest storm experienced in the east in twenty years, tied up New York and other eastern traffic from Pennsylvania to Maine, and disrupted train schedules throughout half a dozen states.

Conditions, however, are rapidly improving and railroads and municipalities today are bending every effort to move intercity and local traffic.

There is reason to believe conditions will be normal again by tonight, when another storm is expected from the west. A number of persons have perished through exposure or accident, twelve near Boston, five in Philadelphia and eighteen or more in New York.

In Philadelphia general business this morning was virtually at a standstill. All through trains were late, only one street car line was running and the city is suffering from a shortage of milk.

Washington, D. C., did not suffer severely, but communication with Boston is maintained only with difficulty. The storm in New England seems to have been worse in the vicinity of New Bedford, Providence, Fall River, Newport, Pawtucket and Woonsocket.

In New York City 7000 men are at work cleaning the streets. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—With the news of the probable loss of the five-masted schooner Davis Palmer, Newport News for Boston, with her crew of twelve men off Boston harbor, and of the wrecking of nine other vessels along the Massachusetts coast, the opening chapter of the toll taken on the sea by the storm that swept New England Saturday night and Sunday was bared to the world today.

Cape Cod is still cut off, and with the restoration of communication there it is feared that a tale of marine disaster and storm damage unequalled in years will be told.

Wreckage borne into Boston harbor today is believed to be mute evidence of the loss of the Davis Palmer. A signal box found among the wreckage contained a burgee with the Palmer's name, as also did a quarterboat. The wreck itself has not been located.

ZELAYA, SAFE IN MEXICO, SCATHES KNOX

Gives Alleged History of Nicaraguan Rebellion and Its Sequel

BLAME FOR CALDERAL

Says False Reports Were Cause of Downfall—Intervention of United States Was Part of Plot

(Associated Press) MANAGUA, Dec. 27.—President Madriz tonight received a telegram from General Estrada, in command of the revolutionists at Bluefields, in answer to his message of December 22, expressing a desire to reach some understanding that would lead to the re-establishment of peace.

General Estrada reciprocates this sentiment and declares his readiness to meet the proposition submitted by the president half way. President Madriz, who was elated over the friendly statement, said: "I will immediately arrange a meeting of peace commissioners of both sides to discuss the terms. I am confident of a satisfactory outcome."

(Associated Press) SALINA CRUZ, Mexico, Dec. 27.—Declaring that the attitude of Secretary Knox toward him could not fail to be disappointed by all fair-minded people, and that he believed the secretary's judgment was warped by false reports from the American vice consul at Managua, former President Jose Santos Zelaya endeavored in an interview today to justify his treatment of the American, Cannon and Groce, as an act that any one in his position would have committed.

Zelaya departed from the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero this afternoon and left tonight for Mexico City on a private car attached to the regular passenger train due in that city Wednesday morning.

"I am going to Mexico City to remain for six months," he said. "If the climate agrees with me I will send or go for my family. If it does not agree with me I will go to some place in Europe. I am going to the docks and to thank President Diaz and Mexican officials for their kindness to me."

Remains on Ship The Guerrero, with Zelaya and his party on board, arrived last night outside the harbor, where the boat lay until this morning. A little later it steamed to the docks, where Zelaya appeared on deck to wave a greeting to a crowd of townspeople that had gathered.

He was accompanied by Louis A. Cousin, his former secretary of war; by Robert C. Howe, his friend and former jefe politico, and by several friends.

On board the gunboat Zelaya discussed the killing of Cannon and Groce and the note of Secretary Knox. "Cannon and Groce," Zelaya declared, "were engaged by the Conservative party and were brought from Guatemala by the party which was working hand in hand with Cabrera. As they never had any ground for accusing me of any infringement of the treaty with the United States, they were shot by the party which was working hand in hand with Cabrera."

"As regards Cannon and Groce, no one else in my position would have acted otherwise than I did. Neither of these men had any property in Nicaragua, and the American government was working hand in hand with Cabrera. As they never had any ground for accusing me of any infringement of the treaty with the United States, they were shot by the party which was working hand in hand with Cabrera."

Zelaya attributed much of his woe to Harry Calderal, American vice consul at Managua. Of this he said: "The United States government was grossly misinformed through this man about conditions in my country. The vice consul is a member of the Conservative party and an ardent defender of that party's views. With the object of overthrowing my government he made false reports to Washington which I firmly believe had much to do with the note of Secretary Knox."

"I have no doubt that these reports led him to adopt the attitude he did toward me. That attitude, I believe, cannot now be but disapproved by all fair-minded people." Call on Zelaya In the afternoon Zelaya was called on by several Mexican officials, among whom was Juan Broising, collector of the port, who welcomed the former president with the words: "I receive you like a brother." Zelaya said he had had a good voyage, but that he was feeling badly and had a slight fever. He did not appear ill at ease or excited, and in the afternoon sat for a photographer on the deck.

He left Managua accompanied by Minister Carbajal of Mexico, who escorted him aboard the Guerrero at Corinto. "It was at perfect liberty at all times and was not interfered," he said. "I boarded the Guerrero in broad daylight on the afternoon of the 24th. The English minister at Managua offered me conveyance on the sloop Shearwater, then at anchor at Corinto. (Continued on Page Two)