

### TWO MEN KILLED BY CAVING EARTH

Three Workers Have Narrow Escape When Bank Topples Over on Them

### A HORSE CRUSHED TO DEATH

Police Hold Foreman of Street Department Gang Is Responsible

While at work shoveling dirt into a wagon at First and Briscoe streets yesterday morning two laborers were killed and three others narrowly escaped being buried beneath several tons of earth which caved in on them. The dead are:

JOSEPH LUGO, aged 50 years, Lugo and Huster streets, and GEORGE MERRILL, aged 30 years, Brooklyn avenue, near St. Louis street. Those who escaped with their lives are: A. Arguello, 123 North Saratoga street; George Little, 2746 Fairmont avenue, and James Geary, 2706 Cincinnati street.

The men were employed in the city street department and had been engaged in taking dirt from the place where the accident occurred for the past several days, using it for a fill which they were making.

The men had made such headway in carrying away the dirt that they had practically undermined the ledge which protruded above the sidewalk about twelve feet and extended out over the sidewalk about five feet.

Lugo had driven his team under the ledge and was shoveling the dirt. Merrill was working with him. Arguello, Little and Geary were working on the opposite side of the wagon.

When the cave-in occurred the two men were buried under about fifteen feet of earth. The wagon and horses were also buried. One of the horses was killed.

With the assistance of a number of men, Policemen Abbott and O'Brien extricated the victims about forty-five minutes elapsed between the time the accident occurred and the time they were rescued.

The blame for the accident is placed by the police on S. G. Ramsey, 2635 East Second street, who was acting as foreman of the gang. He was not present at the time of the accident.

Lugo is survived by a widow and five children. Their bodies were removed to the undertaking parlors of John R. Paul, where an inquest will be held this morning.

### MINUS BONDSMEN FOR \$2500, PATRICK JAILED

Apparently indifferent as to his predicament, P. A. Patrick, secretary and treasurer of the defunct Unit Loan company, was arraigned before Police Judge Williams yesterday on a charge of passing fictitious checks without having sufficient funds in the bank to cover them. His preliminary hearing was set for tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. In default of \$1500 bail he was remanded to the city jail. The charge was preferred against him by W. H. Horton, proprietor of the King Edward hotel bar, who alleges he passed a check on him for \$25. The check was returned by the bank marked, "Without sufficient funds." Patrick disappeared several weeks, following a meeting of the board of directors and stockholders of his company, who had requested an accounting of the corporation's funds.

### GROCERY STORE ROBBED

J. R. Kirkpatrick, proprietor of a grocery store at Catalina and Pico streets, yesterday reported to the detectives that his store was entered some time in the morning during his absence and a strong box taken from the safe, which was unlocked. The box was later found in a lumber yard at Fifth and San Pedro streets by Detective Ziegler. The only thing taken from the box was 5000 shares of mining stock.

### DEATH ACCIDENTAL, JURY SAYS

An inquest was held yesterday at Pierce Bros. undertaking parlors over the body of William Seeds, who was electrocuted Monday while working laying a cable on the Bradbury ranch, near Monrovia. A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury. Seeds was 39 years old and unmarried. His only relative is said to be a brother living at Santa Ana.

### TO STUDY SIGNAL CODE

Capt. H. T. Bathey and First Lieut. Seward H. Brown, company A, Signal corps, N. G. C., will leave today for Fort Leavenworth, Kas., to take lessons in a 30-day signal school, conducted by Maj. Edgar Russell of the regular army. Lieut. A. C. Boeckmann will be left in charge of the Los Angeles corps.

## Scene of Fatal Cave-in Where Two Men Were Killed, and One of Those Injured



### News of the Courts

#### BORDWELL KEEPS JUDGES EARNING THEIR SALARIES

Always on the Job and Sees That the Court Calendars Are Kept Clear

Since he became presiding judge of the superior court, Judge Bordwell has caused a sad shock to a number of judges in different departments who have been in the habit of allowing things to take the even tenor of their way. Bordwell is actually making "em work at times when they consider a recess in order, or that it is time to "lay off" for the day. Just imagine dignified judges being made to "get busy." It is a preposterous condition of affairs, and heads of several departments see dire times ahead of them for the coming year.

#### NEW ORDER

Contrary to the old order of things when judges of departments made out calendars which would not cause them nervous prostration from overwork, Judge Bordwell visits each department daily and if they are not busy he gives them something to do. Of course, he is not gruff about it, but he is rushing cases through in such fashion that "too much is enough" for some of the judges.

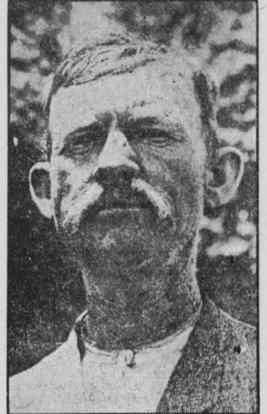
For instance, he will drop into a department where a case is about finished and will say: "You are about through with this case, aren't you, judge?" "Yes," will be the reply. "It did not take as long as I thought it would."

#### TRY THESE

"Well, that is all right," replies Bordwell, cheerily and quietly enthusiastic, "here are a couple of divorces, cases which I wish you would take. You have just about time to try them." "But, judge, I can't take two of them," is the reply, generally, "I have time for only one." "Oh, that's all right," says Bordwell. "They will not take long and you can handle them all right." So he goes from one department to another and where no court is being held he unloads a few cases to keep the court busy. It is a new order of things. No more can a judge quietly "duck" out to a waiting automobile and go fishing or to the club. He must stay and dispose of cases which are crowding the calendar, all because Judge Bordwell is on the "job" from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

#### EARLY TO WORK

Where the average judge arrives at the courthouse at 10 o'clock, the new presiding judge is there two hours before him, lining out work for the day like the manager of a big manufacturing establishment. What is more, he appears to enjoy it, and he "realizes" around from one department to the other as busy as can be. He also tries the insanity cases, looks after writs of habeas corpus, hears arguments for new trials, straightens out a tangle here and another one there. He is claimed to be the liveliest and most popular presiding judge on the bench and has caused somewhat of a sensation in court circles through his activity. He is playing the part of "presiding judge" for all the job is worth. Judge Bordwell's idea is to save money in the cost of conducting the



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courts and his system of spreading cases around, mere cases are "shy," it is claimed, will save the county thousands of dollars a month and keep the calendar clear. Incidentally he is out to show that twelve departments of the superior court are amble to dispose of the criminal and legal business of Los Angeles county.

#### DE ROSIER WEDS RAND GIRL; FREED FROM TOILS

Jolly Bride Whispers "You Make Me Tired," to Solemn Groom

Charges against Jake De Rosier, the motorcyclist, held for contributing to the delinquency of Pearl A. Rand, sometimes known as Pearl Clarke, aged 16, were dismissed by the district attorney's office yesterday morning following the performance of a marriage ceremony between the couple by Judge Wilbur of the juvenile court.

Nearly a month ago Pearl Rand and De Rosier eloped for several days, and then De Rosier was arrested. His case had been brought up in the juvenile court a number of times, and finally arrangements were made by which the charges against him would be dropped providing he married the girl. This he was willing to do, and yesterday the couple repaired to the county clerk's office and took out a marriage license in the presence of the girl's mother. The couple went to Judge Wilbur's chambers, where Deputy District Attorney Donnell formally withdrew the charges against the bridegroom, Judge Wilbur performing the ceremony in the presence of a few court attaches as witnesses.

The ceremony appeared to be by no means displeasing to the bride, who was quite excited over the event. De Rosier did not act like a jubilant man, and appeared to lack gallantry to such an extent that his bride whispered: "You make me tired."

The sally caused him to grin, and the bride flushed becomingly, after which the proceedings took on quite a festive effect.

#### STUNG BY FORGER, CRIES WOMAN; SUES FOR \$35,000

A suit in which the defendant is charged with forging deeds to property valued at \$30,000 in Pomona was filed yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Anna M. Stentz, formerly Miss Ann M. Head of Ohio, against John J. Myers, O. L. Chumley, Salle T. Sellers and others for the recovery of the property. Attorney Robert G. Loucks appeared for the plaintiff.

It is alleged that John J. Myers, whose name adorns the deeds, is a fictitious person and that the alleged forged deeds were made out by a man named Overholtz, who has just completed a four-year prison term for forging other deeds in Pomona about six years ago. The remarkable feature of the papers filed in the case entered yesterday is that while the deeds are alleged to have been signed in 1903, they were not filed until the latter part of 1909, when the alleged forgery was discovered. The property consists of eighteen acres about a mile from the center of Pomona. It is alleged that eight papers were made out on the property in pursuance of one deed alleged to have been forged, and the plaintiff claims that a woman figured in the alleged forgery as a witness. Besides the return of the property, \$5000 damages are demanded.

#### ELECTION VOID, IS HOWL

F. Winstanley, a member of the firm of the Los Angeles-Denair Farms company, capitalized at \$48,000, sued the company and its directors yesterday on the ground that only 240 shares of stock in the company were represented at a recent meeting for the election of new directors. He asks the court to make void the election of directors and officers and that the latter be restrained from withdrawing funds of the company from a Turlock bank.

#### SANTA MONICA TREASURER INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Bane Charged with Embezzling \$19,000 of City's Funds

An indictment for embezzlement was formally turned in by the grand jury to Judge Wilbur yesterday against Ralph Bane, city treasurer of Santa Monica, who is charged with skipping out to parts unknown and leaving his books in a sadly involved condition. Following the hearing of testimony of nearly a score of witnesses from Santa Monica, a complaint was made out against Bane in which he is charged with embezzling the tidy sum of \$19,000. The sheriff's office has been notified of Bane's disappearance and every effort will be made to bring him to trial and to explain the disappearance of the funds.

#### GOVERNMENT SEEKS LEGAL 'JIMMY' FOR RINDGE GATE

An adjournment in the Rindge estate case now before Special Examiner Leo Longley of the United States circuit court was taken yesterday in order to allow a more thorough examination of maps and records on which hang numerous disputes. The hearing of testimony will be resumed today.

The disposition of the case effects the government's right to enter lands bordering the estate on the east by roads from the coast which are said to have been used by the pioneers of the Santa Monica country before they were closed by order of the executrix of the estate. It is claimed by R. B. Wells, road expert and practical engineer of the department of the interior, that it will cost Uncle Sam \$20,000 to build a road from the interior to the government lands, which will have to be done if the coast roads through the Rindge properties continue closed to them. This road, says Wells, would be four miles in length and through a mountainous country.

#### GRAND JURY IS EXPECTED TO ADJOURN THIS WEEK

There are prospects that the grand jury will turn in its related report to Judge Wilbur tomorrow or Friday, according to information received yesterday as to the progress of auditing the county books. This work already has caused a delay of more than a month beyond the usual time for a grand jury report. Although Judge Bordwell presides over the superior court, having taken this position May 1, the report will be turned in to Judge Wilbur, presiding judge at the time the jury was impaneled. About two weeks ago he gave the investigating body two weeks in which to finish its work, and acting on this "hunch" every effort will be made to conclude the work speedily.

#### DIVORCEE SAYS ADOLPH PAYS HER \$50 PER-HAPS

Adolph Melnecke, charged by his wife with failing to give her \$50 a month as ordered by the court for the support of their children, who was dismissed from one citation Monday for contempt of court, had another issued against him yesterday at the instance of Mrs. Melnecke, from whom he was divorced a year ago. Search was being made for him last night to produce him in court, but it is expected he will show up when he learns he is wanted.

#### DEFENDANT DEAD; CASE OFF

Neither attorney nor defendant was in court yesterday when the trial of Charles Williams, on the charge of shooting Patrolman Sanders, was called by Judge Cole of Imperial, in department eleven of the superior court. Williams died a few weeks ago of tuberculosis in the county jail, and on hearing this the court ordered the case discharged.

#### WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, CUPID?

Divorces filed in the superior court yesterday are as follows: Edith L. Gardner vs. William F. Gardner, Leroy Kalbaugh vs. Lulu Kalbaugh, Matilda Meins vs. Frederick Meins, Etta Willey vs. H. D. Willey, Anna Belle Marble vs. James Silas Marble, Elizabeth F. McGowan vs. William McGowan.

#### THREE MARITAL BONDS BROKEN

Judge Monroe of the superior court yesterday granted three interlocutory decrees of divorce, the following being freed: Charles B. Howe from Alice Howe, on the ground of unfaithfulness; Ira R. Haskins from Edith Q. Haskins, for desertion; Mary Crandall from Frank D. Crandall, for desertion.

#### CLAIMS RANCH IS HERS

Minnie N. Taylor and others are made defendants in a suit for \$2500 filed against them in the United States circuit court yesterday by Edith Warburton Jay, who claims they are unlawfully occupying her ranch in Orange county. The property is valued at \$40,000.

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