

WOMAN AND TWO CHILDREN DISAPPEAR AFTER HOLLYWOOD FIRE

Neighbors Discover Home Ablaze and Mother Gone with Two Children

POSSES ON HUNT IN HILLS

Fear of Violence Alarms Friends, and Police and Deputies Lead Search

Suffering from nervousness so acute that it may have caused dementia, Mrs. A. R. Spencer disappeared from her home, 4312 Santa Monica avenue, Hollywood, yesterday morning, taking her two children with her. A few minutes after she left the house neighbors discovered that it was on fire. The flames were extinguished with slight loss. There were signs that someone had been poured on some of the woodwork and the authorities believe that Mrs. Spencer, in her frenzied condition, tried to burn the house.

CHILDREN TAKEN BY HOLLYWOOD MOTHER WHO FLED FROM HOME



VICTORIA SPENCER AND ALBERT SPENCER

When the excitement attending the fire had subsided, it was reported to the detective department and the sheriff's office that Mrs. Spencer and her children were missing. As she recently was released from an asylum in northern California it is feared that the woman might have taken the children into the mountains north of Hollywood where they may meet with violence. Motorcycle Patrolman Owen and two deputy sheriffs passed the entire afternoon searching the hills for the missing woman and her children. Albert, aged 7, and Victoria, aged 10. An investigation showed that Mrs. Spencer since returning home from the asylum had quarreled violently with her husband on several occasions. According to neighbors, Spencer was never to blame and always sympathized with his wife on account of her affliction. Following these difficulties, it is said, Mrs. Spencer almost invariably deserted her husband for a number of hours, and on one occasion stayed away from her two days. The neighbors believe her disappearance yesterday followed similar trouble at home.

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WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY IN LOS ANGELES

- AMUSEMENTS: Belasco-Blackwood-Belago players in "Sherlock Holmes," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.; Burbank-Moroso players in "An American Widow," 8:15 p. m.; Grand opera house-Ferris Hartman and company in "Scary a Hero," 8:15 p. m.; Olympic-Musical farce, "The Evening of 8-4-7," 7:45 p. m. and 9:15 p. m.; Los Angeles-Vaudiville, 2:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m. and 9:15 p. m.; Luna park-Outdoor amusements, band concert, picture shows and vaudeville, 10 a. m. to midnight; Majestic-Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, 8:15 p. m.; Olympic-Musical farce, "The Evening of 8-4-7," 7:45 p. m. and 9:15 p. m.; Los Angeles-Vaudiville, 2:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m. and 9:15 p. m.; Pantheons-Vaudiville, 2:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m. and 9:15 p. m.; Princess-Musical farce, "Cohen the Frenchman," 8:15 p. m. and 9:15 p. m.; OPERA OF INTEREST TO WOMEN: Votes for Women club, 8 p. m.; 9:15 South Olive street; Lyric club concert, Simpson auditorium, 8 p. m.; Dramatic production, Cumnock hall, 8 p. m.; Orchestral concert, First Congregational church, 8 p. m.; BAZAARS: Oyster supper and bazaar, under auspices Ladies' Aid society, Normandie Avenue Methodist church, in the church, 2 p. m. to 8 p. m.; Tea 2 to 4; Supper 6 to 8; West Thirty-ninth street near Normandie avenue; Bazaar in banquet room, Hotel Alexandria, under auspices Parish Aid society of Christ Episcopal church, afternoon and evening; MISCELLANEOUS: Meeting of Boy's Highways citizens to take action with reference to brickyards in that section of the city, 7:30 p. m., in Stone's hall, First and Chicago streets; First and Chicago streets; No. 25, K. P., nineteenth anniversary celebration, Goldberg-Boyle assembly room, 8 o'clock; Dancing and cards, Gen. J. A. Driftill will be the guest of honor; The annual convention of California Creamery Operators' association opens in assembly room of Los Angeles Producers exchange, 2 p. m.; Session will cover three days; Brooklyn-Evergreen Improvement association meeting at Mayor's street and Forest avenue, 8 p. m.; Garner Curran and H. S. McCullum will speak; Fire commission meeting, 10 a. m., city hall; Semi-annual meeting of the Southern California Medical association, Hayward hotel, 10 a. m.; Fourth Sigma Santa Claus charity ball, Al Malakiah auditorium, tonight; "The Prehistoric Historicity," lecture by Austin Lewis, in Social hall, Labor Temple, 8 p. m.; "Christianity in the Catacombs," illustrated lecture by Rev. L. A. Gould, Y. M. C. A. auditorium, tonight; "Cinderella in Flowerland," Willcox auditorium, Hollywood, under auspices of Hollywood Presbyterian church, tonight.

ARIZONA'S NOTE JUDICIARY RECALL IN CONVENTION

Democrats Firm Despite Statement that Taft Will Veto Statehood Bill

HOT TALK IN CONVENTION

Election System, Public Debt, Revenue and Taxation Propositions Are Adopted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Governor Sloan of Arizona, who called on President Taft today to tell him of the work of the constitutional convention, said the proposed constitution is about the "worst affair ever turned out and objectionable to all classes." He declared he is going back to Arizona to finance and advise the people, confident there had been a "big change in sentiment since the delegates to the convention were elected."

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 7.—Article eight, of Arizona's constitution, providing for the recall of all elective officers, including the judiciary, was adopted finally today as originally introduced in the executive committee, after being subjected to more strenuous assaults than any other proposed portion of the constitution. In the concluding debate to exclude judges from the recall the names of President Taft, Senator Bailey and Governor Sloan were used, and the argument was heated and caustic. Democratic members pledged to the recall stood throughout like a stone wall against assaults from the recallers. An effort to amend the constitution to provide for the recall of the judiciary was defeated by a vote of 10 to 10. The convention then adopted the original article, 38 to 9, one Democrat, Arthur H. Crocker, county, voting with the Republicans.

Before the final vote was taken, "Tut" Hill again read an excerpt from Taft's message to congress relating to independence of the judiciary, concluding with the query: "Do you think that man will approve a constitution with the recall of judges included?" Prominent Democrats in the convention expressed regret tonight over the attack made by Parsons of Cochise on Senator Bailey. A telegram from the Texas senate, which had advised Democrats not to place anything "debatable" in the constitution, Parsons declared that if the country had been searched with a fine net, the appropriate man to send such a suggestion could not have been found. He questioned Bailey's Democracy and said he did not represent the voters of the Texas constituency. Cunniff of Yavapai defended Bailey, declaring that while he could not follow this advice, he characterized Bailey as the ablest, bravest and most patriotic of men. Articles providing for an election system, public debt, revenue and taxation were given final adoption, after exemptions in the taxation measure, including the Y. M. C. De's like organizations had been eliminated and left to the legislature.

At the opening of the night session County of Greenlee county moved to have the entire debate on the recall expunged from the verbatim report. Baker protested vigorously, declaring it was cowardly erasing and the convention should stand on its record. The motion was lost by a heavy vote. The convention devoted over two hours sitting as committee of the whole in consideration of the remainder of the constitution, section by section. Only two articles remain, and these will be concluded tomorrow, when the convention will adopt finally the remaining articles. The constitution comprises a preamble and twenty-two articles.

'THOU SHALT NOT TREAT' TACOMA COMMANDMENT

TACOMA, Dec. 7.—An anti-treating ordinance was adopted by the city commission today making it a crime for any person to buy for another person a misdemeanor. The measure was introduced by Mayor Fawcett and supported by two of the four commissioners. It goes into effect within ten days. The ordinance is generally considered a joke but the mayor declares he will see that it is enforced.

MASKED MEN HOLD UP HOTEL CLERK—STEAL \$60

H. A. Lee, night clerk of the Hotel Woodward, 421 West Eighth street, was held up in the office of the hotel at 1:45 this morning by two masked men who at pistols' point forced him to give them the contents of a money drawer amounting to about \$60. The men backed out of the hotel office and escaped.

On His Last Legs



TARIFF FIGHT IS BEGUN IN HOUSE

Sulzer Wants to Repeal Duty on Meat—Hale Delays Payne Bill Onslaught

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Invoking the rules of the senate, Senator Hale forced today a delay of at least twenty-four hours in the introduction of Senator Cummins' resolution regulating the consideration of tariff legislation and providing that when an amendment to any schedule of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill is under consideration no amendment relating to any other schedules shall be in order. The first effort made in the present session of the house to have a change made in the tariff law was by the introduction today by Representative Sulzer of New York of a bill to repeal the duty on meats and cattle. "In view of the fact that the meat trust is selling meat cheaper by from 8 to 15 cents a pound in London than in the United States," said Mr. Sulzer, "it seems that all meats should be on the free list."

SMUGGLED CHINESE SECRETED BY CARGO

Cubical Space in Steamer's Freight Holds Orientals

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—Investigations conducted today into the attempt to smuggle into San Francisco of eight Chinese coolies and seven Chinese girls from the steamship Manchuria failed to fix responsibility for the plot. An examination of the girls, whose ages range from 13 to 15, ended without adding to the information already gained by the customs officials. Local police and federal officers are searching for two white men who rounded the contraband Chinese to shore Sunday night. It is known these men were the ones who went aboard the vessel and liberated the prisoners from their dungeon in the hold of the ship. No explanation has yet been offered as to how the men passed the customs inspectors, quartermasters and ship's watchmen and let the men and girls over the side of the vessel without being detected.

AEROIST SETS WORLD PACE AT 87.93 MILES AN HOUR

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Rene Barrier established a world's record this afternoon when he flew more than sixteen miles in 10 minutes 55.1 seconds, thereby winning \$5000 offered by a newspaper. He outwinged John B. Moisant, who blazed the way over the course, by nearly eight minutes. Both used Bleriot monoplane.

BIPLANE GOES DEAD IN AIR; MAKES STARTLING DESCENT

Weather conditions were almost perfect. The air was cool, but a bright sun was shining and there was just the suggestion of a breeze. Charles K. Hamilton, in his heavier biplane, missed death narrowly and in his effort performed a spectacular feat of airmanship. He outwinged John B. Moisant, who blazed the way over the course, by nearly eight minutes. Both used Bleriot monoplane.

LOS ANGELES RANKS SECOND IN BUILDING GAIN FOR NOVEMBER

(Special to The Herald) CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The American contractors' resume of November of building in forty-seven large cities, just made public, shows a 3 per cent total decrease from November of last year. Half the cities show gains. Toledo leads with 173 per cent gain. Los Angeles is second with 66 per cent. Columbus 64 per cent, and Atlanta 55 per cent.

FOOTPADS KIDNAP VICTIM IN AUTO

Forced to enter an automobile by two armed men who brandished revolvers and held him up at Thirty-ninth and Hill streets, E. G. Wolfskill, living at 3311 South Hill street, was kidnaped within fifty feet of his home last night, taken to Forty-fifth street and South Park avenue, and robbed of \$10.50. He was then dumped out of the auto and forced to walk to his home.

CONGRESS GIVES \$270,000 FOR LOS ANGELES HARBOR

Los Angeles harbor gets \$270,000 in the congressional appropriation for rivers and harbors, according to a telegram received in this city yesterday from Congressman James McLachlan at Washington. The sum will be used to complete the harbor entrance up to and including the turning basin, which will have depth of thirty feet. Channels 200 feet wide and twenty feet deep from the turning basin through the east and west basins will also be made out of the appropriation. The telegram follows: "Los Angeles harbor gets \$270,000 in this bill to complete entrance up to and including turning basin to a depth of thirty feet, and also to complete channels from turning basin through east and west basin 200 feet wide and twenty feet deep."

PASADENA GETS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

PASADENA, Dec. 8.—Pasadena will entertain the 1911 convention of the National Library association beginning May 13, according to advices received here yesterday. It is planned to hold the sessions in the Hotel Maryland amphitheater, now under construction. Miss Helen Haines, former officer of the association and assistant at the local library; Miss Nellie Russ, local librarian, and Purd B. Wright, librarian of Los Angeles, have been working for some time to have Pasadena named as the meeting place.

RUMOR LINKS CASTELLANE'S NAME WITH PARIS SUICIDE

PARIS, Dec. 7.—A rumor was current tonight that a Frenchman, well known in aristocratic and political circles, had committed suicide. The report associated the tragedy with the name of Count Boni de Castellane, but no reason for this was forthcoming and no confirmation whatever could be obtained.

WALDORF ASTOR IS ELECTED AS M. P.

Expatriated American Wins in England—Unionists Gain Six, Lose Two Seats

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The standing of the parties at the close of today's polling was: Government coalition—Liberals, 133; Irish Nationalists, 38; Laborites, 28; total, 184. Opposition—Unionists, 170. The Unionists secured six gains in today's pollings, the results of which were announced tonight, and suffered a loss of only two seats. They thus return to the position held before yesterday's voting. The Unionist total gains for the four days are 18, the Liberal gains are 11 and the Labor 4. Among the Nationalists the O'Brianites hold five seats. The most notable Unionist victory was in Cardiff, which has gone Unionist only once in twenty-five years. This victory was largely due to the personal popularity of Lord Crichton-Stuart, who overcame a Liberal majority of 155, winning by 299, and the withdrawal from politics of the old member, D. A. Thomas, who was replaced the Liberal interest by Sir C. Hyde.

REVOLUTIONISTS MENACE RESIDENTS IN HONDURAS

PUERTO CORTEZ Heavily Garrisoned in Anticipation of Attack

MEMPHIS REPORTS MURDERED BY THIEVES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Fourteen Shoshone Indians are supposed to have been killed and their bodies with those of their horses to have been buried in two trenches in Elk county, Nev., according to a communication sent to the department of justice by T. Barley Lee, prosecuting attorney for Cassia county, Idaho, who seeks to have the department aid in bringing the murderers, who are said to be white horse thieves, to justice.

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MINORITY READY TO FIGHT

Resolution Demanding Dismissal of Cabinet Member May Be Introduced

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Ballinger-Finchot investigating committee, after eleven months' work, made its final report to congress today. In the opinion of seven Republican members, a majority of the committee, Secretary Ballinger "honestly and faithfully performed the duties of his high office, with an eye single to the public interest." In the opinion of the four Democrats, Mr. Ballinger has not been true to the trust reposed in him as secretary of the interior, and that he was required by the proper authorities to resign. Both reports, with the independent report of Representative Madison, insurgent Republican, also adverse to Mr. Ballinger, were offered in the senate by Senator Nelson and in the house by Representative McCall. Their presentation followed a meeting of the full committee.

REPORTS ON EQUAL FOOTING

It was agreed after the majority report had been adopted that all three should be presented at once in each house and printed together.

Under this arrangement the dissenting reports are given equal standing with the majority report in before two houses. An order for thirty thousand copies of the report was made by the senate. Senator Fletcher said later that steps would be taken by the Democrats to bring about action in accordance with the recommendation in their report. The recommendation for the removal of Secretary Ballinger as "not deserving of the public confidence" and recommends "that he should be requested by the proper authorities to resign his office of secretary of the interior."

MAJORITY VOTE IN HOUSE

An effort undoubtedly will be made to put the house on record as to its opinion of the majority report. Some of the Democratic members favor demanding consideration of the report at the first opportunity following up their demand with an appeal from the decision of the speaker and his committee rule them out of order.

ANIMOSITY IS ASSERTED

In speaking of the "animosity" created by differences respecting the conservation of natural resources, the majority with the committee said the charges evidently had this policy deeply at heart and were "evidently disposed to take a most unfavorable view of the character and motives of anyone whom they supposed to be opposed to their views. They thus came to regard Mr. Ballinger with suspicion and to regard the most natural and innocent action of the ordinary course of department administration as furnishing evidence of some sinister purpose."

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