

THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL

Misfortunes of Estrella Belinfante Are Duly Related.

DYING FROM SLOW STARVATION.

Appeals to Her Husband, Who Squandered Her Fortune, Made in Vain.

MANAGERS REFUSED TO EMPLOY HER.

Painful Experience of the Noted Contralto, Which Led Up to the Desire to Die.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—About a year and a half ago the noted contralto, Estrella Belinfante, and Willis Edminster were united in matrimony at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, San Francisco.

After marriage went to the Savoy. After a few weeks in San Francisco, during which the singer became well known, they left for the East.

Edminster seems since then to have gained possession of \$15,000 of his wife's money and squandered it with a theatrical company.

The opera-singer was to-day visited by scores of people who had read the story of her slow starvation.

She improved some, but is still very weak. Mrs. Giannini of San Francisco, now here, has been caring for her baby.

Mrs. Belinfante talked feebly while lying in a mass of pillows. "I couldn't beg," she said; "it was too awful. And I couldn't steal. I was desperate. I had given up to die, and death would have been a most welcome relief."

I went to Boston a week ago to see Mr. Higginson, manager of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, to secure an engagement with him. Ugh! and she gave a little shudder, "the horrid man! He wouldn't even see me. He thought I wanted to beg. Foolishly I wrote him a note, telling him my serious straits. I and Giannini (Giannini is her accomplice) came back to New York. I went to Giannini's house to see my baby—the poor little thing!"

Here she almost wept. "He said he hadn't a cent left to buy the baby milk with. I took my fur cape out and pawned it for \$15. I gave \$10 to Mrs. Giannini. Then I went into the drug store and bought some morphine. I had resolved if it came to the worst to end it in that way."

The following letter to her husband, which were found tightly clasped to her bosom when she was discovered by her maid, and which evidently had been written just before she left Barrington, hold a tragedy in their lines:

Dear Willis—I have returned from Boston. There is no news from you—no letter, no telegram, no anything. What am I to think? The world looks very dark to me, dear one, but I cannot believe you would cruelly desert me. There is some dreadful mistake. I am sorry I opened my heart to you. I am sorry I thought I ought to have known in this dreadful money-making America poverty is the worst thing. Mr. Higginson, no doubt, thought me to beg—I, who would not ask for a crust except for the child. To interest him in my helpless condition and instead of sending him if it turned his mean soul to stone. The fact that I did not bear up very bravely you must forgive. You did not realize what an effort it was to put aside my own ambition in order to read or write within an arm's length of my child. I am sorry I have been so artistically starved. Not a helping hand has been sent out to me in my career.

The fact that I would not use my blindness as a means of advertisement has practically helped to ruin me. It is hard to see just enough to read or write within an arm's length of my child, yet not to be able to move around on my own feet. Still it has been a life, a walk across a stage. Still it has been a life, a walk across a stage. Still it has been a life, a walk across a stage.

Added to the note was the following: Darling: I will try to take my own life, if I have not done so already. I have not the strength to live any longer. I have no money, no one to help me, and I am alone. I have no one to help me, and I am alone. I have no one to help me, and I am alone.

Mr. Edminster is playing at present in Chicago in a melodrama entitled "Straight From the Heart," the piece in which he has squandered his wife's fortune. The irony of the thing is this young woman, who, starving to death in a land of plenty, made her debut in Washington at the Executive Mansion by Mrs. McKinley's invitation in May last, when she sang "Daddy" especially for the Presidential herald of prosperity. The press, of course, very generally spoke of her fine voice with enthusiasm. At that time it was believed that Mrs. Belinfante had scored a triumph.

"There are wealthy men and women in New York," she said, "who knew my needs, yet I would not help me. I have no kindness in America, but in the good old Italy and the Hoodlums. I am my own Italy no one could starve."

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs of my country recommended me especially to the Italian Ambassador. I appeared before him, saying I should starve, and had my little girl with me. No notice was taken of it. I had letters to Colonel Higginson of the Boston Symphony Society from Miss Waldo Emerson's daughter. What more could I need? Yet what did it avail me? "Did I suffer? Were you ever hungry? Oh, it was awful. The pains. Why, I dreamed one night that eagles were tearing out my vitals with their claws. In

CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE WORK

Opposition Shown to the Licensing Scheme Advocated by Lady Somerset.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 25.—The world's convention of the W. C. T. U. is at its height here. It was stated with positiveness that the executive committee on Friday had elected Lady Somerset vice-president, but the announcement will be withheld till to-morrow in order to avoid discussion.

The program day's session was opened with the pavilion crowded to the doors. Mrs. Sanderson read her report as treasurer. The financial statement covered the period from June 1, 1896, to May 31, 1897. The total receipts were \$2081, with disbursements of \$2082.

Mrs. Josephine Butler, who was to have read an address on "Promotion of Social Purity," sent a letter of regret from Switzerland. She avowed her unalterable antagonism to the licensing scheme advocated by Lady Somerset, and said that if there was any compromise or swerving or undecisive leadership with regard to the social purity movement she would be obliged to sever her connection.

A long letter was read from Lady Henry Somerset containing expressions of regret at her inability to take her accustomed place in the convention on account of her recent illness.

This afternoon's session was held in the pavilion and the edifice was thronged. Paper on scientific temperance instruction was read by Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, who was followed by Mrs. Wilber G. Crafts in a treatise on Sunday-school work.

The program was then changed in order to introduce Miss Westover of the New York Tribune, who addressed the convention on "Good Humor in the Temperance Work Among Women." She was followed by her fascinating sister-in-law, Miss Westover, who spoke on his personal experience as a miner and a pioneer in the West.

Miss Anna A. Gordon presented her report on the juvenile work, of which she is superintendent. Other interesting reports were made.

General Cavillo Killed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—A special from Havana says: An official dispatch from Managua announces the death of Brigadier-General Castillo, who had been in command of the insurgent forces. The body is now being brought to Havana. The Spanish forces under General Ruano killed him.

DR. BROWN AND THE BAY CONFERENCE

An Interesting Congregational Council to Convene at Chicago.

Ministers of the Opinion That the Less Publicly Given the Better for the Church.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The most important Congregational council convened since the famous Beecher council in Brooklyn will begin its sessions in this city to-morrow morning. It will be composed of the following clergymen: Dr. N. Boynton, Detroit; Dr. M. Burnham, St. Louis; Dr. Arthur Little, Boston; Dr. G. H. Ide, Milwaukee; Dr. Don Braden, Grand Rapids; Dr. R. Merrill, Minneapolis; Dr. J. T. Blanchard, Aurora; and Dr. J. A. Waterman, the Rev. J. B. Sisco, Dr. Philip Kropp and Dr. G. R. Wallace of Chicago.

The council is to consider the complaint of Dr. O. Brown, late of San Francisco, against the Bay Conference, which, he charges, injured and wronged him in suspending him without proper grounds, and by improper methods, after a council had accepted him in charge of immorality. Dr. Brown will be assisted by the Rev. J. A. Adams of Chicago and the Bay Conference will be represented by Dr. J. K. McLean, Dr. G. B. Hatch and the Rev. C. R. Brown, Ill., and Dr. J. A. Waterman.

Whether the case will be considered with open or closed doors.

There was a stir at the Congregational ministers' weekly meeting to-day when word of the coming of the council was received. The fact that the association request the Dr. O. Brown trial board to admit ministers to the deliberations of the conference during the hearing. The motion was withdrawn, as it was vigorously opposed, it being the sentiment of many that the less publicity the proceedings received the better it would be for the church.

LEAVES THE CHURCH.

One More Result of the Great Princeton Liquor License Scandal.

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 25.—Rev. Charles W. Suides, LL.D., professor of harmony of science and revealed religion in Princeton College, this afternoon announced his withdrawal from the Presbyterian church.

For years he has been one of Princeton's most respected and popular professors and members of the faculty and others of his friends regret his action, news of which was received with profound surprise in both university and church circles.

His resignation was due directly to the results of his signing a petition to license the Princeton Inn to sell liquor last May. He and other signers of the petition, including Professors Rockwood and Maynard and Grover Cleveland, were severely criticized, and, through many ministers and religious and other papers upheld the petitioners, the Synod of New Jersey last week passed resolutions condemning their action.

Nonn Eids a Stake Winner.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The Lorillard-Beresford stable's three-year-old chestnut colt, Quibble II, by Sensation, out of Quandy, won the Newmarket maiden plate to-day. There were six starters. The colt finished second and Bonafide third. Quibble II was ridden by Tod Sloan, the American jockey.

Gold From the Antipodes.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Oct. 25.—The steamer Mariposa, Captain Harvard, which sailed from this port to-day for San Francisco, takes \$7,750,000 to the United States.

EBANKS TO BE RESENTENCED.

Judge Torrance Orders His Return to San Diego County.

SAN DIEGO, Oct. 25.—Judge Torrance has issued an order for the return of Joe Ebanks on November 2, to be resentenced to death. The order will hasten matters in the contempt case of Acting Warden Edgar of San Quentin, cited to appear in court because why he should not be punished for not having hanged the murderer.

Justice Fullert Resigns.

SAN RAFAEL, Oct. 25.—Justice of the Peace Thomas Fullert of Mill Valley tendered his resignation to the board of Supervisors to-day and it was accepted. It is probable that Oscar Callister of Mill Valley will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

United to Interfere.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The United States Supreme Court to-day refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Henry Craemer, who is under sentence of death for murder in the State of Washington, affirming the decision of the Washington Circuit Court in refusing to interfere.

Uranus Hatched a Member.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Evan Holbrook of Stanford University, has been elected a member of the governing committee which will direct the meets of the reorganized Western Intercollegiate Association.

Well-Known Minister Dead.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Rev. John Slough-ton, D.D., the well-known Congregational minister, is dead. He was born at Norwich in 1807.

FLOWERS GIVEN TO SCHELLER

Tribute From a Fair Sympathizer With Dutcher.

Fashionably Dressed Woman Lays a Bouquet Before the Lawyer.

Counsel for the People Begins Its Argument for the Choreboy's Death.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

SAN JOSE, Oct. 25.—Argument in the trial of Dan Dutcher for killing George W. Schofield was opened this morning by Deputy District Attorney Partridge. Judge Lorigan's courtroom was crowded with spectators, an unusually large number of women being present.

Dutcher's father and sister sat beside him, while Miss Leona Schofield and Mrs. Clark Johnson, daughters of the murdered man, occupied seats near District Attorney Scheller. Just before the opening of court a pretty and stylishly dressed young woman walked up and laid a beautiful bouquet of flowers on the desk before Attorney Scheller, counsel for Dutcher, but retired before her identity could be learned.

Deputy District Attorney Partridge said he would open the case by going over the testimony presented and would leave the argument for District Attorney Herrington to make. He said the testimony of Mrs. Schofield and Dutcher could not be relied upon, for they had perjured themselves at the coroner's inquest by telling the jury they had no recollection of the murder. They had lied then and why would they not again lie at the defendant's trial in order to save their own lives? He said:

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OFFICERS CLASH WITH MEXICANS

Battle Fought on the Desert West of Yuma.

Striking Railway Employees Resist a Sheriff's Posse.

Several Members of the Mob Shot Down and One Deputy Wounded.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

YUMA, Oct. 25.—A bloody battle was fought at Mammoth Tank, forty-five miles west of Yuma, this afternoon at 3:30, between Yuma County officers and 200 striking railroad employes. The strikers are Mexicans from Sonora, and speak no English. The officers were not in the county to quell the disturbance, but were in search of Juan Jueves, who murdered a Mexican at Fortuna, this county, several years ago. It is thought he participated in to-day's battle at Mammoth Tank, but when the officers reached there they had not one man, although himself desperate, to capture, but a mob of 250 infuriated Mexican strikers to subdue.

Deputy Sheriff George Wilder and James Jones were met at Mammoth Tank by Sheriff Mel Greenleaf, who was on the eastbound passenger train, returning home from Los Angeles, where a telegram reached him informing him to stop at the point of disturbance, join his subordinates and arrest the instigators and leaders of the trouble. The mob of 250 Mexicans were gathered two or three hundred yards from the track where they were armed with all manner of weapons.

The foreman who had charge of the section pointed out the three leaders of the strikers and the officers attempted to arrest them. In the fight which followed Deputy George Wilder was left on the ground for dead. Deputy Jones, whose gun had been knocked from his grasp, reached the express car and obtained the messenger's shotgun, with which he fired into the desperate crowd.

Shot after shot was poured into the strikers and several men fell, how many is not known. The officers, realizing their inability to cope with the Mexican horde, secured their dear heads and retreated. They knew not when they retreated and the train. The run into Yuma was made as rapidly as possible and a large posse is now forming to wreak vengeance upon the men the officers tried so hard to get.

Wilder will not die probably, although his wounds, which it seems were all inflicted with rocks, are desperate. More troops are being sent to the scene, and it is thought the men the officers tried so hard to get.

However, Minister Baker Interfered and Caused the Release of the Accused Man.

Special Correspondence of THE CALL.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, Oct. 11.—John Augustine, an American citizen, was arrested at San Carlos, at the mouth of the San Juan River, on September 24, by order of President Zelaya's brother, and without any pretense of a trial was imprisoned in the penitentiary. Mr. Augustine was formerly United States Consul at Bluefields, Mosquito Territory, and is at present in charge of the Navigation Company's steamers on the San Juan River. About October 3 Mr. Augustine succeeded in sending word of his imprisonment to the United States Consul at Managua, who, it is now claimed, informed the prisoner that he could do nothing for him, citing, it is alleged, the instance of two tramps from the United States who had been arrested several months ago for cause, and who were shipped out of the country.

However, about October 5 the fact of Mr. Augustine's arrest became known to United States Minister Baker, who wrote to President Zelaya on the subject, with the result that the prisoner was allowed to leave the penitentiary on parole, with orders not to leave the city of Managua.

The facts in the case seem to be that a Government official of Nicaragua, several days previous to the arrest of Mr. Augustine, had forcibly taken possession of the steamers of the Navigation Company and was running them to suit himself. On September 17 Mr. Augustine was ordered by a Government official to direct the movements of the boats, apparently for the purpose of getting the company to feed and pay the men on board. But Mr. Augustine refused to do unless the boats were turned over to the company and he received orders from the latter to comply with the Government's demand. Under these circumstances, Mr. Augustine requested the Nicaragua military officer commanding at Fort San Carlos to telegraph to the company for instructions. But instead, it is asserted, this officer telegraphed something to his superior officer, which caused an order for the arrest of Mr. Augustine to be issued, "whether he is a citizen of the United States or not."

LOST IN THE WILDS OF NEW MEXICO

Prospector Wanders for Three Days Without Food or Water.

Adventure of G. A. Schilling, Ex-Secretary of the Illinois Labor Bureau.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

LORDSBURG, N. MEX., Oct. 25.—G. A. Schilling, secretary of the Labor Bureau of Illinois under Algeid, who is now mining at Gold Hill, twelve miles north-east of this place, just had a narrow escape from death. On Friday morning he left Speed's ranch, seven miles from the camp of Gold Hill, to walk home. He saw a mountain that he thought was the one which overlooked the camp, and climbed it. When he looked down on the other side he could not see the camp, and then he knew that he was lost.

Schilling kept on traveling until dark, and then made a fire and slept by it. On Saturday morning he started again in the hope of reaching a railroad track which he could follow into Lordsburg. He found a ranch building at noon, and was greatly surprised to find a man and a woman driving there. That afternoon he found a prickly pear bush that was so shaded that the pears had not ripened. He ate of them and the prickly pear saved his life.

Schilling again started for the railroad track, and in about three hours came to the same bush again. He took the rest of the pears and again struck out southward. He kept on until he had no more strength, and he had to camp again, with nothing to eat and nothing to drink. Yesterday morning he got over the range of mountains that had separated him from the railroad track and saw a train passing. He was twenty miles from the track, but bravely started for it, reaching it in the afternoon. He found some wet mud in a cleft, into which he thrust his feet and hands, getting some relief.

No trains came along and he started to walk into Lordsburg. After traveling four miles he looked around and thought he saw a body of water behind him. He started back and found he had seen a train. He then concluded to wait until night and walk into Lordsburg in the cool of the evening. After lying under a cleft in the railroad track for some hours he heard a horse and wagon. He looked up and saw a man and a woman driving along. He went out and hailed them and commenced telling his story. Before he had completed a couple of sentences the man thrust a bottle of water toward him, and he declares it was the most palatable drink he ever tasted. The first bottle was followed by two others, and his rescuers gave him food and brought him into town. Schilling is very ill as the result of his suffering.

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