

CONFESSION WHILE YOU ARE WAITING

How Yellow Journalists Harrow the Soul of Guilt.

Ten Thousand Dollars Offered Hoff to Declare Himself a Murderer.

Told He Might Have a Lawyer With a Pull and Wits to Suit.

LAWYERS IN ODD ROLES.

Trying to Sell a Statement Condemning the Man They Are Paid for Defending.

The business of wresting confessions from the unwilling bosoms in which they lie only awaiting a hypnotic touch to spring out as declarations dripping with gore received an airing last night. It is a queer business, anyhow, had excited a measure of interest, and the public was glad to learn the particulars. The modern style of yellow journalism keeps an expert who devotes himself mainly to the harrowing up the souls of accused people, inducing them to expose themselves to contumely and the bodies wherein they are tenants, to such exigencies as hanging.

In the investigation of Attorney Benjamin W. McIntosh before Superior Judge Cook upon the charge of an attempt to sell an alleged confession of his client—for short, Albert Hoff, the evidence adduced tended to show that Hoff, like Hamlet's mother, had been called upon to confess himself to heaven, and to "repent what's past, avoid what is to come."

Attorney W. H. Schooler, the leading counsel in the defense of Hoff against the charge of the murder of Mrs. Mary Clute, and with whom McIntosh was associated in the case, in connection with Attorney E. J. Hill, appeared as counsel for McIntosh in the investigation. In his evidence as given last night he told of an interview that he had had with Hoff, in which the prisoner described to him a certain visit that had been paid him by John F. Connors, confession editor of the Examiner. Connors, he said, had offered the prisoner the magnificent sum of \$10,000 in greenbacks to make to him an up-to-date, sensational confession for the exclusive use of the paper.

This had been previously denied by Connors when he was upon the stand, and also in a degree by W. F. Brit, an amateur in the confession line, who stated that he was present during the greater part of the interview between Connors and Hoff. This interview was held in the City Jail.

The investigation was begun promptly at 7:30 o'clock, with District Attorney Barnes for the prosecution. Hoff, the alleged murderer, was in the court, silent but interested spectator of the proceedings. Attorney McIntosh entered the court about five minutes after it had been called to order. He took



THE CONFESSION EDITOR AND HIS METHODS.

a seat by Hoff, near Attorneys Schooler and Hill, and the quartet engaged in much whispered conversation.

The content of court proceedings upon which McIntosh had been summoned cited at some length that he had failed to maintain the respect due the court, and that he had failed to maintain inviolate its confidence and secrets and that he had told Connors that Hoff had confessed his guilt, and offered for a consideration of money to sell it. Summons had also been issued for Attorney Edgar B. Raymond, but the court officials had been unable to find him. The content of court proceedings against him set forth with much legal verbiage that he was guilty of interference with the proceedings of the court, calculated to prevent the securing of a jury to try the cause, and to improperly influence those that had already been sworn.

McIntosh presented an affidavit which was read by his counsel, it being his answer to the charges as set forth in the affidavit of Connors. In it he denied in general and particular the charges embodied in Connors'

Connors, in the affidavit he filed with Judge Cook, stated in substance that he had met McIntosh on March 13, and that he had had an interview with him in the presence of Edgar B. Raymond, in which he offered to sell Hoff's confession to the Examiner for \$2,000. Raymond had been acting as McIntosh's agent, and he had intimidated to Con-



Actress Who Kisses Divinely.

Mile. Anna Held, who bathes in milk and kisses divinely, is on her way here to open at the Baldwin Theater at the conclusion of the present engagement of Joseph Holland.

That Miss Held should be on her way here is nothing very remarkable nor is the fact that she is going to play at the Baldwin a subject of comment. There have been other theatrical stars of more or less magnitude who have been on their way to this city before now and who have not only kissed divinely, but who have bathed in champagne as well as milk. Consequently it is not that Miss Held is coming that excites interest, but the manner of her coming. She will arrive here in a style never before indulged in by even the greatest of her profession, and when her attendants as well as her surroundings are considered it is a safe bet that nothing will follow that will equal her until circus season again approaches. Miss Held travels in a private car of passing magnificence and her companions are a parrot, that swears with fluency in several modern and one or two ancient languages; a pair of monkeys of the long-tailed and bewiskered variety; two cats, and a small dog, who serve to make things interesting when the fair Held is suffering from ennui produced by long vistas of sage brush and alkali.

The car in which Miss Held not only travels but in which she lives is probably the most elegant of its kind on wheels. It was originally built by the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company of

Wilmington, Del., on an order from Lilian Langtry and cost \$27,000. It was secured by Miss Held from the Jersey Lilly's representatives for the modest sum of \$22,000.

The interior of the car resembles a luxuriously furnished flat more than anything else, in which a sumptuously furnished reception room, a cozy dining-room, sleeping apartments and buffet. The furnishings and upholstery of the entire car are on a scale of magnificence bordering on the extravagant and not one detail of comfort is lacking.

Adjoining the reception room is the private apartment of Miss Held herself. It is upholstered in silk and stored beneath the bed is the bath tub, in which each

morning this Venus of the stage arises from her sea of milk. The washstand is of solid silver and the supports of the mirror are of the same costly metal.

Brussels carpets cover the floors of all the rooms and silk portieres abound at the doors and entrance. Statuary and rare bits of art fill up odd corners, while a piano is to be found at one end of the reception room.

Altogether it is a veritable fairy palace on wheels and one that the cost of maintaining would provide with the necessities of life many a poor family who never dream of the luxury contained in the house near the railroad tracks on the outskirts of the big Eastern cities.

Thomas Garrett, a large man, understood to be the city editor of the Examiner, followed next and told the court of Hoff's visit to his office in his efforts to sell the confession. He said he had said to Hoff that it was not worth the price; that it was not as interesting as some other confessions that he might have been given. Finally, upon being pushed by Hoff for some definite answer, he had told him that he must wait twenty-four hours for his decision, as he desired time to think. That was the shortest space of time, as a well-balanced and rational city editor, in which he could hope to arrive at any conclusions from his thinking.

Attorney Schooler after being sworn stated that McIntosh had been associated in the defense of Hoff with himself ever since the preliminary examination. He had been told by McIntosh that Hoff had something of importance to tell him, and that he had gone to see his client. Hoff told him of the visit that he had received from Connors and of the offer of \$10,000 that had been made for a confession.

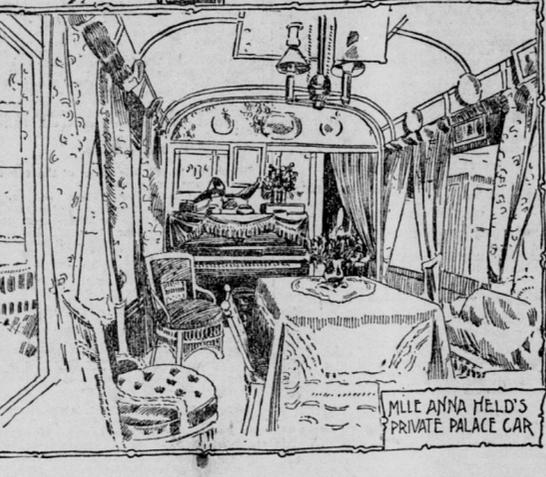
Hoff then told Schooler that Connors had said to him: "I have come to see you as your friend. I want to help you. Now, you are guilty; everybody knows it and believes it, and I want you to confess it all to me. I will be your comforter. I will get you a lawyer who has a pull and I will furnish you with witnesses who will have influence with the jury. Do not refuse my offer."

"On this side" (and the confession editor pointed to the outside of the prison walls) "lies freedom, while there" (and he motioned in an ominous way to the dreaded St. Quentin) "is the gallows and death."

Then Hoff says the magnanimous confession editor pulled from his coat-pocket a much-battered Bible, one of those that have been given to many a criminal woman, who had made an exclusive confession to him, and placing the holy book upon his knee told Hoff to place his hand upon the Bible, and swear by Almighty God in heaven that you killed Mrs. Mary Clute.

Quick and sharp, with no hesitancy, Hoff swore, but his words set the cold chills down the confession editor's back, for upon his ears fell the statement, "I killed before God that I did not kill Mrs. Clute."

This ended the taking of testimony last night. It will be resumed this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when it is the intention of the court to have Raymond present if he can be found. Hoff was not allowed to go upon the stand.



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BABCOCK IS AFTER WEBSTER

Funds of the Teachers' Institute Are Under Investigation.

The Ex-Superintendent Claims That His Successor Has Been Derelict.

The old score between Superintendent of Schools Webster and ex-Superintendent of Schools Madison Babcock will probably come to the front within the next few days as a result of the recent investigations.

When Superintendent Webster was decided by the courts to be entitled to his seat he made severe strictures on his predecessor in office, who had contested his right to hold the superintendency.

Since that time Mr. Babcock has kept a wary eye on Mr. Webster, and now thinks that he has found a flaw in the latter's career which he can use to the records to ascertain how the funds of the San Francisco Teachers' Institute have been expended. He claims that \$300 was expended during the session of the State Institute that was properly charged to that institution, but that was paid by the City Institute.

Mr. Babcock is also investigating other bills which Superintendent Webster has presented. He claims that Superintendent Webster has not paid proper attention to the handling of Teachers' Institute funds.

Not a Stool Pigeon. Charles Wingus, the hackman who drove the parties who kidnaped the Chinese girl last week, denies the statement given out by the police that he was an informant to them in regard to the matter. He asserts that he is no stool pigeon and can't see where the police got the story, unless they dreamed it. Wingus claims that the only thing he told the policeman at the station was that the white man had said he was a deputy sheriff from San Jose and had the Chinese under arrest. This information he gave upon being asked by the officer, who thought the actions of the people suspicious.

Love, Courtship and Marriage. At the First Presbyterian Church last evening Dr. E. R. Dille delivered the second series of a course of lectures following Hon. Irving M. Scott on "Love, Courtship and Marriage." In the usual strain of eloquence the benefits of marriage when brought about by honorable conditions were gone into, and the speaker often referred to the happiness which comes to mankind through these conditions. The lecture will be followed on the evening of March 23 by Dr. E. S. Chapin on "The Stones Crying Out."

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SAN FRANCISCO'S CHARTER FINISHED

The Freeholders Have Finally Concluded Their Labors.

Hasset's Scheme to Invest the Mayor With Appointment of Commissioners Frustrated.

The fifteen Freeholders wound up their labors yesterday and turned the work over to the pruning committee. This body will meet to-day and continue the work of revising the charter until it is complete, when it will be filed with the Recorder and Mayor.

Yesterday's work was devoted to fixing salaries and putting odds and ends together. At the afternoon session M. C. Hasset appeared with a trick card up his sleeve by which Mayor Phelan's successor would have the appointment of all the commissioners enumerated in the charter. If Mr. Hasset's scheme had carried the commissioners would all take office on the first Monday in July, 1899, or six months before the provisions of the charter would go into effect as regards the officers elected under it.

Freeholder Taylor saw through Mr. Hasset's game and was not shy to characterize it as being a bald-headed political job. He spoke his mind fully and freely on the absurdity of the scheme, and as a result the motion was withdrawn by Mr. Thompson, who had introduced it.

The subjoined is a partial schedule of the salaries fixed on some of the principal officers of the city:

The Police and Fire Commissioners receive \$100 a month each.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department and the Chief of Police get \$4,000 each; first and second engineers of the Fire Department, \$1,800 each; battalion captains of the same department, \$1,500 each.

Four Police Judges, who will be elected for four years, at \$2,000 each; City Attorney, elected for two years, at a salary of \$2,000, with four assistants, one at \$2,000, one at \$1,500 and one at \$1,000 per year.

The District Attorney, elected for two years, at a salary of \$2,000. His assistants, three of whom will have \$300 each and the other four at \$240 each. Those will have charge of the police courts.

The County Clerk to be elected and hold for two years at a salary of \$4,000. His assistants, which will be provided for by the Civil Service Commissioners, except two, are rated as follows: Chief clerk at \$1,800, twelve assistant register clerks at \$1,200, twelve assistant bookkeepers for Police Courts at \$1,000.

The Sheriff to be elected for two years, at a salary of \$2,000. His assistants are graded thus: One Under Sheriff \$2,400, one attorney \$1,800, one chief bookkeeper \$1,800, two assistant bookkeepers \$1,500, ten office deputies \$1,500, sixteen bailiffs \$1,200, ten jailers at Branch Jail No. 1 \$1,200, one superintendent for Branch Jail No. 2 and 3 \$1,500, sixteen guards at

Branch Jail No. 2 \$800, one matron at Branch Jail No. 3 \$800, six guards at Branch Jail No. 3 \$200, one commissary to act for all jails \$1,500, one uriver of van \$800, one janitor \$700.

Clerks, Justices' Court at \$2,000, with five deputies at \$100 a month.

Freeholder Gutie made a strong fight to have Fire Marshal placed on the city's payroll, but ex-Mayor Ellert opposed him and won out. Consequently he remains an attaché of the insurance companies.

The bonds of the more important officers of the city have been fixed on the following scale: Mayor, \$25,000; Auditor, \$20,000; Treasurer, \$20,000; Tax Collector, \$10,000; Assessor, \$20,000; Chief Clerk, \$4,000; Recorder, \$20,000; Sheriff, \$50,000; Coroner, \$10,000; City Attorney, \$10,000; District Attorney, \$10,000; Public Administrator, \$20,000; Superintendent of Public Schools, \$5,000; each Commissioner of Public Works, \$25,000; Clerk of the Supervisors, \$10,000; each Supervisor, \$10,000; School Director, \$5,000; each Fire Commissioner, \$10,000; each Police Commissioner, \$20,000; each Election Commissioner, \$2,000; Property Clerk of Police Department, \$10,000.

A HARD LUCK STORY.

Hundreds of People at Skaguay Are in Need of Food.

The following extracts are from an interesting letter received by Captain John Slovich of the tug Vigilant "to Skaguay is a long haul." When we were up there the people were dying at the rate of from twenty to twenty-five a week, on an average. We had enough men asking permission to work their way back to loaf at home. Everything looks awfully blue up there. I saw a woman on the dock eating a moldy loaf of bread. She and her husband had just enough money to pay their way back to Seattle, and you should have seen what they had to say about it at Klondike.

"And yet every steamer that arrives here is crowded with passengers. While we were lying at Skaguay the steamer City of Seattle came in with 600 passengers and 180 of them never left the ship, but paid their return fare and went back home again. I guess you think I am stretching it, but, instead of doing that, I couldn't begin to tell you of the misery and destitution there are to be seen on every hand up here.

"We had trouble with the stevedores in Skaguay. They used to get 5 cents an hour, but they formed a union and raised the price to 75 cents an hour. We had to give it, but as stevedores they are about as much good as a fifth wheel in a coach. Just imagine if you can. It took them sixteen hours to put out 40,000 feet of lumber.

"I met poor Tom (Captain Tom Lockyer) on Douglas Island on the Whitelaw. He was without a chart and his pilot was no good. He took the outside passage once or twice, but it was so rough the passengers made him come inside again. In fact the passengers practically took command of the ship. Tom was foolish in the first place to leave without a chart, as it is a hard road to travel at the best of times. Tom told me that he struck once or twice, while passing through Wrangel Narrows.

"The steamer Corona was got off the rock at Lewis Island and the tug Maud towed her to a dock at Irving Point in the Skeena River. We spoke the steamer Pasadena and the captain told us the Corona was saved and for us to telegraph for a tug to go from Seattle to Victoria, B. C. He also told us about the Whitelaw being burned to the water's edge at Skaguay. Poor Tom!"

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A HORSE KILLED BY A LIVE WIRE

The Storm Set a Death-Trap at California Street and Central Avenue.

A Broken Telephone Line Connected With a Trolley Wire and Dangled Across the Street.

A horse driven by G. B. Molnar, a scavenger living at 216 Laurel street, was killed yesterday morning by a live wire at California street and Central Avenue. It was scarcely daylight when Molnar drove along Central Avenue with his team on his daily rounds, when one of his horses ran into a wire that was dangling from a network of wires overhead. The animal reared, then fell dead almost instantly. The thin wire, scarcely discernible in the dim light, lay across the carcass of the dead horse, and where it touched it burned and sizzled into the flesh.

A telephone wire had been snapped during one of the squalls that swept over the Western Addition the night before, and in falling it had dropped across the trolley wire of the Sutro electric road. There it dangled across the roadway waiting for a victim.

FENDERS ON CARS.

The Case of H. E. Huntington Continued for a week.

The case of H. E. Huntington, president of the Market-street Railway Company, charged on a complaint of A. M. Lawrence with violating order 2886 of the Board of Supervisors in not having fenders on electric cars, was called in Judge Conlan's court yesterday morning. The defendant was present with his attorneys, General Hart and Frank E. Kelly. Lawrence was not in court, but he was represented by Attorney Eugene Bert. General Hart announced that they were ready to proceed, but Bert demurred and asked for a continuance until the afternoon, to enable him to get his witnesses. This was objected to by the defense as Huntington had arranged to leave for New Orleans in the afternoon. Finally it was decided to continue the case till next Tuesday, and if Huntington was not back by that time the case would go on without him, as there were only points of law involved.

In the Divorce Courts.

Andrew J. Reed was granted a divorce from Annie R. Reed yesterday on the ground of willful desertion. Mabel Greenwald was granted a divorce from Lois Greenwald on statutory grounds. Clara B. Love was granted her application for a divorce from Edmund M. Love on the ground of extreme cruelty. The plaintiff was allowed to resume her maiden name, Hudson. Maria Ostrom was granted a divorce from C. O. Ostrom on the ground of failure to provide. Roderick W. McGawie was the last on the list to be freed from the obligations of matrimony. He was granted a divorce from Ella L. McGawie on the ground of desertion.

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