CHIEF TO SOLVE FULLER MYSTERY

Commissioners Take the Case Out of Seymour's Hands.

Blundering Head of Detective Bureau Told to Go Way Back.

Realizing his utter unfitness as the head of the detective department two of the Police Commissioners yesterday turned down Captain Seymour and ordered Chief Wittman to personally conduct the pursuit of the brutal murderer of Nora Fuller. Satisfied that Seymour is totally incompetent to run down the assassin Commissioner Newhall, president of the board, visited the Hall of Justice yesterday and demanded to know of Chief Wittman what had been done to solve the mystery. After they had discussed the blundering methods of the head of the detective bureau for at least three hours Mr. Newhall requested Wittman to take up the case in which Seymour has shown himself to be thoroughly unreliable. While they were discussing the matter Commissioner Howell appeared and warmly indorsed Mr. Newhall's action in taking the case out of the hands of Seymour. Pale and trembling, Seymour was summoned before them and asked what he had done about catching the fiend who strangled Nora Fuller.

Seymour Is Informed.

As it was evident that Captain Seymour was as far from a solution of the mystery as he was on the afternoon the decomposed body of the unfortunate girl was found in the Sutter-street house, he was firmly told that the Chief would assume charge of the case and personally direct the efforts of the detectives to apprehend the strangler. Crestfallen and disheartened at his own stupidity, Seymour bowed and left the room.

The unusual meeting of the Commissioners on the Sabbath created considerable speculation among the rank and file, and until it became known that Seymour's blundering methods were the cause of the conference many thought that the civil service examinations had something to do with it. Knowing that he has a difficult task before him on account of the bungling work of Seymour, Chief Wittman intends to take a fresh start by investigating the case from its very beginning.

Seifert Still in Jail.

C. A. Seifert, the druggist who was taken into custody at Esparto Friday by order of Captain Seymour on the suspicion that he was concerned in the Fuller murder mystery, is still in jail under the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. The warrant under which he was taken into custody was sworn out on this latter charge, but the police thought so little of it that Seifert was allowed to wander around the city for a month unmolested by Captain Seymour's sleuths until the somnolent Chief of Detectives had an inspiration that Seifert killed Nora Fuller because he wore a high hat occasionally.

Captain Seymour was vigorously engaged yesterday in trying to convince himself and everybody else who came near him that he was not responsible for the Seifert fiasco. He was warm in his declarations that he never put any faith in the theory that Seifert was concerned in the Fuller murder. He said that the information was furnished by the Morse Detective Agency, and the arrest was due entirely to the investigations carried on by its men. His excuse for sending Detective Hamill down to Woodland to apprehend Seifert was that he feared unless the man was arrested and the circumstances connecting him with the murder fully investigated it might be said some time in the dim beyond that the detective department of San Francisco had knowingly let the real criminal slip through its fingers. Captain Seymour was building for posterity when he caused Seifert's arrest.

Detectives Wanted Credit.

Notwithstanding these protestations and the attempt to shift the responsibility for the Seifert foolishness, the night the arrest was made the detective department was as jealous as a dog with a bone lest they should not get credit for the capture.

As an explanation for the presence of Captain Callunden of the Morse Detective Agency at Esparto and his assistance in the "thrilling pursuit," it was stated that in order to guard the movements of the city's sleuths on their expeditions out of town in search of the murderer arrangements had been made with the Morse Detective Agency to furnish men for these excursions, who would simply follow the instructions of the regular detectives. Nothing was then said of Morse's men having obtained the Seifert clew, but when the sensation was punctured Captain Seymour and his pet sleuths were keen to avoid the ridicule that the fiasco brought on them.

Seifert will probably remain in jail a long time. His aunt has expressed a willingness to settle with T. B. Lester, who is the complaining witness in the present case, but a score of other charges will be filed to-day accusing the druggist of passing worthless checks, and his friends will have to increase their contributions considerably to satisfy these latter claims.

Stabbed by a Ship's Carpenter.

John Ursenberg, a ship's carpenter, was arrested about 5 o'clock yesterday morning in a saloon at 206 Steuart street and booked at the City Prison by Policemen Knight and Harnett on a charge of assault to murder. He is accused of having stabbed R. Nelson, a sailor living at 19 Drumm street, in front of a saloon at 154 Steuart street shortly before his arrest. Ursenberg was taken to the Harbor Hospital, where Nelson's wound was being attended to, and the injured man at once identified him as the person who stabbed him. Nelson's wound is not dangerous.

Chinese Stabbing Affray.

Ah Fong, who lives at Washington and Dupont streets, and Pay Ong had a dispute on Waverly place yesterday afternoon and each drew a knife. Pay Ong was quicker than his opponent and slashed him on the forehead. He then ran away. Ah Fong was taken to the Emergency Hospital, and after his wound had been stitched and dressed was taken to the City Prison, where he was booked for exhibiting a deadly weapon in a rude and threatening manner.

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COMPANY MAKES A BIG SUCCESS

"Rupert of Hentzau" Is Well Presented at California.

Orpheum Has Excellent Bill. Del Carlo Company Sings Opera.

The sequel play, like the sequel story, is usually one of the things best left undone. This cannot be said in any degree of "Rupert of Hentzau," the week's bill at the California Theater. "Rupert of Hentzau," sequel to "The Prisoner of Zenda," has the uncommon characteristics of excelling the story from which it is taken and living up to its preceding play. The story, unfortunately for the play's success with the usual romantic play's audience, ends unhappily, but otherwise there is no reason why "Rupert of Hentzau" should not enjoy the same vogue as its predecessor, "The Prisoner of Zenda." It is picturesque to a degree, full of ingenious incident and stirring situations, knitted together with an alert and convincing hand. One is plunged at once into the thick of the story, the time three years after the ending of "The Prisoner of Zenda." The Princess Flavia has continued to send once a year a rose and a message of love to the man who impersonated her royal lover, the King of Ruritania, and with whom she fell in love. This third year she sends, besides the rose, a letter that informs Rassendyll that for the right's sake all communication between them must cease. At the same time the Princess confesses that she still loves him. Rupert of Hentzau, a rebellious subject of King Rudolph, who has been exiled and who has also been injured by Rassendyll, gets hold of the telltale letter, and the fat's in the fire. The story is told with unflagging interest throughout and is undeniably one of the best romantic plays ever seen here. Also, it is one of the best acted.

It is not the first time in the California's history that the audience has happened into an unheralded gem of respectable radiance. Last night's audience did tumble unexpectedly into something of the kind, and the company presenting the play may be said to have at least three starful interpreters and any number of clever minor upholders. The dual role of King Rudolph and Rudolph Rassendyll was assumed by Harry Leighton, a virile, facile and convincing player, who achieved an unqualified success. His changes from the weak-kneed, degenerate monarch to the gallant and manly young Englishman were managed with extreme alertness and complete illusion, and both characters were sustained with a conviction not excelled by James Hackett himself, who created the part. Sapt, the good colonel, was equally well played by George B. Miller, who got the kindly, fiery diplomat to the last white hair of his bristling mustache.

Rupert of Hentzau, the villain, also added much to the illusion and was played in unctuous fashion by Luke Conners. The fencing scene between Rassendyll and Rupert is simply "bully"—there is no other word. The audience holds its breath till the false knight bites the dust through a whirl of pistol shots, gleam of foils and breathlessly realistic wrestling. W. N. Wadsworth does a telling sketch of James, the man, and the rest of the company fills in the picture without a blur.

The women, who don't count very much any way, are headed by Charlotte Tittell, who shows neither temperament nor technique as the Princes Flavia. Ida Werner makes a stunning old woman, and Eleanor Carr is pleasing as Rosa, her daughter. The play is excellently staged and well worth a visit.

"The Prisoner of Zenda" will appropriately be put on on Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

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At the Columbia Theater to-night the much looked for production of Augustus Thomas' most successful play, "Arizona," will hold the boards. The play has been much discussed since its first presentation some two seasons past, and will be staged here in the same elaborate manner that marked its successful runs of 300 nights in New York and 200 nights in Chicago. Thomas is credited with having even surpassed his excellent former efforts, "Alabama" and "In Mizzoura." The company to appear in the piece includes some well-known names.

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The Alcazar Theater will have one of the neatest, sweetest, cleanest, prettiest little comedies that has been seen in the city for some time this week, with "A White Horse Tavern" for the bill. It has been given but once before here, at the California, by a clever but unheralded company that saw half a house of empty seats the first night and played to standing room only during the last days of its engagement. The play is being produced in the Alcazar's very best style and should have a large patronage. "A Coat of Many Colors" follows.

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Nearly every number on the Orpheum's bill is new and well worth seeing. The ten Nelsons were seen at this playhouse a year ago, and their feats of daring and agility created a sensation then and now. They do some marvelously clever acrobatic work and are rewarded with enthusiastic applause. Eva Mudge, a prepossessing American girl, who captured London, repeated her conquests last night. Her voice is pleasing. She changes her attire at lightning speed and has a number of new songs.

Woods and Morse are singing comedians and do a neat turn. The Probyn Ladies' Quartet render many new selections. The Auers astounded the audience by making pictures out of rags. They are quaint comedians and their act is a novel one. The three Meers repeat their clever slack wire walking and "Billy" Clifford sings a number of new songs and presents some very good imitations of people he has met. J. C. Nugent and Grace Fertig continue "The Absent Minded Beggar," the sketch that scored a hit last week. The biograph closes an excellent vaudeville show.

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George Ober, in his list of Hoyt's comedies at the Grand Opera-house has reached "A Contented Woman," perhaps the funniest of all the Hoyt efforts. The beautiful Caroline Miskel-Hoyt originally took the name role, and will be well remembered therein by local playgoers. The comedy will be well cast with the stronger members of the Grand Opera-house stock company, and Mr. Ober's part is of course safe in his humorous hands.

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"The French Maid" is in its second week at Fischer's Theater and going much more comfortably than on its first presentations. The company is beginning to work together with some semblance of a bowing acquaintance with one another, and the principals continue to please in their respective roles. Mme. Pilar Morin, Miss Lillian Coleman, Wilfred Blake and Harry Hermser make a musical comedy quartet that it would not be easy for many companies to duplicate, and are the best of their kind. "The French Maid" gives way to "Little Christopher" when the former's vogue dies down.

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"The Serenade" is another second-weeker that is making excellent promise of a long run, at the Tivoli, of course. Anna Lichter is a dainty Yvonne, that was sung by Alice Nellsen on the opera's debut here; Frances Graham has the Jessie Bartlett Davis role, and Signor Ferris Hartman is his impecunious Highness the Duke of Santa Cruz. These clever folks are well supported by the rest of the company and the opera is staged in a stunningly pretty fashion.

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The Central Theater announces a melodrama of deep and deadly dye by the suggestive title of "The Last Stroke." It concerns itself with the Cuban war of 1894, the characters being Spanish and American army people mostly, and it is a cold moment in the drama when there is not an abduction, duel or battle taking place. The piece will be put on with the care and elaborateness that the Central is noted for, and should prove an excellent drawing card for its clientele.

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The Chicago Symphony Orchestra gave its farewell concert at Metropolitan Hall last night. The attendance was small, being out of all proportion to the excellence of the programme rendered. Mr. Van Gordt's violin solo was enthusiastically received and the player had to respond with a second selection. The symphony was Dvorak's "From the New World."

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The first presentation in this city of Mascagni's lyric opera "L'Amico Fritz" was given last evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, when the Del Carlo Opera Company made its appearance amid considerable enthusiasm. The opera was well rendered and the artists were rewarded with quantities of flowers at the end of each act. The cast comprised Maria Welch, Pietro Suzzi, Josephine Nilo, Giulio Cortesi, Galliani Napoleone, Sattista Barondi and Maria Galliani. The orchestra did effective work under the direction of Aug H. Rodemann and V. Ursumando. The opera will be repeated on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings of this week.

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The Chutes and Zoo announces this week an all-Orpheum show, headed by the "great cycle whirl" that has recently attracted so much attention, and with Wincherman's trained bears, the Nambas and other good numbers. There will also be aquatic sports on the lake.

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The "Winter Circus" out at Woodward's Pavilion is proving itself a very popular institution. There is a sumptuous and sizable bill, crammed with good things, from gymnasts to clowns, from "beautiful lady riders" to trained animals of the most accomplished kind. The Dunbar family of acrobats are among the starriest of star performers.

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It is a matter of much regret that the competent singing mistress, Mme. Julie Rosewald, is again compelled by indifferent health to leave San Francisco, so long the scene of her faithful service to art. Mme. Rosewald leaves for Marienbad early in April to remain away for an indefinite period. She returned to the city and to her duties last August and has been busily occupied with teaching the young how to find the true vocal way. On Friday night next, at Sherman & Clay Hall, the public will have opportunity of judging how well she has done this, in a recital to be given by her pupils. Mme. Rosewald herself is very enthusiastic over a few of the voices in her hands, and the following unusual and admirable programme will afford ample opportunity for their exhibition:

"Vain Desire" (Vogrich), Miss Minnie Correa; excerpt from "Schön Gretlein" (Von Fielitz), Miss Lenore L. Goodman; "Strampelchen" (Hildach), "Zozo Mokeur" (Creole song), Miss Margaret Kroenert; "The Dew Is Sparkling" (Rubinstein), Morning Hymn (Henschel), Mrs. G. Kohn; Charmant Oiseau (David), Invocation, "Lohengrin" (Wagner), Mrs. Frank E. Booth; "L'Esclave" (Lalo), Miss Caprice Watson; Dance Song (Handel), Senta's Ballad, "Flying Dutchman" (Wagner), Miss Mabel Lichtenstein; mad scene from "Hamlet" (A. Thomas), Miss Lulu E. Pieper; Sapphic Ode (Brahms), "Dreams," study to "Tristan and Isolde" (Wagner), Miss Mary E. Webster; "Vieille Chanson" (Bizet), Mrs. Frank E. Booth; Hungarian dances (Brahms), Misses Pieper and Webster.

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Emma Nevada makes her appearance in concert to-night at Metropolitan Hall, and will be assisted by three European musical stars. The diva is said to be in good voice and will be in position to charm her hearers in the fine programme arranged for the evening. Nevada is accompanied by Pablo Casals, a Spanish violoncellist of repute; Leon Moreau, one of the best pianists yet heard here and a composer who ranks high in France. Daniel Marquarre, the flutist, will complete the trio of musicians appearing in the concert with the singer. The programme will be long and varied. Seats are on sale at Sherman, Clay & Co.'s store and have been in big demand.

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The last concert of the second series of the Steindorff symphony concerts will be given on Friday afternoon next at 3:15 at the Grand Opera-house. An admirable programme has been prepared, including the following numbers:

Symphony No. 4, D minor (R. Schumann); overture, Rienzi (Richard Wagner); two numbers for string orchestra (E. Greig); Scenes Napolitaines (E. Massenet.)

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One Tuesday evening a little violinist, Aileen McCabe, said to be possessed of much talent, will make her debut at Sherman & Clay Hall. Little Miss McCabe will be assisted by well-known local musicians.

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Seats for the Katherine Fisk song recitals will be on sale on Thursday next at Sherman & Clay's music store. There will be four recitals, on Tuesday and Friday nights, March 11 and 14, and on Thursday and Saturday afternoons, March 13 and 15.

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OLD RITES OF SERVIAN CHURCH PERFORMED AT WEDDING SERVICE

Miss Draga Milisich of Sutter Creek, Amador County, Is Joined in Matrimony to Achilles Doklestich of San Francisco. Ceremony Takes Place at Greek Cathedral

PARTIES TO WEDDING CEREMONY WHICH TOOK PLACE IN RUSSIAN CATHEDRAL.

WITH the quaint rites of the Servian Church, a marriage was solemnized yesterday afternoon at the Greek-Russian Cathedral, on Powell street, the contracting parties being Miss Draga Milisich and Achilles Doklestich, both of whom are prominent in the local Servian colony.

The wedding party arrived at the Cathedral at 3 p. m. and was received by Rev. Father Thomas Pashkovsky, who celebrated the marriage service. The bride was attended by Miss T. Simrak and the groomsman was Spiro Vukosavlievich, while the relatives and friends of the bridal couple filled the church.

The wedding service was conducted partly in the Servian and English languages and a choir was in attendance. The groom and bride stood in front of the altar with long lighted candles in their hands during the first part of the ceremony. Then the officiating priest took two gold and jeweled crowns from the altar and held them over the heads of the bridal couple, announcing that the groom and bride were crowned as servants of God. The hands of the young couple were then tied together with a handkerchief and the priest led them three times around the altar, the groomsman following behind, holding the crowns over their heads.

Consecrated wine was given to the contracting couple and the jeweled crowns were replaced on the altar. The priest delivered a short address to the couple and placed a gold ring on the third finger of each one's right hand and declared them husband and wife.

After the ceremony the marriage register was signed and the bridal pair departed from the church amid showers of rice and sweetmeats thrown by their friends and relatives.

An elaborate wedding feast was given in the evening at the residence of S. Jankovich, and later on the newly wedded couple left on a short honeymoon trip. On their return they will reside at the residence prepared by the groom, at Pacific and Larkin streets.

The bride, a pretty brunette, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Milisich of Sutter Creek, Amador County, and the groom is connected with the Somps Soda Water Company, on Laguna street.

The bride and groom are very popular in local Servian circles and they received a large number of handsome gifts on the occasion of their nuptials.

ARAB CHIEFTAIN CAPTURES CITY

BOMBAY, March 2.—Abdul Aziz Ben Feysul, a descendant of the old Wahabi Ameers, with an army of 2000 men, has captured the city of Riad in Central Arabia.

Abdul Aziz Feysul entered the city by strategem at night with fifty followers. These men rode to the palace and killed the Governor of Raid had thirty of his retainers. The garrison of the city then surrendered, whereupon the army of Abdul Aziz Ben Feysul entered.

It is believed that the Wahabi dynasty is endeavoring to regain its supremacy and overthrow Ibu Rashid, the Ameer of Nedjed, and conquer the latter city. Many tribes are flocking to the banner of Abdul Aziz Ben Feysul.

STORM BADLY CRIPPLES THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Crossed Electric Light Wires Cause Considerable Damage in Several Populous Districts.

The Mission, Potrero and South San Francisco districts were left practically without fire protection by the storm Saturday night, and the firemen spent many anxious hours until the damage was repaired. During the progress of the gale at 9 o'clock a live electric light wire crossed the telephone and fire alarm wires at the corner of Mission and Nineteenth streets and in an instant burned out the circuit. The "sub-station" of the telephone company caught fire, and a few minutes later the crossarms of the pole were blazing merrily. The telephones in the district were all put out of order and to add to the trouble electric lights in the neighborhood went out. The fire alarm signal station was at once notified and a force of men was sent out to repair the wires.

Before the workmen had any of the fire signal boxes in working order another electric wire crossed the wires of the fire system in the Potrero and South San Francisco and burned them out. These two districts were also left in darkness, and in the event of a fire breaking out there was no way of sending in an alarm. It was not discovered that the alarm box on the corner of Twenty-fourth and Harrison streets and the one on the corner of Twenty-fourth and Guerrero streets were also "dead." The Fire Department officials started an investigation and found that the boxes on the Mission road and up through Noe Valley were not in working order. The wind was blowing a gale at the time, and if a fire had broken out the delay in getting word to the firemen would have given every opportunity for the blaze to become serious. The firemen in the companies in the crippled districts were then told off into patrol watches to be on the lookout for fires. They patrolled the streets until early dawn, but fortunately there was no call for their services.

After the cars stopped running for the night the only means of communication with the downtown fire companies in the event of assistance being required would have been by means of horses. Several horses were kept saddled all night, so that there would be no delay in getting help if unfortunately it was required. An extra force of men was kept busy repairing the wires yesterday, and at sundown the fire system was again in working order.

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ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTS HERSELF

Mrs. Cotton Killed While Placing Revolver in Trunk.

Bullet Pierces Her Heart and She Expires in an Instant.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, March 2.

While putting her husband's revolver away in a trunk shortly before dinner-time this evening Mrs. Edna Warren Cotton, wife of W. J. Cotton, accidentally shot herself, the bullet passing directly through her heart and causing almost instant death. The shooting occurred in the rooms of Mr. and Mrs. Cotton in the Hotel Metropole. Mrs. Cotton was preparing to dress to attend a dinner party to be given this evening by her husband at the Athenian Club. Mr. Cotton was at the Athenian Club at the time preparing for the dinner and Mrs. Cotton was with Miss Mabel Hall, a young lady friend, dressing to join him.

While the ladies were preparing for the dinner they discovered that Mr. Cotton had left his revolver on the table in the front room of the suite. When he retired the night before he had placed the weapon upon the table and it had become partly covered with some papers and he had not taken it with him when he went to the club. The ladies had a little discussion as to whether the weapon should be put away or not. Miss Hall expressed fear of firearms and did not want it touched, but Mrs. Cotton assured her that the safest way was to place it in her husband's trunk, which she started to do.

The trunk was behind the bed in the sleeping-room, and Mrs. Cotton opened it and was stooping over to put the weapon in when there was a report. Miss Hall, who was in the front room, turned and saw Mrs. Cotton sink down between the bed and the trunk. She ran into the hallway and cried for help. In a moment the proprietor, R. M. Briere, and several guests and employes of the hotel were in the room.

Death Came Instantly.

Mrs. Cotton had fallen back in the small space between the bed and the trunk. The bullet entered the left breast, passed directly through the heart and out of the back. Mrs. Cotton did not utter a word after she was shot. Dr. J. T. Kitchins was called, and when he arrived he found life extinct, and a bullet wound that passed squarely through the body, with almost no inclination either up or down.

Mr. Cotton was telephoned for and told that his wife had fainted and that he was wanted at once. Dr. Medros, who was with him at the club, accompanied him to the hotel.

Mr. Cotton would not at first believe that his wife was dead, and insisted that she must have simply fainted. But when he found the bullet wound he was compelled to realize that the worst had occurred.

The theory is that Mrs. Cotton was putting the revolver in the trunk when the trigger caught either on the hasp or lock of the trunk or upon some garment in the trunk itself and that it was discharged as she was leaning over the place into which she was about to put it.

Mr. Cotton was nearly dazed by the shock. "We have been happily married for twelve years," he said, "and in that time not a cross word has ever passed between us. We have been chums, and when I have been in hard straits financially, as I have been, she has always been my warmest supporter and helper. We have had a most happy life, and this is terrible to me."

From Prominent Boston Family.

The dead woman belonged to one of the best families of Boston. She is a great-great-granddaughter of General Warren of Revolutionary fame and a niece of former Governor Winslow of Massachusetts. She was 39 years of age and the mother of two children, both boys, one 7 years of age and the other 4. Both are named after her family, one being John Warren Cotton and the other Garret Warren Cotton.

W. J. Cotton, the husband, is the representative of the Mobile Company. He came to Oakland nearly a year ago, since which time he has maintained his residence at the Metropole Hotel. He went to San Jose about four months ago and established an automobile company for tourists. About ten days ago he returned to this city and has been with his wife at the Metropole ever since.

The body of Mrs. Cotton was removed to the Morgue and an inquest will be held on Tuesday.

COMPLAIN AGAINST THEIR STEPMOTHER

Anna and Henry Buck Claim They Were Driven From Home by Her.

Two children, Anna and Henry Buck, living at 700 Montgomery avenue, were taken into custody last night by Policeman Robl and booked for some pubic institution.

The unfortunate children claim that they are the victims of their stepmother, who, for some reason, they say, want to get rid of them. According to the story told by Anna, who is 13 years of age, their father went to Monterey several days ago, leaving them to the tender mercies of their stepparent. Yesterday afternoon, she claims, Mrs. Buck, after severely chastising her and her brother, who is three years her junior, drove them from the house. They returned a short time afterward, and, according to the girl, Mrs. Buck seized a hatchet and threatened to use it on them. Becoming alarmed, the children went to a neighbor's house and asked for protection. Officer Robl was then notified and the frightened children were taken to police headquarters.

Mrs. Buck denies that she ill treated Anna or her brother or that she threatened to use a hatchet on them.

PRISONERS ESCAPE THROUGH A WINDOW

Two Alleged Burglars Get Away, but Are Recaptured Soon by the Officers.

Alfred Kenny, a riveter by occupation, and William Connolly, a basket-maker, were arrested last night by Detectives Fitzgerald and Graham and charged with burglary.

Friday morning, it is claimed, they broke into the stable of W. Kilpatrick, in the Mission, and took away a horse and wagon. After abandoning the animal and vehicle, the two men were seen acting suspiciously on Howard street and a police officer decided to search them. On Connolly was found a bunch of skeleton keys. They were at once placed under arrest and taken to the Hall of Justice. While the arresting officer was reporting the matter to the lieutenant in charge, Kenny and Connolly crawled through a window in the assembly-room unknown to the policeman and made their escape. Last evening Fitzgerald and Graham located the men in one of their haunts in the Mission and took them into custody.

Burglaries in the Mission.

During the past few days a number of burglaries in the Mission district have caused alarm among the residents, and a demand is being made for adequate police protection. A butcher store at 232 Valencia street was broken open a few nights ago and the contents of a telephone box were stolen. A grain and wood shed at 1928 Howard street was also entered and a telephone box rifled. The barn of W. Kilpatrick, at 31 Lapidge street, was broken open and a horse, wagon and four cans of milk were stolen. Several stores and barns in the vicinity of these robberies show the marks of burglar's tools on the locks and doors.

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SPEAKS AT BIG MASS MEETING

Baer Tells of Growth of Christian Endeavor Societies.

Urges Hearers to Fight for Good Measures and Good Men.

John Willis Baer, general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, addressed four large assemblies yesterday. In the morning the evangelist preached at Calvary Presbyterian Church, in the afternoon he delivered an address at a mass-meeting in the Young Men's Christian Association hall and in the evening preached a sermon at Trinity Presbyterian Church, just prior to which he spoke to a number of those specially interested in Christian Endeavor work.

In his address in the afternoon Mr. Baer began by referring to the twenty-first birthday of the Christian Endeavor Union, and said that its remarkable numerical growth proved that it was not a man-made institution, for from fifty members of the first society it had blossomed to three and a half millions. He touched on the inter-denominational growth, and showed that while the first society was Congregational there were at this time no less than forty denominations in the movement. Furthermore, said the speaker, the society is international, for there is not a single nation in the world but has its Christian Endeavor Society.

Speaking of the duties of the members, he made a point of "Christian citizenship," and urged all voters to go to the primaries of their respective parties and there fight for good men and good measures. There were, he said, 60,000 young men in the Christian Endeavor Society casting their first votes every year.

Mr. Baer then spoke of the missionary work, and reported that $500,000 had been given by the societies for missionaries last year. In making an earnest appeal for more work among young boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 12 years the speaker announced that at this date there were no less than 18,000 junior societies of Christian Endeavorers. He begged and showed the necessity for still more active service and a deeper spirit of consecration on the part of the individual members, and reminded his hearers that what was needed now, this twenty-first anniversary, was not more method, but more motive on the part of the rank and file.

Connors Brought Back.

Timothy Connors, the absconding treasurer of the Hod Carriers' Union, was brought back from Bakersfield last night by Detective Reynolds and locked up in the City Prison.

Connors admits his guilt and says he will plead guilty when his case is called in the Superior Court. He claims that he lost the money he stole playing the dog and horse races.

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

Several Changes Are Made in the Postal Service and More New Pensions Granted.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The following changes were made yesterday in the postal service: Postoffice established: Washington—Elera, Douglas County, Anna Scully Postmaster. Postmasters commissioned: California—William M. James, Monterey; Samuel S. Johnston, National City; Joseph S. Ford, Rio Vista; John L. Prather, Philo; Walter C. Lindsay, Windsor. Postmasters appointed: California—B. C. Hampton, Mineral, Tehama County, vice Emma Morgan, resigned. Oregon—L. V. Edwards, Talent, Jackson County, vice M. D. Wilson resigned; R. R. Fraser, Telocasel, Union County, vice J. A. Cates, resigned; J. E. Shaveland, Wrenn, Benton County, vice W. P. McGee, resigned; Sarah Fifield, Bemis, Williams County, vice P. A. Gaskell, resigned.

These pensions were granted: California—Original—William B. Lemmon, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, $8; Commodore P. Corwin, Sierraville, $6; Albert S. Winchester, San Francisco, $6. Increase—William Briton, Morgan Hill, $10; George E. Clark, Alameda, $12; Nicholas Anderson, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, $10; Fred Mauer, Oakland, $10. Mexican War—Smith R. Turner, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, $12; Charles Leatam, Soldiers Home, Napa, $12; William R. Hudnall, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, $12. Widows—Louisa M. Newton, Redlands, $8; Mary Y. Park, Los Angeles, $8; Leah Weiser, Santa Monica, $8.

Oregon—Widows—Catherine Livengood, Beaverton, $8; Elizabeth Burleigh, Enterprise, $8.

Washington—Original—George M. McCarty, Redmond, $8. Increase—Adam Bremer, Cinnabar, $12; Edgar C. Kilbourn, Seattle, $8; Willard N. Morse, Lyle, $8; Charles M. Maltby, Seattle, $8. Mexican War—David H. Shaw, Colfax, $12.

Navy orders—Lieutenant Holmes has been detached from the Solace and ordered home to await orders.

Army orders—The leave of absence of Brigadier General Frederick Funston has been extended one month on account of sickness. Captain William W. Quinton, assistant surgeon, upon being relieved at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, will proceed to San Francisco for transportation to the Philippines. Major William B. Dannister, surgeon, recently arrived at San Francisco, is ordered to Washington to serve as attending surgeon, relieving Major Edward T. Carter, ordered to the Philippines via San Francisco.

MERCHANTS OF HONOLULU ASK FOR FEDERAL AID

HONOLULU, Feb. 24.—The Merchants' Association of Honolulu has adopted resolutions asking the aid of the Federal Government to put Honolulu in first-class sanitary condition, as was done by the Government in the case of Havana and other places in the island of Cuba and the new possessions. Honolulu has had three cases of bubonic plague this month, and though the situation is not regarded as at all serious it is one with which, it is claimed, the Federal authorities should help to deal. The fact that the Government spent large sums of money in helping other places, such as Havana, is commented upon as a reason why Hawaii has a right to expect similar aid.

Licensed to Marry.

OAKLAND, March 2.—Licenses to marry were issued yesterday to John C. Coburn, 31, Emeryville, and Catherine F. Gribble, 21, Honolulu; Peter J. Peterson, 27, Elmhurst, and Lillian V. Gribble, 19, Oakland; Robert A. Nelson, 25, and Juanita Wood, 18, Alden; Aaron Krebs, 33, San Francisco, and Rosalie Newman, 28, Oakland; John R. Goodell, over 21, San Francisco, and Lulu M. Haswell, over 18, Oakland; Jean Moudat, 26, and Alice Moulcou, 19, both of Oakland.

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