

DYNAMITE MINE MENACES LIVES

Demented Man Seeks to Blow Up Imaginary Enemies.

Worried by the Arrest, His Sister Loses Her Mind.

A ten pound box of dynamite, with fuse attached ready for exploding, has been secreted under some residence in this city, but so far anxious searchers have failed to locate its hiding place. The deadly mine, which is powerful enough to blow one of the tallest sky-scrapers into fragments, was planted by a demented man who is seeking revenge on imaginary enemies. His name is Edward C. Gerte, and until his mind gave way he was employed as a foreman by M. Hogan, a contractor, who through an unavailing search for the dynamite used for excavating was stored and his warped brain retained the memory of it when the delusions came to haunt him with shadowy, unknown faces, whom he believed were plotting to murder him.

At first no attention was paid to his vagaries and he was looked upon as harmlessly demented, until he confided to a fellow workman that he would soon be rid of his troubles as he had placed a box of dynamite under the house where his enemies lived and intended to blow them into eternity. Then the alarm was given and Gerte was turned over to the police, while a thorough but unavailing search for the dynamite was made in the neighborhood of Gerte's home at Fourteenth avenue and M street, south. Gerte obstinately refuses to tell where he placed the mine, but his first story, given in confidence by those who know him, as a ten pound box of dynamite is unaccountably missing from Hogan's store house.

Gerte's mental collapse and final arrest so preyed upon the mind of his only sister, Mrs. Lizzie Lutz, 225 Fiske street, that she also broke down and became so erratic in her actions that her husband became fearful of the consequences, and yesterday requested the police to take her in charge pending an investigation by the Commissioners of Lunacy.

Both brother and sister, so long devoted, but now unable to recognize each other, have been locked up in separate cells in the detention ward at the Emergency Hospital to await examination as to their sanity. Meanwhile the fruitless search for the menacing store of dynamite continues and many a man whom Gerte knew is living in constant fear of being blown into atoms at any moment without warning.

ACQUSED OF BEATING WOMAN WITH HAMMER

Aaron Silvey arrested on a charge of Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Aaron Silvey appeared before Police Judge Fritz yesterday and was instructed and arraigned on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The case was continued till to-day.

Mrs. Mary Pullen, who lives in the rear of 686 1/2 Minna street, was found lying in a pool of blood on her doorstep Sunday afternoon by Policemen Crowley and De Grancourt. She was sent to the Central Emergency Hospital, where her condition was looked upon as serious, owing to the loss of blood.

She stated that Silvey, who she said was employed by the Wilson Storage Company, had beaten her on the head with a hammer. Silvey was arrested later by Crowley and De Grancourt and taken to the hospital, where he was identified by Mrs. Pullen as the man who had struck her on the head with the hammer, which she also identified.

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Joseph Knowlton's Trial Begins.

The trial of Joseph Knowlton, who for ten years was cashier of the Hotel St. Nicholas, on the charge of embezzlement, commenced in Judge Graham's court yesterday. Knowlton is accused of appropriating \$21,000 of the hotel funds for his own use. The charge upon which he is now on trial is for embezzling \$120, there being a dozen other charges against him.

Another earload of Call premium Atlases left Chicago, via Chicago Northwestern road, Saturday, November 22, are due in this city about December 5, at which time all Call readers who desire this premium will please place their order.

Discontinues Family Allowance.

The allowance made Theresa Bell out of the estate of her late husband, Thomas Bell, was ordered discontinued in the Probate Court yesterday. Mrs. Bell consented to the discontinuance. An order was also made confirming the sale of the Mazatlan property left by Bell for \$20,000.

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WU TING FANG VOICES FRIENDSHIP OF HIS EMPIRE FOR UNITED STATES

Famous Chinese Diplomat Meets Merchant Princes at Chamber of Commerce and Tells Them of Vast Field in the Orient That Awaits Development, Which May Be Accomplished by the Exercise of Plain Common Sense

HERE was a generous exchange of compliments and a fine display of international friendship at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, when the leading commercial bodies of San Francisco tendered a public reception to ex-Minister Wu Ting Fang and welcomed him to the metropolis of the far West.

The only attempt at decoration was a yellow dragon flag suspended to the right of the president's platform and a gorgeous piece of Chinese embroidery in scarlet and gold, which was draped over the bookcase to the left. The reception was set for 4 o'clock and at that hour the chamber was crowded with some 300 dignified, solid-looking business men, who gossiped of the coming prizefight and other weighty matters while they waited for the arrival of the guest of honor. The front rows were occupied by the presidents of the leading commercial organiza-



NOTED DIPLOMAT AND SCENE AT RECEPTION IN HIS HONOR AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

tions, several army and navy officers, Rear Admiral Kempff and Colonel Stone, who represented Governor Gage.

The distinguished Chinese diplomat finally made his appearance about fifteen minutes late, accompanied by Acting Consul General Chow Yu Kwan, Consular Secretary Wing Shau Haw and Secretary Ou Shu Tchih of the Chinese legation at Washington. A hearty burst of applause greeted Wu Ting Fang as he was escorted to a seat on the platform by President G. A. Newhall, who opened proceedings by reading a telegram from the Governor expressing regrets at his inability to be present, and a letter to the same effect from F. H. Wheeler, then delivered a graceful address of welcome, to which Mr. Wu listened with serene politeness, but showed his interest by producing a stub of a pencil and a scrap of paper and making frequent notes in English for his reply. He had prepared no set speech for the occasion and in the beginning was somewhat at a loss to fully express his gratitude and appreciation for the conspicuous compliment paid to him.

COULD NOT REFUSE.

"After all," he added, "it is but another instance of the uniform kindness and cordiality shown to me by the American people during my six years' residence in this country. At first I hesitated in accepting this invitation, but when I realized that it came from the great commercial bodies of a great city that is destined to become the gateway of Oriental trade, I found it impossible to refuse."

"San Francisco is a great city, made so by the energy and enterprise of its citizens, and with the advantages of its geographical situation it has the most brilliant future in store."

"The problem of trade with the Orient is a big one and not easily solved, but there are wonderful markets there for you to conquer. China has stood still for centuries without foreign trade, but now she has awakened and her door is wide open to all. To whom do you think we shall look for the development of that new-born commerce? Why, naturally to the nation most friendly to us, and that nation to-day is your own. This was evidenced, as Mr. Wheeler said, by the refusal of my friend Rear Admiral Kempff to join the fleets of the other powers in the bombardment of the Taku forts. China will not forget, and we Orientals have long memories. This afternoon the hotel he called upon me before going to the reception, and on his arrival at the hotel he called upon me before going to the reception. That shows the character of the man, who is a splendid representative of the chivalrous American people. I have found that you always act upon the principles of righteousness and in times of trouble you play fair."

WU OFFERS A HINT.

"China is also most friendly to you, not only her officials, but her mercantile class as well, and it rests solely with you to increase your commerce with us. How, you ask? Well, just use a little common sense, and I know you have plenty of that. In dealing with the Chinese you must go a little out of your beaten paths. Don't use the same tactics you would in Wall street. In other words, don't be afraid to trust us. When a Chinaman makes a promise it is as good as a bond. If a Chinese merchant finds from experience that you deal fairly with him, you will always have his trade. This is merely a hint, for I understand the importance of that first transaction with a Chinaman."

"The present foreign trade with China is limited to a few staple articles. The list should be extended and it would be if you did not keep so aloof from us. You have many things we need, but our merchants know nothing of them because you don't allow us to come here to see them."

"I do not criticize your right to exclude Chinese laborers if you think them dangerous to your own interests, but I don't see why you should exclude the other classes, who would bring immense good to this country in the way of extended commerce."

"It is too early yet for me to make any promises for the future as regards my new office of Minister of Commerce. China has become progressive and has inaugurated many reforms. The future is

full of promise, but China is a vast country and new ideas do not rapidly take root. Results will probably be slow, but I shall do my best and I hope you will judge those efforts in the same kindly spirit that you have my career in the past."

Wu Ting Fang resumed his seat amid prolonged applause and then cried were heard for Kempff. The admiral responded with a short impromptu speech, describing the friendship between the Chinese and the courtesies shown to him during his stay in the Flowery Kingdom.

A line was then formed and all of those present were formally presented to the famous Chinaman.

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REAR ADMIRAL KEMPF TENDERED RECEPTION Clerical Unions Give Him Warm Welcome at the Occidental Hotel.

Rear Admiral Kempff, U. S. N., was tendered a reception at the Occidental Hotel yesterday afternoon by the clerical unions. About 100 divines were present to testify to their admiration of the gallant officer for his humanity in refusing to fire on the Taku forts in the Chinese campaign.

The admiral was introduced by Rear Admiral Merrill Miller, and Minister Wu Ting Fang was also present. During the reception addresses were made by Rev. Professor C. S. Nash, Rev. John Hemp-hill, D. D.; Rev. George Gibson, Professor Hiram Van Kirk, Rev. J. N. Beard and the Rev. Theodora Burnham.

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THE HOLY WEEK—Rev. E. J. Lion will lecture to-morrow evening in St. Stephen's Parish House, 904 Fulton street, on "The Holy Week." This will be the third lecture in the course now being given under the auspices of the Sunday School Commission of the Diocese of California. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides and will be free to all.

MASKED MEN ROB MISSION GROCER

Brun Cordes Forced to Yield Money at Point of Pistols.

Police Are Searching for Tall Men Clad in Brown Overcoats.

Shortly before midnight last Sunday two masked men entered the grocery store of Brun Cordes at the northwest corner of Sanchez and Eighteenth streets and robbed the proprietor of \$76. Both men were heavily armed and masked. They were very bold in their movements and committed the robbery and made their escape with ease.

Cordes had closed his place for the night and was counting cash. A man named Kilpatrick was keeping him company. Cordes heard some one knocking on the store door and believing it might be a belated customer instructed Kilpatrick to unlock the door. The latter did and was confronted with revolvers. Kilpatrick staggered back in alarm. The two robbers rushed in. One covered Kilpatrick and the other kept his revolver pointed at Cordes. Both men were heavily built and rather tall. One held a revolver in each hand and the other held a revolver and a slingshot.

One of the men commanded Cordes and Kilpatrick to stand up with their faces turned toward the wall. Both citizens held their hands over their heads and submitted to being searched without resistance. Cordes had \$60 in gold and silver on his person and he was compelled to give it up. The money drawer was then ransacked and the robbers secured \$16 more.

Kilpatrick and Cordes were compelled to enter a side room and ordered to make no outcry. The pair entered the room. Kilpatrick was slow and was struck over the head with a slingshot to accelerate his movements. When the proprietor and his friend were in the room the robbers locked the door and made good their escape.

Cordes and his friend escaped from their temporary prison by means of a slide window. The proprietor hurriedly notified the Seventh-street station of the robbery and Captain Anderson and Detectives Fitzgerald and Graham hurried to the place.

Cordes was able to give the police a good description of the robbers. He stated the men wore brown overcoats and Fedora hats. They were six feet in height and went about their work with the coolness of old timers.

The matter was reported to Captain of Detectives Martin, who detailed two of his men to assist the Mission detectives in their search for the robbers.

Tenders His Resignation.

At the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday morning Dr. C. H. Rosenthal tendered his resignation as a visiting physician at the City and County Hospital. It was not accepted and the board requested him to reconsider his action, or at least to retain his position until another physician could be secured to act in his stead.

Two houses, one at 37 1/2 and the other at 5 Brenham place, were condemned because of their unsanitary condition. Charles Moreau was appointed engineer at the Almshouse, to succeed Charles Duncan, who resigned.

Dunster Found Guilty.

George W. Dunster, the food inspector, was accused of using \$3 as a bribe from a merchant on Fillmore street, was found guilty yesterday afternoon by the Civil Service Commissioners. The Commissioners, in view of their verdict, will recommend to the Board of Health that Dunster be dismissed from his position.

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THE OLD RELIABLE



TELLS STORY OF A TRAGEDY

Judge Conlan Examines Mrs. Hillen at Her Residence.

Judge Conlan held court yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Hillen, mother of Robert C. Hillen, the youth who is charged with the murder of Otto Hellwig. Mrs. Hillen has the story of the tragedy event in a straightforward manner. Her evidence was taken down by the stenographer and will be used in the case. Mr. Asher examined Mrs. Hillen. He elicited the following testimony from the witness:

I am the mother of the defendant, Robert C. Hillen. I have lived in this city since 1874. I am a native of Germany. My son is 18 years of age. I was at the Hellwig at 7:30 o'clock in the morning of October 27. At that time I brought my breakfast to him and he was sitting at the table. He had not seen him again until noon that day, when I saw him standing across the street talking to a man. He looked to be in a drunken condition. I went back into the kitchen and whistled down the tube to my son Robert and told him not to leave the place as Otto was drunk. After awhile I heard loud talking and swearing. I whistled down the tube and asked Robert what was the matter and he answered: "You know. Otto is drunk and he is going to quit."

I heard loud talking very soon afterward and went down stairs. Otto was angry and was in his room knocking the furniture over and swearing at my son. He had the door locked and I told my son to quiet him. Otto would not open the door. I did not see him again until noon that day, when I saw him standing across the street talking to a man. He looked to be in a drunken condition. I went back into the kitchen and whistled down the tube to my son Robert and told him not to leave the place as Otto was drunk. After awhile I heard loud talking and swearing. I whistled down the tube and asked Robert what was the matter and he answered: "You know. Otto is drunk and he is going to quit."

Under cross-examination the witness did not make any changes in her testimony. Questioned by Judge Conlan, Mrs. Hillen said she did not hear the shots fired by her son. The further hearing was postponed until 11 o'clock this morning, when Judge Conlan will hear two witnesses for the prosecution in his courtroom at the Hall of Justice.

BOY JUMPS INTO BAY TO ESCAPE RECAPTURE

Andrew O'Keefe Makes Things Lively for Policeman Scott and a Guard.

Andrew O'Keefe, a boy 17 years of age, gave Policeman W. D. Scott and Guard Woodhouse of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society a long chase Saturday afternoon and evening and eluded them by jumping into the bay at the foot of Beale street. It was reported that he had been drowned, but Scott and Woodhouse found him shortly before midnight in a house on Freelon street, between Third and Fourth. He was taken to the City Prison and was yesterday taken back to the society.

O'Keefe while the boys were at drill Saturday afternoon bolted from the ranks and escaped by climbing the fence. Scott and Woodhouse pursued him, and when they reached Harrison street, between Fremont and Beale, Woodhouse made a detour, so as to head off O'Keefe. When O'Keefe saw Woodhouse he ran straight for the bay and jumped in where the water is about fifteen feet deep. He got under the wharf and crawled along for about three blocks, where he waited till darkness set in, and then made his way to the house on Freelon street.

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Hampton and Holtgen Discharged.

The cases of A. E. Hampton and W. E. Holtgen, charged with felony embezzlement, which have been on Judge Lawlor's calendar for about three years, were dismissed yesterday at the request of Attorney Peter F. Dunne, special counsel for the prosecution, as he admitted that the evidence was insufficient to secure a conviction. Hampton was agent for the Acetator Company of Chicago and Holtgen succeeded him. They were accused of appropriating commissions on pumps sold by them, which the company claimed should have been turned into the company's funds.

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