

CHILD-MOTHER CHARGES

Accuses Young Lawyer of Paso Robles With Wrongdoing.

Charles G. Putnam Is the Object of Pursuit by the Police.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, July 7. Chief of Police Hodgkins has been asked to arrest Charles G. Putnam, a young attorney of Paso Robles, who is a fugitive, a warrant having been issued for him charging him with a serious offense against Edna M. Baker, 13 years old, of Paso Robles, who became a mother in this city on June 22.

According to the girl and the record of the Health Department in this city, Charles G. Putnam is the father of a boy born to the young mother at Mrs. Charlotte Edholm's home, 1478 Twenty-second avenue. The certificate of birth, filed today by Dr. Ben Stetson, who attended the mother, recites the foregoing.

With the police is the request of Constable Sitton of San Miguel for Putnam's arrest. The request gives Putnam's age as 25 years, and a general description, together with the statement that Constable Sitton holds a warrant for the fugitive.

The young mother is the daughter of a hard working woman of Paso Robles, Putnam, it is charged, took the girl last October to San Miguel with some companions on a dinner party. In March the warrant was issued, but the young lawyer, it is declared, had disappeared.

Later, it is asserted, persons representing the Putnam family made overtures to the girl's people. Miss Baker came to Oakland on June 8 and went to the Edholm place. To Dr. Stetson the girl narrated her story, and upon that statement the physician wrote the birth record. Soon after the child was born, a mysterious woman appeared at the Edholm home, a refuge for girls, and it is said, made an offer to the mother that she relinquish the child and payment of \$100, an offer being refused. Mrs. Edholm is out of the city.

STATE CHARITIES BOARD HOLDS ITS FIRST SESSION

Meets at Governor Pardee's Residence and Indulges in an Informal Discussion.

OAKLAND, July 7.—The first meeting of the State Board of Charities and Correction, created by the last Legislature, was held this evening at the residence of Governor George C. Pardee, 67 Eleventh street. Owing to the absence of two members of the board, the Rev. J. K. McLean, who is with the Sierra Club, in the mountains, and W. C. Patterson of Los Angeles, detained at home by business, the session was entirely informal. The members present were the Rev. Charles A. Bamm, Oscar K. Cushing and Andrew M. Davis of San Francisco and Professor E. C. Moore of the University of California. With the Governor the board discussed on broad general lines the policy and scope of the law, but adopted no specific plan of operation.

Because of the absence of Dr. McLean and Mr. Patterson nothing was done toward organization of the board, nor was anything said concerning the appointment of a secretary. The salaried position under the board's control.

The law contemplates that the board shall act in an advisory capacity toward the various State institutions comprehended within the title "charities and correction," including State hospitals, asylums, penitentiaries, institutions. Power is given for full inspection of books, records and all operations. The board will make recommendations as it shall consider best touching the improvement of conditions.

The Governor will probably not call another meeting until after the summer vacation. Governor Pardee and his family expect to leave shortly for a vacation trip to the Santa Cruz Mountains.

GEORGE A. KOLB DIES SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME

Business Agent of the Marine Engineers' Benevolent Association Is Found Dead in Bed.

NEW YORK, July 7.—George A. Kolb, for some time the business agent and general manager of the Marine Engineers' Benevolent Association, was found dead in bed at his home today. Early in May Kolb came into prominence by reason of the strike of the marine engineers and by the fact that on June 1 he disappeared. About two weeks afterward he was found in San Francisco. Since his return to New York he had been under the care of brain specialists.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

OAKLAND, July 7.—The following marriage licenses were issued today: John A. Mathers 24 and Maud Cook 23, both of San Francisco; John Ziegler 48 and Emily Powers 42, both of San Francisco; Richard J. Stephens 41 and Eleanor P. O'Mera 28, both of San Francisco; Edgar L. Hoag 34, Berkeley, and Josephine L. Roller 28, Oakland.

POSTUM CEREAL "DABSTERS."

People Who Do Things by Piecemeal. Many people are convinced coffee is the cause of their sufferings and stop its use from time to time to get relief. During these periods when they are not drinking coffee they feel better. They are getting well in small installments.

How much better it is to stop short on the coffee and shift to well made Postum and get well once and for all. As soon as it is done the destroying effects of coffee are stopped and a powerful rebuilding agent is set to work. Health comes back by bounds and so long as the right food and drink are used and improper food is left alone the cure is permanent.

A lady of Readfield, Me., says: "I was always a great lover of coffee and drank it so steadily that I would have to stop it at times on account of dizziness in my head, gas in the stomach and other troubles. I would leave off the coffee for a few weeks until I felt better, then I would go to drinking it again."

"I continued this for years and paid dearly for it, until about a year ago I read a Postum Cereal article and bought and carefully prepared some. It filled the place of coffee from the start so that as flavor and taste go and it has righted my stomach troubles. I have improved so that my friends notice the change. I have exchanged sickness and misery for health and happiness. Through Postum I have got well all at once." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ice cold Postum with a dash of lemon is a delightful "cooler" for warm days. Send for particulars by mail of extension of time on the \$7500 contract for 75 money prizes.

DELEGATES TO GERMAN LUTHERAN CONFERENCE GATHER IN OAKLAND

Representatives of the Church for the District of California and Nevada Ready for Annual Convention Which Will Go Into Session To-Day



PASTOR OF GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WHO WILL WELCOME DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE.

OAKLAND, July 7.—The annual conference of the California and Nevada district of the German Lutheran church will be held at the Zion German Evangelical Church at Twelfth and Market streets in this city, opening to-morrow evening and continuing until Wednesday, July 15.

Special services will be held to-morrow evening and the sermon will be delivered by Professor F. Pieper, president of the synod and president of the Concordia Theological Seminary at St. Louis, Mo. The opening session of the conference will begin at 9 o'clock Thursday morning and will be occupied with the inspection of credentials of the delegates, and other preliminary business, after which a paper on "The Proper Use of the Means of Grace" will be read by Rev. J. H. Schroeder of San Francisco.

During the afternoon session Rev. John H. Theiss, pastor of the Zion Evangelical church in this city, will read a paper on "The Business Meetings of the Congregation." A general discussion of the different subjects will follow these readings. During the following sessions of the conference, reports from the various churches and missions will be submitted by the delegates and plans and suggestions for carrying on the work of the church will be discussed by the assembly. The morning sessions will be for devotion and the afternoon sessions for business.

The Golden Bear Society has planned to erect a handsome lodge on the campus for the use of students. The building and grounds committee has come to the point where the building and all that is now needed is the sanction of the Board of Regents, which will probably be given at the next session.

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

BERKELEY, July 7.—John C. Merriam, child of paleontology, Mrs. Merriam and professor C. Hart Merriam and family and James Ferris Smith of Stanford University and wife are members of a party that left Berkeley today for the vicinity of the Potter Creek Caves, in Shasta County. The party will camp during the month of July, and the three scientists will employ the time in exploring the caves. They will be joined by W. J. Sinclair and E. L. Furlong, who recently made some important discoveries of bones and skulls in the caves, and the work will be divided among them.

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

Patents Are Issued to the Inventors of Mechanical and Labor-Saving Devices. WASHINGTON, July 7.—These patents were issued today: California—Samuel J. Ballard, assignor three-fourths to C. W. Brown, Los Angeles, assignor one-fourth to Ralph B. Hart, San Francisco; William Ballestered, Los Angeles, motor meter or pump; Alden A. Bartlett, Eureka, fern or other wood-cutting machine; Edgar L. Bryan, assignor one-half to A. W. Miller, Riverside, truck; George Bryant, assignor one-half to P. H. Sandlin, San Francisco, shoe fastener; Frank D. Bullard, Los Angeles, pipe wrench; Stephen H. Chase, San Jose, log or lumber hauling attachment; John Coates, Hemet, windmill; Jesse M. Coffman, Montaville, water distilling apparatus; Ralph B. Hart, assignor to Auto Vehicle Company, Los Angeles, variable speed and reversing mechanism; Esplanon Hippoito, assignor to Hippoito Screen and Sash Company, Los Angeles, screen; George W. Holly, assignor one-half to J. F. Parkinson, Palo Alto, door hanger; Jesse J. Hynding, Perrdale, gate latch; Fred Jones, Los Angeles, blanket attachment; Allen R. Keener, Los Angeles, mattress-stuffing machine; Duncan R. MacPherson, San Francisco, motor; George G. Maitland, Chinatown, hulling and washing machine; Jesse C. Martin, Jr., San Francisco, flexible pipe joint; Willis A. Newton, Oakland, stamp-affixing machine; Keise Sakurai, San Francisco, compound for abrading tools; Waltham R. Smith, Napa, camera attachment for rangefinders; Isaac G. Waterman, Santa Barbara, electro magnet.

Oregon—August Gruenwald, Salem, gold-brake block. Washington—Thomas E. Maddux, Chidbar, tackle block.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Postmasters commissioned: Washington—Susie E. Erickson, Mora.

Army orders: Lieutenant A. H. McCarthy is ordered to San Francisco as an aide to the commandant of the California Naval District. Chaplain J. P. Chadwick is to be detached from the New York 7th and return home to await orders.

Army orders: Captain Jay J. Morrow, Engineer Corps, goes to San Francisco to relieve Captain Robert P. Johnston as secretary and disbursing officer of the California Debris Commission; Captain Johnston is ordered to Wilmington, N. C.

PLATTSBURGH, N. Y., July 7.—William O'Connor, better known as "Goat Hinch," electrocuted today for the murder of Night Watchman Matthew Wilson at Cobleskill, N. Y. in November, 1900.

SEATTLE, July 7.—The naval squadron under command of Admiral Glass and composed of the New York, Birmingham and Marblehead reached the Puget Sound navy-yard at Bremerton yesterday.

URGENT FIRE GUTS WAGON REPOSITORY

Studebaker Bros. Company Suffers Heavy Loss by Blaze.

Flames Get Start in Basement and Soon Reach Upper Floors.

Neighboring Structures Are Endangered by Flying Sparks, and Close Watch Is Kept to Prevent Further Damage.

Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the four-story brick building on the southwest corner of Tenth and Market streets, occupied by the Studebaker Bros. Company, and in half an hour's time the flames had almost destroyed the structure.

The fire was first discovered by Police Officer Beamer, who happened to be passing along Tenth street and noticed smoke coming up from the basement of the building. He immediately turned in an alarm, but before the department arrived on the scene the flames had control of the basement and were rapidly creeping up through the floors above.

The basement of the building was used for storage and packing purposes by Studebaker Bros. and was filled with inflammable material, which burned like tinder. Frequent explosions plainly suggested to the experienced firemen that there were also stored within the basement paint and other dangerous liquids, which contributed to the conflagration.

Martin Grimes, the watchman of the building, occupied a room on the first floor and was awakened by a buzzing sound, evidently the noise resulting from the contact of a defective electric wire. Jumping out of bed he was made to realize that the building was on fire and he had little time to make his escape before the upper floors were enveloped in flames.

The fire spread rapidly, and the district engineers, appreciating the seriousness of the situation, went to work with a determination to keep it within the bounds of the Studebaker building, if possible.

In the rear of the building there was an elevator well and up this the flames quickly made their way to the other floors and spread northward toward the front of the structure. At 2:30 o'clock there was a sudden lull in the blaze, but a few minutes later a terrific explosion was heard and a second later the flames were bursting out through all the windows facing on Market and Tenth streets. It was later learned that the paint shop of the firm was located on the top floor and it was the ignition of the materials there that caused the loud report and the resulting concussion.

Adjoining the burning building on Tenth street is a wooden structure used as a planing mill by Andrew Christensen and all that saved it from destruction was the fact that the windows on that side of the Studebaker building were covered by iron shutters.

At 2:45 a. m. the water tower had been brought into play. The building at this time was badly gutted. At 3 o'clock everything on the first three floors was a total loss. At that hour the blaze, which the firemen thought they had under control, broke out afresh. The smoke was so dense that the building could not be seen from the street.

The firemen in their heroic work were favored somewhat by an easterly wind, which gave assurance of safety to the five-story building known as the Manhattan Hotel, which occupies the corner of Market and Oak streets, directly opposite the burning building.

SUBMITS REPORT ON CREMATORY TROUBLE

Council's Committee Declares Contract Is Void and Should Not Be Recognized.

OAKLAND, July 7.—The special committee of the City Council, composed of Pendleton, Elliott and Wallace, in charge of the garbage crematory fight to-night adopted a report to the City Council, which follows:

Your committee reports that in its opinion no part of the city government should recognize the purported contract between the city and the Pacific Incinerating Company, and that the same be treated as void. In the event that a suit is brought by said corporation to establish the validity of said contract, your committee recommends that a stipulation be entered into to the effect that pending the litigation the corporation may operate its plant, provided that no action on the part of the city shall be taken or claimed to be an estoppel or waiver of the city's claims and that the city and said corporation has no rights thereunder as against the city.

Mayor Olney, City Attorney McElroy and Councilmen Dornin and Cuvelier attended the meeting. Attorney George W. Reed represented the incinerating company. For the second Ward property owners Attorney James Creely said at once notified and detectives were detailed on the case, but so far they have no clew to the robbers.

Luning's Hired Men Quarrel

OAKLAND, July 7.—John Edwards and Joseph Fojada, respectively coachman and gardener for Oscar Luning, the capitalist, engaged in battle yesterday at the Luning residence, 355 Telegraph avenue. As a result Edwards appeared this morning in the Police Court to answer to a charge of battery, lodged by the gardener. The coachman demanded a trial by jury, the case being set for August 12. Luning has taken neutral ground and says the men must fight out their troubles without his assistance.

Defer Action as to Police Guard

OAKLAND, July 7.—Action on the protests of the Federated Trades and the Electrical Workers' Union against giving police protection to telephone company employes during the strike has been deferred until Friday by the Police and Fire Commissioners. At a special meeting of the board, the striking linemen failed to send a representative and for that reason a decision was not reached.

Owned an Island

OAKLAND, July 7.—The estate left by the late John Caperton, who owned Twitchell Island in the San Joaquin River, has been appraised at \$55,882. He also had real estate in Alameda and owned 1887 acres near Pescadero, San Mateo County.

MERLE STANTON, POPULAR SINGER, ON HER WAY TO THE ANTIPODES

Oakland Girl Who Has Already Won Envious Place on the Stage in This Country, Leaves for Australia in Search of Further Fame and Fortune



OAKLAND GIRL WHO SAILED FOR AUSTRALIA WITH THE STINES-EVANS COMPANY.

OAKLAND, July 7.—When the steamship Alameda, bound for Honolulu, sailed through the Golden Gate last Saturday, she carried as a passenger Miss Merle Stanton, an Oakland girl, on her way to win fame and fortune in the antipodes.

Miss Stanton is known in private life as Mrs. W. L. Achard, and she is the only daughter of A. E. H. Cramer, cashier of the Union Savings Bank. She is fitted in every way to win success in her chosen profession, being very striking in appearance and the possessor of a fine soprano voice.

Miss Stanton left for the far east with the Stines-Evans company, canceling an engagement with the Castle Square Opera Company, with whom she was to sing in the title role in "Peggy from Paris."

She has already been very successful on the stage, having sung in vaudeville in the East for two years prior to her operatic engagement with the Castle Square Opera Company, but was obliged to return to California on account of ill-health.

Miss Stanton expects to remain in Australia for a year, and during that time she hopes to add one more name to the already long list of Californians who have met with enviable success in that far-away land.

VALUABLE JEWELRY STOLEN FROM HOUSE

Residence of George Crossland on McAllister Street Is Ransacked During His Absence.

The residence of George Crossland, at 538 McAllister street, within a stone's throw of the City Hall police station, was mysteriously entered yesterday afternoon and jewelry to the value of more than \$400 was taken. The police were notified of the robbery last night, but the burglars did their work well and left not the slightest clew behind by which they might be traced.

Crossland, who is a recent arrival from the East, went downtown shortly after noon yesterday with his wife. The pair returned home several hours later and were dumfounded to find that their bedroom was all in disorder. The bureau drawers were pulled out and their contents scattered about the floor. A handsome gold watch belonging to Crossland, two diamond rings, the property of his wife, and several other articles of jewelry were missing.

The stolen property is valued at \$400. The police at the City Hall station were notified and detectives were detailed on the case, but so far they have no clew to the robbers.

NEGRO MUST IMPROVE.

Colored Bishop Confident Race Problem Will Be Solved. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 7.—Bishop J. W. Hood, senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, in charge of the First Episcopal District, embracing New York, New England and Central North Carolina, is a guest here. In discussing the race troubles Bishop Hood said:

I have great confidence in the ultimate solution of the race problem. This is a large and serious problem and must necessarily move slowly. It is necessary that the races get closer together. The negro must improve and the white man must help him. The negro in the South is stubbornly pushing to the front. He is buying land, houses, plantations and stock and is hoarding his earnings for the betterment of his condition.

Baseball Official Resigns.

LOS ANGELES, July 7.—L. R. Garrett, president of the Los Angeles Club of the Pacific National League, has resigned his position and disposed of his interests in the stock of the local club. Greeley W. Bentley has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by President Garrett's retirement. It is understood that Garrett's resignation was caused by his disapproval of the recent decision of the league managers to play the Los Angeles Club in the north for another series.

Ticket Brokers Enjoined.

The Southern Pacific Company obtained an injunction yesterday against O. Ottenger, H. R. Duffin, S. Newman, Charles Conklin and other ticket brokers which will prevent them from selling, exchanging or bartering tickets to be used on its lines. The injunction was signed by Judge Murasky. The railroad company has filed suit against the ticket brokers. This is one of many similar suits brought by the company during the last few years.

EDITOR ARRIVES FROM ANTIPODES

Frank Donohue Speaks of Issues in Australian Politics.

Chamberlain's Preferential Proposals Shrouded in Uncertainty.

Frank Donohue of the editorial staff of the Morning Herald, Sydney, New South Wales, arrived on the Sonoma on Monday. His visit here is partly due to the increasing interest on the Eastern seaboard of Australia in the development of trade with American ports. Speaking of his visit to San Francisco, Mr. Donohue said:

"There was a considerable growth of interest among the traveling public in the Pacific routes and a marked increase in the number of those who appeared to prefer to take that way of reaching Europe."

Alluding to the political situation in Australia, Mr. Donohue said that at the end of the year there would occur the first general election after the formation of the first Federal Ministry had shaped the commonwealth policy.

"The test question," said Donohue, "of the election would be the Federal tariff introduced by Sir Edmund Barton, the Prime Minister. Before the federation of the colonies the different States had different tariffs and it was expected that the Federal tariff would be one of compromise between high protection and free trade. The Federal Ministers, however, committed themselves to a high protective tariff which was returned to power, both by the House of Representatives and the Senate. In its amended form the new law was subject to ratification at the general election in December next," the distinguished journalist said.

In the States where protection existed the feeling would favor a higher tariff.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PROPOSAL.

Donohue said New South Wales was still strongly in favor of free trade and that George H. Reid and other free trade leaders had been conducting an active campaign among the electors in all the States. Reid was returned to power in which event he would, of course, oust the Barton high tariff ministry, he promised a tariff imposing duties for revenue only.

Donohue then referred to the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain's preferential duties proposal between England and the dependencies.

The decision, said Donohue, as to the Commonwealth's action would be largely guided by the issue of the electoral contest between Sir Edmund Barton and Mr. Reid. The adoption, however, of Mr. Chamberlain's proposal was surrounded by peculiar difficulties in Australia. Both parties felt that Australia's prospect of commercial expansion, especially in the far East, would be seriously checked by the practical closing of these markets by preferential duties in favor of the mother country.

The question of the Pacific was one of growing importance to the commercial and trading outlook for Australia, the editor said. Germany also offered an excellent market which had never been won which it could not afford to lose any more than it could afford to limit the possibilities of trade with the United States.

With regard to Sir Edmund's promise to Mr. Chamberlain to invite an expression of opinion on the subject from Parliament, Donohue said that in any event he fulfilled not until after the general election. Donohue said that he had been asked by a number of Americans whether trade conditions were not in a bad way owing to the seven-year drought. Donohue said that the drought had broken, and the prospect was more cheerful than for some years. He said that experience had emphatically proved that Australia was a country which recovers itself very rapidly.

COUNTRY TAUGHT LESSON.

The commonwealth, said Donohue, had been taught a sharp lesson as to the necessity for water conservation and irrigation, which had now become part of a recognized federal policy. In this respect, said Donohue, the federation would be able to do much which the colonies separately could not even attempt.

The matter of municipal ownership of utilities was discussed and Donohue said that up to the present the subject of municipal ownership, or as Australians prefer to put it, "control of local municipal services," was only in an academic stage. But there was an awakening of interest in that direction, owing largely, in New South Wales, to the initiative of the new Sydney Town Clerk, Mr. Nesbitt, recently brought from London to put municipal matters on a better working basis.

In the matter of New Zealand's socialistic legislation, said Donohue, Australian public opinion considered it mainly in the light of an interesting experiment. The majority opinion did not favor either State or municipal ownership, but both were planks in the platform of the Labor party. The socialist view that the influence of the Labor party had received came from public resistance to the organized attempt in the recent strike in Victoria to paralyze the railway system, which was, of course, owned by the State in each colony.

After Finigan's Property.

OAKLAND, July 7.—Suit was instituted today by George N. Williams, James P. Sweeney and R. R. Bigelow, as creditors of Colonel P. A. Finigan, the Berkeley capitalist, against M. F. Cochrane, as assignee of Finigan's estate, to quiet title to a piece of property situated at Ellsworth and Haste streets in Berkeley. The suit is the outgrowth of the old troubles Finigan had with General R. H. Warfield over a summer's board bill Finigan's daughters ran up while Warfield was proprietor of Hotel Rafael.

Sever Marital Bonds.

OAKLAND, July 7.—Ida Hebert was given a decree of divorce from A. J. Hebert on the ground of willful desertion by Judge Melvin today. She was awarded the custody of the child and allowed \$24 a month alimony. Eugene Estes instituted divorce proceedings today against Ann Estes. He alleges desertion as cause of action. They were married in 1888.

HAYRE, Mont., July 7.—A freight wreck caused by a defective rail occurred early today just this side of Midvale, on the Great Northern Road. Fifty-seven box cars are in the ditch, twenty of which were entirely demolished. Four tramps were killed.

Notice to Subscribers

We take pleasure in notifying our patrons who are going to the country for the summer months that THE CALL can be served to them at ANY POINT either by mail or through local carriers. Give address to your carrier or any branch office and prompt service will be made.