

REVEALS BRUTAL PLOT TO MURDER

Accomplice of Devan Tells Astounding Story.

Wealthy Samuel Lewis Not the Only Man Marked for Death.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—An astounding story of depravity and criminality was revealed before Recorder Goff this morning when Prosecuting Witness Oliver Nelson told of Edgar Devan's plot to murder Samuel Lewis, the wealthy manufacturer.

During the proceedings there lay on the desk of Assistant District Attorney Nott a piece of lead pipe and two bottles, one containing chloral hydrate and the other chloroform, which the witness said were to have been brought into requisition should they be needed.

Nelson said he had been employed as a private detective and had met Devan, who was working in the same capacity. He said that on October 28 Devan had asked him to aid in the robbery of Lewis, whose habit of remaining in his office late at night had been revealed to him by a girl whom he met through a flirtation.

At the last minute, when everything had been made ready for the assault upon Lewis, Nelson wakened and revealed the plot to the police.

TWO NATIONAL BANKS CLOSED

Comptroller of Currency Directs Examiners to Take Charge.

ELKHART, Ind., Nov. 19.—The Indiana National Bank of this city has been closed by the Comptroller of the Currency and National Bank Examiner C. H. Bosworth has been directed to take charge.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The Farmers' National Bank of Henrietta, Tex., has been closed by direction of the Comptroller of the Currency, Miller Weil, National Bank Examiner, has been appointed temporary receiver.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 19.—A receiver was appointed to-day for the Brigantine Transportation Company. The application was made by the Continental Trust Company of New York to foreclose a mortgage securing a bond of \$75,000.

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa, Nov. 19.—The Cedar Falls Hub Clothing Company, one of the largest clothing firms in this city, was to-day placed in the hands of a receiver on the request of creditors in Chicago.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 19.—T. S. B. Sotham, the Hereford breeder, of Chillicothe, Mo., to-day filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States District Court here. He placed his liabilities at \$128,218, assets \$196,269.

MARINERS HAVE FEAR THAT VESSEL WAS LOST

Steamer Discovery, Once Reported to Have Reached Skagway, Still Is Missing.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 19.—The Nome steamer Discovery has not reached Sitka. The dispatch from Skagway last week making that announcement was an error and marine men familiar with the Discovery's voyage believe she will never reach port.

While the life raft might have been washed overboard during a storm, it is believed now to indicate that the Discovery has gone down. She was last sighted off Takutai by the steamer Excelsior on October 28.

The Discovery left Nome October 14, carrying thirty-one passengers, in command of Captain J. H. McGrath of Port Townsend.

Dr. Henry E. Winslow Dead.

OAKLAND, Nov. 19.—News has just been received from the Philippine Islands of the death of Dr. Henry E. Winslow of this city, who was connected with the Philippine Constabulary Department, U. S. A. Dr. Winslow was one of the first members of the boys' choir of St. John's Church. He leaves a widow mother, who resides at 876 Wood street, and several sisters.

LETTER HOUSES FRESNO CITIZENS

Dried Fruit Display for St. Louis Causes a Rumpus.

Commissioner Filcher's Orders Makes a Deal of Displeasure.

FRESNO, Nov. 19.—A letter from Commissioner Filcher was read at the Fresno St. Louis Fair committee's session to-night that aroused the greatest indignation. Dried fruit is one of the county's most important products, but the commissioner wrote:

"I want to say to you that since the State is making an imposing dried fruit display counties will have to restrict themselves in this feature to creditable samples as showing that they pack dried fruit, as it will be impossible to give them room for large showings of dried fruit, and besides it would not be advisable."

LACK OF DIRECT PROOF ACQUITS

Colonel R. R. Thornton of Point Richmond Is Free.

POINT RICHMOND, Nov. 19.—Colonel R. R. Thornton of this place was acquitted to-day at Martinez on a charge of shooting Frank Purcell at Point Richmond several months ago. The jury went out last night and gave its verdict at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The testimony was wholly circumstantial.

At the time of the shooting Purcell, an expressman, was driving by Colonel Thornton's office and was struck in the back with a rifle bullet. A hole had been cut in the fence along Thornton's property. It was the theory of the prosecution that Thornton had laid in wait behind the fence and from his hiding place shot Purcell, with whom he had quarreled a few days before. Purcell recovered.

It was claimed that Thornton, who is a fiery Southerner, used that means to satisfy his outraged dignity. But the jury concluded after many ballots to acquit the aged defendant on the ground that the evidence was not conclusive enough to prove guilt.

CLAIMS TO BE LAST OF THE MONTEZUMAS

"Prince" Nanzeta Says His Dominion Lies Somewhere in Southern Mexico.

"Prince" Nanzeta Montezuma, who claims that the blood of the ancient Montezumas courses through his veins and makes other assertions that would cause many to suspect that he has a right to lay claim of relationship to the late Ananias, dropped into the city yesterday and is registered at the Lick. The "Prince," who says his domain is located on the southern border of Mexico and is known as the Sacred City, is accompanied by his wife, an attractive young woman, whom, he says, was formerly a Miss Posey of this city. He claims to have married her in Kansas City about three months ago.

In Denver several days ago the young descendant of the Aztecs made the statement to the papers that he was on his way to San Francisco to marry the daughter of a former candidate for Mayor and showed no hesitancy in discussing the proposed matrimonial venture. Last night, however, he denied this interview and attributed the fact that he did not acknowledge his wife in Denver to a desire to conceal for "personal reasons" his marriage.

For several months "Prince" Nanzeta Montezuma has attracted attention in the Eastern cities by his stories of his duels in Mexico and his many other adventures, which apparently have all occurred in a very short space of time, for he is only 23 years of age and would look much younger if shorn of his long, raven black hair. According to his story he is the only lineal descendant of the Montezumas and says the killing of a rival for the hand of a Mexican maiden resulted in a price being placed on his head in Mexico. He seems to be possessed of plenty of ready cash and indignantly denies the stories published in the East that he is a faker and that he was in trouble there over the issuance of a bad check. The "Prince" claims that he and his wife have come to California to spend the winter.

PRESIDENT SUMMONS SUMMERS TO WASHINGTON

United States District Attorney at Omaha Is Called in the Dietrich Case.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 19.—An important development in connection with the Inman case resulted in a price being placed on his head in Mexico. He seems to be possessed of plenty of ready cash and indignantly denies the stories published in the East that he is a faker and that he was in trouble there over the issuance of a bad check. The "Prince" claims that he and his wife have come to California to spend the winter.

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 19.—The remains of Dr. Charles E. Decker, for many years the Marine Hospital surgeon at this port, who died in this city on the 22d of last month, were taken from the receiving vault to Rockwood, shipped to the old home in Battle Creek, Mich.

CHILDISH FINGERS FASHION PRETTY THINGS FOR BOOTH

Little Members of Sunshine Club Work Energetically to Add Their Mite Toward Success of Reception and Bazaar to Be Given at King's Daughters' Home for Incurables



OAKLAND, Nov. 19.—A reception and bazaar will be given to-morrow afternoon at the King's Daughters' Home for Incurables, on Thirty-ninth street and Broadway. The home is pleasantly situated, and the large reception and dining rooms are well arranged for such an affair as the ladies have planned.

One pretty feature will be the little booth in charge of the Sunshine Club, which consists of five small girls, whose busy fingers have made all the articles which will be sold at their table. They are Adele Scott, Grace Vesper, Marguerite Dewing, Marian Miller and Edith Armes.

Other pretty articles, suitable for Christmas gifts will be sold, also homemade jellies and candies. Music will add to the afternoon's pleasure, among the numbers promised being mandolin and guitar selections by the Misses Sherwood and songs by Miss Edith Carlson, a graduate of the Lindsborg, Kans., Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. R. C. Craft is chairman of the committee of arrangements, and she has been assisted by Mrs. J. W. Scott, Mrs. O. M. Vesper, Mrs. Della Hildebrand and Mrs. Joseph A. Spangler.

VOLCANO SHOWS GREAT ACTIVITY

Stromboli Is Emitting Smoke, Ashes and Red Hot Stones.

ROME, Nov. 19.—For some time the volcano of Stromboli has been showing signs of increased activity, emitting considerable quantities of smoke, ashes and redhot stones, accompanied by loud detonations. The opening of a new crater was signified by a tremendous report. The eruption continues, but it is at present impossible to judge of its volume or its consequences because of a thick cloud of smoke and ashes.

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FRENCH DEPUTY PREDICTS PEACE

Says Republic Does Not Intend to Make War on Morocco.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—In the presence of a crowded Chamber to-day Deputy Deschanel, Republican, formerly president of the Chamber, began the discussion of the Foreign Office budget. The keynote of Deschanel's speech was the far-reaching effects of the improved relations between France and England. He pointed out that England's great commercial rivals to-day were the United States and Germany.

Adverting to Morocco Deschanel said France had no intention to make war upon that country. France wished neither military adventure nor the partition of Morocco and she had no desire to conquer Siam. There existed no question which could not be settled by diplomacy or arbitration. The Deputy further declared that those who were responsible for armed peace were those who refused to discuss the proposal for disarmament. It would be a crime, he added, to seek to raise issues between Great Britain and France. The relations between France and Italy were friendly, but the alliance with Russia must be the cornerstone of French policy. Deschanel said that the possibility of a conflict in Central Asia was diminishing, and even Korea was not likely to produce trouble, as the Governments of the United States and Great Britain were counseling Japan to prudence.

The Senate to-day rejected by a vote of 198 to 63 the committee scheme for the state monopoly of educational institutions, thus leaving the Government's project alone under consideration.

The woman who wishes for sympathy will always find more trouble than solace.

CITIES ARRANGE FOR ARBOR DAY

Oakland and Berkeley Will Plant Trees Together.

Three Committees of Leading People Meet and Discuss the Plans.

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center Street, Nov. 19.—The cities of Oakland and Berkeley will join in celebrating Arbor day on December 1. The public spirited citizens of the two cities will gather and carry out a programme for tree planting that will have for its aim the beautifying of all the avenues.

This was decided at a meeting this morning of committees representing both cities at the residence of Mrs. A. J. Ralston of 2616 Channing way. Professor A. E. Lemmon and A. G. Bell represented the Oakland City Council, Mrs. Gorrell and Mrs. Borland the Women's Civic Improvement Club of Oakland, and the following named ladies the tree planting committee of the Town and Gown Club: Mrs. Ralston, chairman; Mrs. Allan G. Freeman, Dr. Mary B. Ritter, Mrs. D. B. Hunter, Mrs. Charles Palmer, Mrs. Thomas Addison, Mrs. E. J. Wickson, Mrs. Benjamin Bangs, Mrs. John Hinkle, Mrs. J. C. Lynch, Mrs. F. H. Payne and Mrs. G. A. Eason.

The meeting decided to plant trees on Grove street, College and Telegraph avenues in both cities on Arbor day. Joint exercises will be held in the open air, weather permitting, to consist mainly of addresses by well known speakers. Elm trees will be planted on the streets named and bids will be called for from the leading florists. The committee will meet again within a week to decide more fully upon the exercises for the day and to consider the bids submitted.

Professor A. V. Stubenrauch of the University of California will address the tree planting section of the Women's Civic Improvement Club of Oakland to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in Mayor Olney's reception room in the City Hall of Oakland. His subject will be tree planting.

Fire Renders Hundreds Homeless.

CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 19.—The fire at Vera Cruz yesterday destroyed seven blocks of dwellings, leaving 1500 persons homeless. The commercial interests of Vera Cruz were not harmed. The loss will not be great, as most of the buildings were huts. A gale continues, forcing steamers to come into port.

University Man Feels the Lash

College Editor Exposes Faculty Member's Conduct.

Berkeley Office San Francisco Call, 2148 Center Street, Nov. 19.—Under the caption "Academic Consistency" Richard O'Connor, editor of the Daily Californian, the college paper, prints this morning a sensational story charging a member of the faculty of the University of California with drunkenness. The name of the offending professor, who is described as being a member of the students' affairs committee, is withheld. The editorial is the talk of the campus, and the general opinion is that the scandal will result in the dismissal of somebody from the university, though Editor O'Connor says he has no fear of a faculty investigation. Here is what Editor O'Connor says in his editorial:

It is not only the undergraduates of a university who have in their keeping the sacred honor of the institution. A few months ago, in a great university from Berkeley, several students were tried by a faculty committee on a charge of aiding and abetting a serious infraction of the college rules. In the case of one of the students it sought to prove that he was intoxicated. A particular member of the committee, a faculty man of prominence, urged this point especially against the unlucky student on trial. The student was convicted and was told that he had behaved like a rowdy.

Within the last week the particular student was again on trial. This time he happened to be riding on a street car in the university town. On the car he saw his accuser of a faculty committee. The learned scholar was behaving in a peculiar manner. He seemed to have been stricken with paralysis, a paralysis that had especially attacked his legs and his tongue. At a curve kind strangers caught the professor and kept him from being thrown off into the mud. Besides the student who had been convicted of ungentlemanly behavior there were ten people on the car who knew the professor well. Many more saw him on the boat and on the train.

The "infraction of the college rules" to which Editor O'Connor alludes was the last charter day rush, which resulted in the dismissal of three senators from the university. Editor O'Connor refused to give the name of the man he accused in his editorial, though he intimated it would be easy to deduce the name of the offender. "I have said all I intend to say in that editorial," said O'Connor. "I did not write it with the intention of picking on one man and satisfying any personal feelings I may have. I will not divulge the name because I think the editorial will accomplish its purpose just as well if the professor remains nameless. I simply wish to make it understood that the faculty of this university cannot practice these inconsistencies—cannot punish the students for the very things they do themselves."

President Wheeler, to whom the editorial was referred, refused to discuss it in any way.

Illinois Society to Meet

OAKLAND, Nov. 19.—A meeting of the Illinois Society will be held in California Hall to-morrow evening to arrange for the banquet at the annual meeting, which will be held in this city on Friday, December 18. A short programme has been arranged for the preliminary meeting at which the Rev. A. Draham, Chaplain of San Quentin Prison will give reminiscences of life in Illinois, and Miss Hoover of San Francisco will recite.

PLAYS GARDEN HOSE ON WOMAN

Patient Sues Cold Water Cure Doctor for Damages.

Says She Feels Worse Now Than Before Taking Treatment.

ALAMEDA, Nov. 19.—Damages in the sum of \$150 are demanded by Mary Holden from Franz Wischniewski for being "hosed down with cold water." She allowed the hose wielder to play a stream on her on his guarantee that the frigid water treatment would cure her of an ailment with which she was afflicted. Since Wischniewski performed the operation the woman asserts that she has felt worse than she did before, and to-day began an action against the water-cure man in the City Justice's Court to recover the amount sued for, alleging that she has been injured physically and mentally to that extent.

In her complaint the woman avers that she was employed by Wischniewski, and that when she became ill he represented to her that he was a regular medical practitioner and prescribed for her a shower bath with a garden hose. She submitted to the treatment finding that the water cure did not cure her, but on the contrary increased its severity, dispensed with the hose-wielder's services. It is also alleged by the plaintiff that Wischniewski "was never a qualified medical practitioner, but practiced fraudulently upon her for the purpose of deceiving and injuring her."

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

BERKELEY, Nov. 19.—Dr. Thomas Walker Page will assume his duties as instructor in medieval history at the beginning of the next term. Dr. Page is now professor of political science at the University of Texas. He was formerly connected with the university as instructor in history, having served from 1898 until 1902.

The dramatic club for the co-eds had been permanently organized by the adoption of a constitution. The following are the charter members: Miss Talulah Le Conte, Miss Edouardo Howard, Miss Edith Reynolds, Miss Pauline Ackerman, Miss Anastasia Snow, Miss Thatcher and Winifred Osborne.

The university song book that was recently compiled by a committee of the faculty and students is about to come from the press. All the songs in the book were written exclusively by students, alumni or members of the faculty. The expense of publication will be borne by the Associated Students.

The students in the short course in dairying at the Agricultural College have begun to make cheese under the instruction of the faculty. These practical tests are carried on with cream derived from the college dairy.

Another number of the Pelican, the college comic paper, will be issued before the term closes. The staff has been reorganized and each editor assigned to a special department of humor.

The Girls' Club will take in a larger territory than ever before in its next singing tour. At present its scope will extend to Reno, Nevada, and it may possibly be enlarged so that it will include Salt Lake.

Another address delivered before the students taking the short course in agriculture yesterday Professor E. W. Hilgard, dean of the Agricultural College, said that the education of the country youth is lacking in nature study, and he advocated the introduction into the schools of courses in that subject.

To-morrow is the last day remaining for paying the Blue and Gold assessments and having photographs taken. The freshman-sophomore debate will be held in Siles Hall at 7:45 o'clock Saturday evening, when the following question will be discussed: "Resolved, That a democratic form of government is adapted to the French people." The affirmative will be sustained by the following sophomores: W. S. Andrews, W. E. Moroney and J. P. Griffiths; the negative by the following freshmen: N. H. Eisner, E. M. Peixotto and T. H. Buckingham.

REMAINS OF AGED MAN FOUND IN LAKE MERRITT

Body of Hugh Mulholland, Who Disappeared Last Friday, Is Recovered From Water.

OAKLAND, Nov. 19.—The body of Hugh Mulholland, who disappeared from his home on Friday last, was found in Lake Merritt at the foot of Twenty-third street this afternoon. It had evidently been in the water several days. Whether death was caused by suicide or accident is uncertain.

DOMINICAN INSURGENTS LOSE HEAVILY IN ATTACK

Capital of the Republic Holds Out Against Their Artillery Onslaught.

PORCH CLIMBERS MAKE BIG HAUL

Lakeside Residences Are Riddled of Valuable Jewelry.

Clever Crime Is Committed in the Crellin and the Bannan Homes.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call, 1118 Broadway, Nov. 19.—Daring porch-climbers invaded the Lakeside district to-night and rifled residences of watches, diamonds, rings, brooches and pins valued at more than \$1500. Those who suffered by the clever work were the family of Thomas Crellin, president of the Central Bank, residing at 1384 Allice street, and William Bannan, a San Francisco broker, residing at 1437 Harrison street. The operations were identical in method and equally successful, as not a vestige of valuables remained in the apartments visited after the bold and nimble thieves completed the jobs.

The families were dining downstairs while the catlike climbers went up the convenient porch-covering stanchions, entered by windows and deftly and speedily overhauled the sleeping apartments, gathering together everything that looked like jewelry in their hurried but comprehensive search for plunder.

POLICE ARE NOTIFIED

Reports from the two residences were sent to police headquarters almost simultaneously, the thefts having been discovered about 7:30 o'clock at each home. Detectives were dispatched to the Crellin and Bannan homes, but the best that could be uncovered from the conditions was the very evident fact that a man or men exceptionally talented in their peculiar line of thievery had accomplished the crimes.

It was between 6:30 and 7:30 o'clock this evening that the Crellin residence was entered. The family was at dinner, and all of the house servants were on the main floor attending to various domestic duties. The porch-climber made his way undisturbed to a point within reach of a bedroom window, which was quickly opened. He first visited Mrs. Thomas Crellin's apartments, and evidently was well supplied with burglar's keys and picklocks, for he opened chiffonier drawers, escritoirs and jewel boxes with a facility that indicated the use of a first-class kit of tools. Watches, rings, pins and anything else that caught the burglar's discerning eyes vanished. Then Miss Mona Crellin's boudoir was visited, and an equally complete clean-up occurred.

Apparently satisfied with his evening's expedition, the busy thief departed by the way he arrived, leaving only empty jewel boxes littered about the chambers, muddy footprints on carpets and window casings and disorder as evidence of his call.

DISCOVERS HER LOSS

After supper Mrs. Crellin went upstairs, only to discover to her dismay the loss that had been sustained. After an inventory of the missing jewelry the police gave out the statement that more than \$1000 worth of gems had been stolen, and not a trace of the thief's identity in sight.

When the detectives visited the Bannan residence they met the same state of affairs. The Bannans had been at dinner when their unwelcome and unbidden caller made his hasty entrance and came by climbing into the house by way of the front porch and a bedroom window. Without disturbing a soul in the house the thief speedily made the rounds of the sleeping apartments, gathering in all of the jewelry he could find and using the same methods as were employed at the Crellin residence. The value placed by the police upon the list of stolen gems reported by Bannan is \$500.

Police investigation caused the detectives to accept the theory that the same man was guilty of both thefts. It is conceded at police headquarters that the thief or thieves are bright and particular stars, and the detectives fear that the cases will be extremely difficult to handle in view of the character of the operations.

DIVORCE IS GRANTED TO MRS. IDA FIEST

Mrs. N. Landon Sues for Custody of Children—Mrs. Annie Colbert Wants Separation.

OAKLAND, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Ida Fiest, mother of the child in the famous baby selling case, was granted a divorce to-day from Clay H. Fiest, a San Francisco motorman, who charged her with having sold their infant child for \$100. Judge Hall, in summing up the evidence given in the case to-day, stated that by the testimony Mrs. Fiest evidently believed that her child was being adopted by people who would give it a good home. Judge Hall awarded Mrs. Fiest \$15 a month alimony for the support of the child and \$75 attorney's fees.

Mrs. N. Landon sued out a writ of habeas corpus this afternoon to have her two children produced in court. She says her husband, Bert Landon, has taken the two children, one 2½ and the other 1½ years old, to the home of his parents on Cypress street, and that she is unable to obtain possession of them. She wants her husband to show cause why she should not have the custody of the children. The writ was issued by Judge Ellisworth and is made returnable before him at 10 a. m. to-morrow. The Landon case is at Point Richmond.

Mrs. Annie Colbert, the wife of John Colbert, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of beating her, filed a suit for divorce this afternoon through Attorney J. L. McVey.

OAKLAND, Nov. 19.—The safe in the Tesla Coal Company's office, First and Madison streets, was opened last night by a thief, who stole \$15 from the coin box. No violence was used to open the safe. The combination having been worked.

WATCH FOR THE BEAUTIFUL PICTURES IN THE BIG THANKSGIVING EDITION

NEXT SUNDAY CALL