

THE WEATHER.
Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, November 11:
San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Friday; fresh northeast wind.
A. G. McADIE,
District Forecaster.

THE THEATERS.
ALCAZAR—"Prince Karl."
CALIFORNIA—"Sweet Clover."
CENTRAL—"Her Marriage Vow."
COLUMBIA—"The County Chairman."
CHUTES—"Vaudeville."
FISCHER'S—"Vaudeville."
GRAND—"Pretty Peggy."
MAJESTIC—"An American Citizen."
ORPHEUM—"Vaudeville."
TIVOLI—"The Messenger Boy."

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE PRESIDENT'S ORDER

New Postmaster General Is Conducting an Inquiry
Charges of Collusion in Connection With Carrying Contracts Will Be Probed to the Bottom.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
CALL BUREAU, HOTEL BARTON, WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—A new investigation of the Postoffice Department is now under way, directed against the railway mail service, which calls for the largest single item of expenditure in the service. A half-dozen railway mail contracts are now before the Department of Justice for examination as to their legality, and that department is investigating charges of collusion by Government officials, some of whom are supposed to be in Congress.
President Roosevelt ordered this investigation before the death of Postmaster General Payne, but the fact that the inquiry had been going on for nearly two months did not become known until today. The report of the Department of Justice will be made to the President, who will take up the matter with Postmaster General Wynne for whatever action the developments may show to be necessary.
Meanwhile Wynne is determined to have every suspected spot in the department cleaned up. When he accepted the office of Postmaster General he said to the President:
"Whether I am in office two minutes, two months or two years I desire to

BIDS HIGH FOR PACIFIC MAIL STOCK

Lawson Offers Almost Double Its Value.

Hopes to Wrest Control From Harriman and Rockefeller.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
BOSTON, Nov. 10.—Thomas W. Lawson today gave out this advertisement for to-morrow morning's papers:
"Notice to the stockholders of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company—The capital stock of this company outstanding is 200,000 shares; 100,000 shares are owned by the Southern Pacific-Union Pacific railroads. They cost them \$100 per share. The present market price of the stock is \$42. As the largest stockholders next to the Southern Pacific-Union Pacific I will pay \$70 per share for substantially 93,000 shares or over all the outstanding minority stock, provided I can purchase same on or before Monday, November 21, 1904."
"Will you, to enable me to do so, sign the attached blank and send same to me by return mail?"
"THOMAS W. LAWSON."
"Boston, Nov. 10, 1904."
The appended blank form is as follows:
"I herewith agree to deliver to Thomas W. Lawson in Boston on or before Monday, November 28, 1904, shares of Pacific Mail Steamship Co. stock, upon payment by him to me of \$70 per share."
According to a friend who has the confidence of Lawson the bid for the stock is a part of the general attack he has planned against the Rockefeller and Harriman interests. Said this man:
"It is generally understood that the Southern and Union Pacific railroads control the stock of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, one of the properties of Huntington. Lawson is a minority stockholder and is in a position to know that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company has been making large profits in the regular order of business. The profits thereby accruing have gone to the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific combination and the minority stockholders have been left out in the cold."
"Lawson is convinced that it is time something should be done to protect the interests of the minority. He is convinced that the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific combine does not own more than a small percentage of the stock and has been going before the public under false colors."
"The Pacific Mail Steamship Company, on the basis of its business, ought to pay at least a 4 per cent dividend and in order to rest this point and get a standing in court Lawson is making a bid for the stock at \$70. If it turns out that Lawson is correct in his opinion he will get control of the Pacific Mail, which promises to be a great factor in the building up of trade in the Orient."

MRS. MOODY'S DEPOSITION READ

MISS DOLBEER'S AUNT PROVES POSITIVE WITNESS IN WILL CONTEST

KILLS TWO WOMEN AND YOUNG BOY

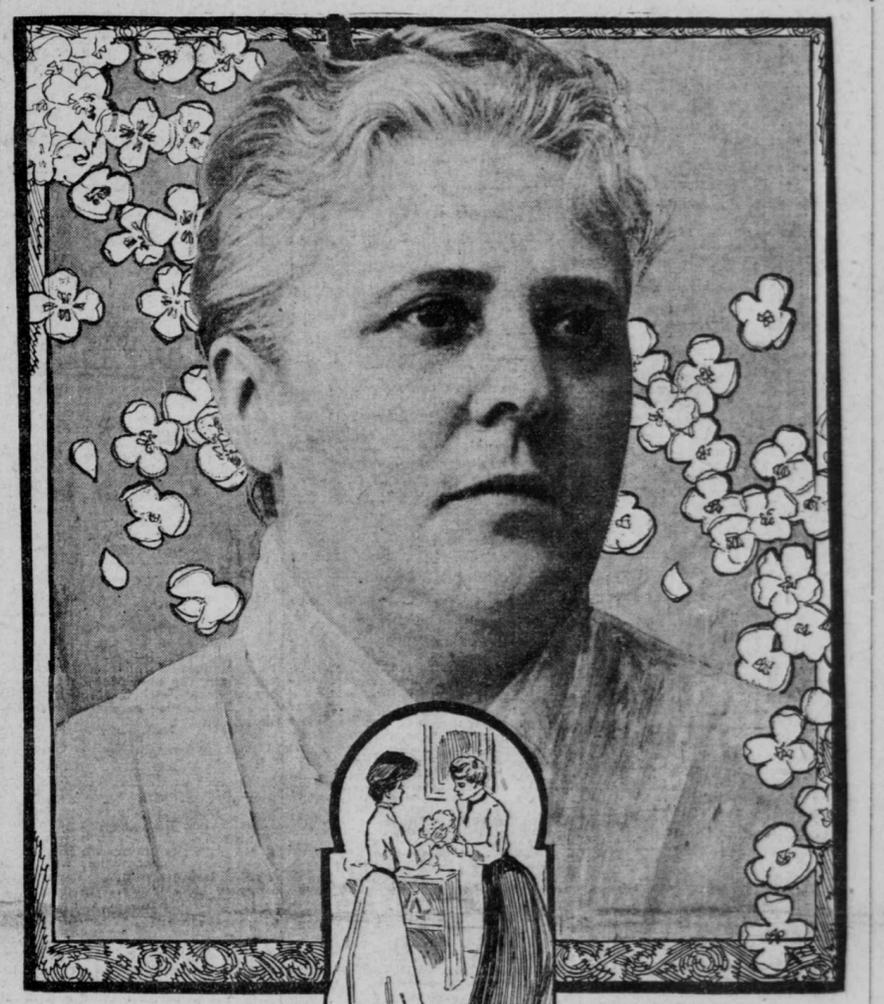
Mother, Daughter and Son Are Murdered at Auburn.

Assassin Then Sets Fire to Home in Hope of Hiding His Crime.

Husband and Father of the Victims Is Missing and It Is Thought That He Also Perished.

AUBURN, Nov. 10.—What appears to be one of the most atrocious murders ever committed in this part of the State took place here to-night. The crime is thought by some to have been the work of a madman. Others hold to the theory of robbery.
The handsome home of Julius Weber was seen to be in flames about 7:30 o'clock this evening, but as the building was out of the fire limits the fire companies could not reach it in time to stay the progress of the fire. Many of the neighbors rushed to the house and while they were taking out some of the furniture George Ruth noticed a woman on the floor. Dragging her into the open air, he recognized her as Miss Bertha Weber. She was dead. Ruth again entered the burning house and carried out another body, that of Mrs. Weber. Going in a third time, Paul Weber, aged 3, rushed into his arms. The little fellow was hurriedly taken to the open air, where he soon expired.
It is believed that the body of Julius Weber, the husband and father, will be found in the debris when the search is renewed at daylight.
Coroner Shepard immediately took charge of the three bodies and on making an examination discovered that Mrs. Weber had a bullet wound in her breast. Her clothing was saturated with blood. The little boy, Paul, was cut in several places on the head. The cuts averaged about a quarter of an inch in depth. His little night shirt was covered with blood. He evidently had been stunned and left for dead, but recovered only to be suffocated by smoke.
Miss Weber's body is so badly burned that no marks are discernible.
Dr. Todd and Dr. Money will make autopsies on the bodies to determine the exact cause of death.
Sheriff Keena and District Attorney Robinson are at work on the case. What leads to the theory that a madman committed the terrible crimes is that the affair occurred so early in the evening. If Mr. Weber was burned there is no one left to tell the tale. A son, Adolph, aged 20, was downtown when the fire broke out. He is in such a nervous state now that little can be learned from him. When the fire bell rang he rushed to his home, climbed into the burning building and had to be taken away by force.
Some of the neighbors say that when they first noticed the fire it was in the lower story and that they saw two women on the porch above. This story is hardly reasonable, however, as the wounds would indicate that the murderer first made sure of his victims and then set fire to the building to hide his crime.
Julius Weber was one of Auburn's oldest residents. He formerly owned the Auburn Brewery and was reported to be worth \$40,000. His family stood high in the community. Miss Weber was a favorite in church and society circles.

TESTIFYING IN DETAIL, SHE TELLS OF TESTATRIX'S ILL HEALTH AND GLOOM



KNIGHTHOOD FOR A KING OF FINANCE
Italy Confers a Decoration Upon Morgan.

MISS DOLBEER CAME TO NEW YORK BY THE MOODY BEFORE LEAVING FOR EUROPE.—HAS IDA J. MOODY

MRS. IDA J. MOODY, AUNT OF BERTHA M. DOLBEER, AND WITNESS FOR CONTESTANT.

PRESIDENT SENDS HIS PORTRAIT
Thanks the Woman Who Rebuked Hobson.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 10.—When Captain Richmond P. Hobson spoke at Columbia City in the closing days of the campaign, he was very severe in his criticisms of President Roosevelt, declaring among other things that the President was tyrannical and that his purpose ultimately was to set up a dictatorship in this country.
When he had finished speaking a crowd of Democrats gathered around him and were congratulating him on his speech. A young woman pushed her way through the crowd, but when Captain Hobson extended his hand she did not take it. Instead, she declared that she did not believe one word that he had said about the President and that she ought not to make such assertions.
The young woman was Miss Ida Galbreth, a teacher in the public schools of Columbia City. To-day she received a letter from President Roosevelt which read:
"WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—My Dear Miss Galbreth: Will you kindly allow me, as a token of my appreciation, to inclose my photograph. Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

SHOOTS DOWN SHERIFF AND CITIZEN

West Virginia Mountaineer Commits Two Murders to Avenge the Killing of His Brother.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
MONTGOMERY, W. Va., Nov. 10.—Sheriff Daniels of Fayette County and John Rolf, a prominent citizen of this city, were shot and killed to-day by Harvey Jackson, brother of W. A. Jackson, the constable who was killed yesterday by William Elliott, a policeman. The murders to-day were committed while Harvey Jackson and two brothers were seeking to avenge W. A. Jackson's death. The brothers escaped, but a posse of 200 men is in pursuit and a lynch mob may follow.
The three brothers of Constable Jackson live in the rural districts of Fayette County. They heard early this morning of W. A. Jackson's murder and came to Montgomery, swearing vengeance upon the Mayor and the entire police force of the city.
The officials, fearing the Jackson brothers, went into hiding and sent a telephone message to Sheriff Daniels for assistance. The Sheriff boarded a train at Fayette and arrived in Montgomery at 10 o'clock.
Just as he stepped from the train he saw Harvey Jackson standing fifty feet away. The Sheriff walked over to

DAUGHTER IS ACCUSED OF DEFRAUDING PARENTS

Allegation Is Made That She Forged Deeds to Raise Money on Property Owned by Father.

SAN BERNARDINO, Nov. 10.—Colton is all agog over a forgery alleged to have been committed by Mrs. J. Pence. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, an octogenarian couple, owned some property in Colton on the revenues of which they lived, and great was their surprise when they received word from a Los Angeles money lender today that he held a mortgage against the property. Nelson hurried to James Waters, the former City Clerk, and was told by him that a deed had been made over to his daughter, Mrs. Pence, on his (Nelson's) authority and Waters produced documents which bore the alleged signature of the grief-stricken old man. The instrument provided that the property was to go into the possession of Mrs. Pence with the understanding that she would take care of her parents as long as they lived. Upon obtaining the deed Mrs. Pence gave a mortgage for \$1500 and it was upon the expiration of the note given as security that the discovery of the alleged forgery was made. Suit was at once brought to cancel the mortgage. Mrs. Pence has lately been living at Goldfield.

TWO LAWYERS OF SALINAS ARE FINED FOR CONTEMPT

SANTA CRUZ, Nov. 10.—At the arraignment of wibus Buena, accused of felony, J. J. Wyatt and F. Zabala, attorneys of Salinas, appeared for a defendant, but when the case was called for trial yesterday they failed to appear. Judge Smith issued a citation and the attorneys were brought into court this morning. In the meantime the court had appointed two other lawyers to defend Buena. On their appearance in court this morning Wyatt and Zabala refused to defend Buena upon the ground that they were not members of the Santa Cruz County bar and could not be compelled to defend the prisoner without compensation. Thereupon the court fined them each \$50 for contempt. A friend in Salinas was notified of their position and C. F. Lacey of that city left for Santa Francisco to bring the matter before the Supreme Court on a writ of habeas corpus.

HUSBAND AND WIFE FOUND SHOT IN THEIR DWELLING

Position of the Bodies Indicates That the Man Committed Suicide After Killing Spouse.
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 10.—The bodies of Robert McCann and wife were found in their home two miles south of Ocean Park this morning. They had been dead several days and from the position of the bodies McCann evidently had shot his wife and then killed himself with the same revolver. Both were about 40 years of age.
The bodies were found this morning by a man who called at the house to see McCann. The body of the woman lay on a bed, with a bullet hole through the head, and McCann's body was stretched upon the floor, with a bullet hole through the head.
It is supposed that the tragedy occurred while McCann, who is said to have been a heavy drinker, was under the influence of liquor.

LEADERS OF SOCIETY AT WAR OVER THE SERVICES OF MAID

Mrs. Biddee and Mrs. Smith Want Domestic

Special Dispatch to The Call.
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 10.—Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel-Biddle and Mrs. W. Hinkle Smith are at odds, and the matter is the topic of gossip in the social circles of the city. The cause of it all is a maid—Florence Dougherty—who was in the household of Mr. Biddle. In time she became indispensable. A better offer came from Mrs. Smith and in the latter's household the maid was not long in attaining a place as responsible as that which she enjoyed with the Biddles.
Mrs. Smith had a houseful of guests two days ago at her Bryn Mawr country place, when the maid informed

ANXIOUS TO SAVE LIFE OF A BADLY BURNED CHILD

Los Angeles Residents Fight for Places in Line to Contribute Cauticle Needed for Grafting.
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 10.—Anxious to save the life of a child whom some of them had never seen, three hundred persons crowded into the Children's Hospital to-night and almost fought for places in line. Nine-year-old Hazel Eldon, the daughter of Mrs. Smith, was burned by an explosion of gasoline and the doctors made public announcement yesterday that unless a sufficient number of persons were willing to contribute sections of their cuticle to enable the surgeons to graft skin over the burned surface of the child's body the little one would die. The response was amazing. For hours a dozen surgeons worked on the arms of the people who presented themselves. Most of them were men, some heads of families, some university students, others mechanics, but there were more than enough of them to satisfy the doctors. Within four hours three thousand grafts had been applied. The same number will be applied Sunday, when another call will be issued.

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING OF A DANISH NOBLEMAN

Count Vladimir Alexis Debacke Loses His Life While Hunting on the Pelly River.
Special Dispatch to The Call.
TACOMA, Nov. 10.—Prospectors have brought to Skagway news of the drowning in Pelly River of Count Vladimir Alexis Debacke, a Danish nobleman, who lived in Skagway when the Klondike rush was at its height. Debacke was hunting with a party of Indians in an effort to secure some bear and mountain lion skins of unusual size. These he intended sending back to Denmark. He was drowned in the rapids 100 miles above Hoods Canyon, while attempting to cross the river on a raft. His body was recovered and buried near the shore.
Debacke was a son of one of the proudest families of Europe, but was unassuming and democratic to a degree. He was a mining expert, having mined in all parts of the world. He came to America seeking adventure and hunting opportunities not found in Denmark.

JAMMING OF THE ICE ABOVE THE MOUTH OF THE KLONDIKE RIVER CAUSES CONSIDERABLE LOSS.

TACOMA, Nov. 10.—The fleet of Yukon steamers wintering at Dawson has been partly wrecked by jamming of the ice above the mouth of the Klondike River. The jam forced the heavy drift ice through Sunnydale Slough, where the steamers of the Northern Commercial Company, North American Transportation and Trading Company, one independent steamer and four big White Pass barges were in winter quarters. The tremendous pressure of the ice tore the whole fleet from the moorings, crashing the steamers together and forcing them some hundred yards down stream. The Northern Commercial steamer Mississippi was crowded ashore on the beach. She is entirely out of water with a big twist in her hull. The steamer Lightning was caught in a jam below Dawson and was unable to get out. The flood swept 500 cords of wood, worth \$5000, from Dawson beach. The steamer J. P. Perry, operating between Kyak Island and Catella and Chilkat Point, mainland, was wrecked at Kyak October 23, during a storm which drove her ashore after she had filled with water. She is believed to be a total wreck. No lives were lost. The Perry belonged to Captain Corlow.

WOUNDED ELECTION OFFICER DIES.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Nov. 10.—Isaac Lebo, an election constable, who was shot by Deputy Sheriff James Warford at a Goldfield polling place on Tuesday, is dead. At the inquest Constable Chris Miller, who was also killed by Warford at the same time, the jury found that the shot was fired by Warford in self-defense.

STEAMERS WINTERING AT DAWSON ARE DAMAGED

Jamming of the Ice Above the Mouth of the Klondike River Causes Considerable Loss.
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MRS. MOODY'S DEPOSITION.

"Yes, I knew Miss Dolbeer very well, she was like my own child," was the answer of Mrs. Moody to the opening question.
"Will you state generally the mental and physical characteristics of Miss Dolbeer?"
"She was rather of a phlegmatic
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