

LAVISHES MONEY ON WOMAN WHO ALSO HAS FILED

FORMER ACTRESS IS SAID TO HAVE CAUSED UNDOING

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been one of luxury, excitement and unalloyed pleasure. Her apartments at the Luxor, where she lived under an assumed name, were among the most magnificent in the city. Everything that art and money could buy was at her disposal. Her rooms were hung with the finest of tapestries, while gems of European art filled the different apartments. Every Sunday night it was her custom, for the last two years, to attend the Orpheum, where she generally had a seat either near or beside Mrs. Joe Harvey. She always came in late, and as she entered the theater she attracted attention by her magnificent gowns.

ATTENDS THE ORPHEUM.

In fact, a large portion of the Sunday night crowds at the Orpheum watched for the appearance of this superbly beautiful woman. Her gowns were royal. When Smith first met her, it is reported, she was in very hard straits. Her jewels were all in pawn. Her first request was that Smith should get the jewels out, and this he did. The next thing that he did was to establish her in the luxurious apartments. It is said her gowns and furs were unequalled by any in San Francisco. Her set of ermine is said to have been the finest that has ever been displayed in the city. She also wore occasionally a magnificent set of mink furs. These were especially the envy of the women who happened to see them. While her stage pretensions were not great, she still had aspirations. About eight years ago she appeared at the Orpheum, doing a turn with Don Cann. The latter had a fine voice, and while Lillian Leslie was only a singer in a small way, her magnificent beauty, her gorgeous costumes and her stage presence helped carry out her part in the team.

About this time Truly Shattuck appeared on the scene and was a great friend of the fair Lillian. It is reported that Lillian and Truly contemplated a starting trip to Europe. Just before the proposed trip was carried out, a millionaire appeared on the scene and Miss Leslie abandoned the scheme.

SMITH TO RESCUE.

For a time all went well with her, but the friend who had induced her to remain in San Francisco and give up her theatrical career met reverses, so Lillian was thrown on her own resources. Her beautiful gowns, her magnificent diamonds and her jewels all went to the pawnbrokers and until she met Ed Smith she was in dire distress. Smith came to her rescue, took her jewels out and lavished upon her the luxuries that are the portion of a queen. Just prior to her departure on April 3 she intimated to some of her boon companions that "her man" had "fixed her plenty." She added that she was going to Europe to cultivate her voice and that she had "wads of dough" to spend while she lived in the whirl of gay Paris.

A day or two previous to her departure she made a calling tour in an automobile to bid farewell to a coterie of her friends. She told some of her set that she was going to Paris and to others she said she was going to take a southern trip.

As a sport at the race track, it is reported, none could equal her. She not only enjoyed the excitement of the races, but loved to mingle with the environment of the betting crowd. She always had plenty of money to wager and was always supplied with stable secrets and tips that seemed to come direct from the track. Her losses were not heavy. She was wont to spend her winnings with a lavish hand and whenever she won it was the occasion for a celebration of some sort.

DOES NOT RECALL PAYMENT.

Bank Official Can Give No Light on Cashing of Checks.

Of the many checks that have been drawn on the Nevada National Bank by various depositors for payment of municipal taxes to be collected by Tax Collector Smith there is not one that stands out from the others that would serve to remind the paying teller of his assistant of Smith's collections. The unvarying rule of the bank, prior to its consolidation recently with the Wells-Fargo Bank, was to honor all drafts payable to the Tax Collector upon his indorsement. As

long as the checks were drawn up and indorsed correctly the bank unhesitatingly paid the money.

H. Brooks, paying teller of the Nevada Bank, when asked if he remembered the presentation of any one check by Smith, said that the Tax Collector had been doing business with him ever since election to office. During the entire time Brooks has paid over much money to Smith upon Smith's regular indorsement of the checks as Tax Collector.

At no time was the conduct of Smith out of the ordinary, nor was there at any time an irregularity in the transaction of the business. Mr. Brooks said that if Smith had shown any nervousness or agitation he would have taken no special notice of it, providing the indorsements were correct.

Receiving Teller John F. Kavanaugh, who frequently took the place of Brooks at the pay window, gave about the same explanation of the transactions. He failed to remember any particular incident to excite suspicion or comment.

MAYOR NOTIFIES BOARD.

Informing Supervisors He Has Suspended Smith From Office.

The following letter was sent to the Board of Supervisors by Mayor Schmitz, notifying that body that he had suspended Edward J. Smith from his office as Tax Collector:

To the Honorable, the Board of Supervisors: Your honorable board is respectfully advised that it has come to my knowledge that Edward J. Smith, Tax Collector of the City and County of San Francisco, has committed certain official delinquencies as such Tax Collector, wherein it is alleged and appears that he has appropriated to his own use certain sums of money received by him in his official capacity as Tax Collector, and that he has also appropriated the sum of \$39,113.28.

That pursuant to provisions of the charter of the City and County of San Francisco, section 19 and 19 of article XVI thereof, I have this day suspended said Edward J. Smith from the office of Tax Collector of said city and county, pending an official investigation of said delinquencies and that I have appointed James McCabe to act temporarily as such Tax Collector of said city and county during the term of the suspension of said Edward J. Smith.

For the consideration of the foregoing, I have called a session of your honorable board to be held at the regular meeting room on Thursday, April 27, 1905, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and I request your action as may be deemed proper in the premises.

FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE DIES ON MEXICAN SOIL.

Hardship and Exposure Endured in Making His Escape Brings on Fatal Illness.

SAN DIEGO, April 26.—News has been received of the death of Pedro Alvarez before the international boundary line. For some time a warrant for his arrest has been in the hands of United States Marshal at Los Angeles on the charge of aiding and abetting thirteen Chinese to secure an entrance into the United States. Alvarez was said to have been at Los Angeles for about a year ago. He was arrested at Boyle Heights in Los Angeles by Deputy United States Marshal Trader, but escaped the vigilance of the officer, who permits him to escape from the northern city. He was never seen again in Los Angeles, but journeyed southward until he reached Mexican soil. There he was taken to a quarter over the illness which caused his death was the result of the hardships and exposure he endured in making his escape from the northern city. He was buried at Tia Juana. It is understood that the family will return to Los Angeles.

RICH GRAVEL IS FOUND WITHIN LIMITS OF CITY.

Two Residents of Grass Valley Make Strike That Runs \$150 to the Pan.

GRASS VALLEY, April 26.—Rich gravel has been struck inside the corporate limits of this city and within ten feet of the oldest grocery in the town. The strike was made by Paul Moratore, Jr., and an associate on a lot belonging to Moratore's grandmother. A shaft twenty feet deep reveals a big gravel body which runs \$150 in the pan. A bond was obtained to-day on 800 acres of land in Penn Valley, a few miles west of here, for the purpose of working it with gold dredgers. Gold is known to exist there, but the quantity is unknown.

FIGHT OVER A WOMAN RESULTS IN A TRAGEDY.

Mexican Half-Breed Who Had Previously Borne a Good Reputation Commits Murder at Tempe.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 26.—Orlando Douglas, a Mexican half-breed and a resident of Tempe for many years, shot and killed Pedro Emilio Tambo last night in a quarrel over a woman. Douglas hitherto has borne an excellent reputation. He is now in custody.

SMITH TO BE INDICTED.

It is said that the Grand Jury was preparing to indict Tax Collector Smith last week for irregularities, but the case was postponed pending the fixing of the actual amount of the delinquencies. It is reported that the indictment will probably be returned to-day, which will obviate the necessity of swearing to a complaint. Mayor Schmitz notified the Police Department to put detectives on the case with the view of apprehending Smith, but it is thought that he is beyond the border by this time.

Besides taking the city's funds, Smith is said to have obtained more than \$1000 from I. Franklin, a money broker, and also a large amount from one McDonald, a broker at 6 Bddy street. It is said that the Grand Jury has been investigating the alleged putting through of "dummy" demands in the tax office for salaries last October and November, and that some \$4500 was mulcted from the city.

Smith's downfall is attributed largely to his passion for gambling on horse races. It is said that Eddy Conroy, who handled a combination book at the races, visited Smith every morning for the purpose of placing his bets for the day. It is said that much of the money stolen by Smith went into the pockets of the bookmakers. Smith was with his wife and little daughter at 333 Fair Oaks street. The property belongs to him, but is heavily mortgaged. He also owns a drug store at the corner of Eddy and Taylor streets. What possesses him to trust to his care is a mystery. In view of the fact that his legitimate income has been in the neighborhood of \$1000 monthly for many years, Smith left the office of Supervisor in 1897 and in 1898 was elected Tax Collector in 1902 and re-elected by a large majority in 1904.

MAYOR TO NAME SUCCESSOR.

The appointment of a successor to Tax Collector Smith will be made by Mayor Schmitz under the charter provision providing that "when a vacancy occurs in any office and provision is not otherwise made in the charter or by law for filling the same, the Mayor shall appoint a suitable person to fill such vacancy, who shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term." The Mayor, however, will not announce the appointment until the Board of Supervisors has taken action on his

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learn the exact amount for which it would be liable.

From all appearances Edward Smith planned to make a clean-up before leaving the city. Last Thursday morning he called on Chief Deputy Treasurer Louis A. Devoto, personally check on the Crocker-Woolworth Bank for \$15,500.08 and received bills and coin for the amount. Smith told Devoto that the United Railroads sent up silver to redeem the check in payment of its taxes, then the check was to be given to it. Devoto thought the transaction a regular one and did not hesitate to give Smith the amount of the check. When the check was presented at the bank Devoto was thunderstruck to hear that there were no funds to Smith's credit. Devoto's part in the transaction was made the subject of an inquiry by the Grand Jury yesterday afternoon. Devoto said he was perfectly honest in the matter, but he could not satisfactorily explain why he had cashed a personal check of Smith's. He has come to the conclusion that he was deceived by a man whom he considered one of his best friends. This transaction would appear to increase the shortage to \$54,703.26, and may involve the Treasurer's office in the meshes of the case. It would seem to show that laxity was shown in the system of collecting taxes by check, of which Smith took advantage.

DEVOTO CASHES CHECK.

Devoto said that Smith came to him last Thursday morning and told him he wanted him to take \$30,590.08 in silver from the United Railroads in payment of its taxes, at the same time handing Devoto a check for the amount. Devoto told Smith that he could not take so much silver, as he had already taken \$30,000 from the company at Smith's request. At that time Smith told Devoto that he was Starr of the United Railroads in Devoto's presence, telling Starr just what denominations of coin to send to the Treasurer's office. When Devoto refused to take the \$30,590.08 in silver, Smith took the check back and gave him the check for \$15,500.08, which Devoto foolishly cashed. Whether Smith cashed the check for \$30,590.08 will not be known until further investigation, but if he did it would swell the shortage to that extent. The apparent shortage on the Tax Collector's books is \$39,113.28, but the juggling of big checks by Smith has complicated matters.

FORMER BIG SHORTAGE.

Regarding Smith's shortage of \$165,000 last year Deputy McCabe told the Mayor that the Supervisors' Finance Committee was aware of the shortage at the time. The Mayor expressed surprise that the facts had not been brought to his notice at the time, as he could have suspended Smith and averted this second delinquency. Supervisor Brandenstein, chairman of the Finance Committee, when interviewed said that the committee had no knowledge of the shortage.

"All we knew," said Brandenstein, "was that there was a check for \$193,000 on deposit in the City Treasurer's office which represented the taxes of the United Railroads. The check was drawn on the American National Bank. We wanted the check cashed at once and as we could not find Smith City Treasurer McDougald and myself went to the bank to make a demand for the coin. At first the president of the bank told us that it was a private check of Smith's and assured us that everything was all right in a day or two the money was paid into the city treasury and the incident was closed so far as we were concerned."

The fact that the check instead of the money was on deposit in the city treasury would indicate that Smith had allowed the bank to utilize the coin, the check being merely a memorandum that the taxes of the corporation had been paid, thus preventing the company from being charged with delinquency.

STRIKE SPREADS AMONG TEAMSTERS IN CHICAGO.

Rioting Breaks Out Afresh and Police Are Kept Busy Quieting Disturbances.

CHICAGO, April 26.—Instead of being settled, as was predicted last night, the strike of the teamsters at the establishment of Montgomery Ward & Co. has spread to other firms, and indications to-night are that before the morning the first of the general strikes of the union teamsters employed throughout the city will be called. The demand of the Chicago Employers' Association that all teamsters deliver goods to Montgomery Ward & Co. under penalty of instant discharge resulted to-night in the spread of the strike to four other business establishments. The Carson, Miller, Borden & Co., Marshall Field & Co., J. V. Farwell & Co. and the Forbes Cartage Company.

MOB BREAKS INTO JAIL AND SHOOTS A PRISONER.

Works for Three Hours With Axes and Sledge Hammer to Enter the Prison.

SHREVEPORT, La., April 26.—After working three hours with sledge hammers and pick axes a mob of twenty-five men broke into the parish jail at Homer, La., seventy-five miles northeast of Shreveport to-day and shot Dick Craighead, a white man, inflicting wounds which will probably prove fatal. Craighead was charged with the murder of Mrs. Isaac McKee, wife of his half-brother, and her little son.

TO FORCE EQUITABLE INTO RECEIVER'S HANDS.

Plan Said to Have Been Formed to Press Action Against Big Insurance Society.

NEW YORK, April 26.—It was reported in Wall street to-day that a plan had been formed to press the receivership proceedings against the Equitable Life Assurance Society in the Federal courts.

Russian-Advice to France.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 26.—The Russian government has announced that it has received a communication from the French government and a request for a rapprochement with Germany.

notice suspending Smith. If the suspension is approved by fourteen members of the board, then the suspended officer, under the provisions of the charter, shall thereby be removed from office.

With the removal of Tax Collector Smith it is probable that several of his deputies will lose their positions. These are Chief Deputy James W. Simpson, Cashier Hugo Herzes and Don Gustaf, an elementary searcher at St. Dunstons. The other employees in the office are all under civil service.

E. Black Ryan produced a check bearing the Grand Juror's \$14,735.03 which was indorsed by Smith and City Treasurer John E. McDougald. Ryan said that the check represented his second payment for taxes of the Southern Pacific Company. Ryan said he had the receipted tax bills for the first check he had turned over to Smith for \$24,378.32, but he has not yet received the bills for the second amount. He considered, however, that the check indorsed by Treasurer McDougald was an elementary evidence that the Southern Pacific Company had settled its obligations with the city. It is a fact, however, that there is no record on the Tax Collector's books that the second installment of the taxes had been paid. So far as the records stand the Southern Pacific Company is delinquent in the payment of its taxes.

PIOUS FUND CASE.

LOS ANGELES, April 26.—At the request of the attorneys representing Mrs. Robert P. Troy of San Francisco, widow of the late United States Senator Stephen M. White, the deposition of Superior Judge Charles Monroe, former law partner of Senator White, was taken to-day for use in a suit which will be tried at Redwood City May 2, in which all the particulars of the famous Pious fund case will be brought out. In the suit Mrs. Troy seeks to recover from John T. Doyle of Menlo Park \$20,000 alleged to be due as a fee earned by the late Senator in bringing to a successful conclusion the controversy waged for many years between the Roman Catholic church of California and the republic of Mexico, which was finally decided in favor of the church by the Hague international tribunal.

MUST ANSWER GRAVE CHARGE.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN JOSE, April 26.—Ira B. McMahon, for the past four years secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of embezzling \$901 belonging to that organization. The complaint was sworn to by Joseph H. Rucker, a member of the board of control of the chamber. Bail was fixed at \$15,000 and up to a late hour to-night McMahon had been unable to obtain bondsmen.

William H. Stacy, an expert, was put to work on Secretary McMahon's books yesterday and to-day he reported that he had found a shortage of \$1500. He has not had time to complete his work, but it is known that the shortage will exceed that amount. Rumors have it that there is a shortage of \$3500.

The \$901 which McMahon is accused of embezzling was a part of the exposition fund raised by taxation and turned over to the Chamber of Commerce to make a display of the Santa Clara County resources at the St. Louis World's Fair. The fund amounted to about \$14,000. When the committee had finished its work it had a balance of \$901 left. The Chamber of Commerce was about to turn this over to the Supervisors and ask that it be expended at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, when it was found that McMahon had taken the money. For some weeks there has been a suspicion that there was a shortage in the Chamber of Commerce and President Schellinger appointed a committee of investigation, which ended in to-day's arrest. Besides taking the \$901 McMahon, the members of the chamber charge, collected the rent for the leased space in the Santa Clara County headquarters in San Francisco and pocketed the money. A stormy session was held in the Chamber of Commerce to-day between President Schellinger and the board of control and Secretary McMahon. The secretary was accused of being a defaulter. He admitted taking the money, but claimed the Chamber of Commerce was indebted to him several thousand dollars, declaring that he was to have had a commission on the collection. President Schellinger denies that McMahon had any agreement by which he was to secure a commission.

The arrest of McMahon created a sensation, as he is one of the best known young men in the city. He came here about a couple of years ago from Los Angeles, where he had been employed as a newspaper reporter.

BIGELOW ALSO OWES ESTATE.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 26.—Frank G. Bigelow, the defaulting bank president, when interviewed to-day, said:

"I owe John I. Broadhead, one of the heirs of the estate of E. F. Broadhead, \$100,000. I expected Mr. Broadhead would reach the city to-day, but up to a late hour this afternoon he had not arrived. I expect to make satisfactory arrangements with him when we meet with regard to the amount of indebtedness to him.

"I have resigned as executor of the estate of Henry W. Payne, and will probably resign as executor of the Broadhead estate. These are the only estates with which I have any connection. I have resigned as director of the Wisconsin Telephone Company and severed my connection with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company."

It is known that Bigelow's holdings in a large Milwaukee electrical concern were turned over to the bank some time ago as collateral for loans, so that his withdrawal from these enterprises leaves him entirely free from any business propositions.

George P. Miller, also an executor of the Payne estate, stated to-night that he had closely scrutinized all the se-



THE WINNING STROKE

If more than ordinary skill in playing brings the honors of the game to the winning player, so exceptional merit in a remedy ensures the commendation of the well informed, and as a reasonable amount of outdoor life and recreation is conducive to the health and strength, so does a perfect laxative tend to one's improvement in cases of constipation, biliousness, headaches, etc. It is all-important, however, in selecting a laxative, to choose one of known quality and excellence, like the ever pleasant Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., a laxative which sweetens and cleanses the system effectually, when a laxative is needed, without any unpleasant after effects, as it acts naturally and gently on the internal organs, simply assisting nature when nature needs assistance, without gripping, irritating, or debilitating the internal organs in any way, as it contains nothing of an objectionable or injurious nature. As the plants which are combined with the figs in the manufacture of Syrup of Figs are known to physicians to act most beneficially upon the system, the remedy has met with their general approval as a family laxative, a fact well worth considering in making purchases.

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To Prohibit Bucket Shops.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 26.—The Illinois

curtles of that estate since Bigelow's downfall and found them intact.

No successor has yet been chosen to fill the vacancy of president of the bank caused by the removal of Bigelow.

ENGINEER DROPS DEAD IN FRONT OF HIS HOME

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- Ladies' Gray Canvas Oxfords... \$1.00 to \$2.00
- Ladies' Gray Buckskin Oxfords... \$1.00 to \$2.00
- Ladies' Gray Buckskin Lace Shoes... \$1.00 to \$2.00

Men's Outing Shoes

- Men's 11 inch Boots... \$3.50 to \$6.50
- Men's 16 inch Boots... \$6.50 to \$10.00
- Men's White Canvas Shoes... \$1.50 to \$3.00
- Men's Gray Canvas Shoes... \$1.50 to \$3.00
- Men's Gray and Brown Buckskin Shoes... \$2.50 and \$5.00

Children's and Misses' Outing Shoes

- Children's & Misses' White Canvas But. & Lace Shoes... \$1.00 to \$2.50
- Children's & Misses' Gray Canvas But. & Lace Shoes... \$1.00 to \$2.00
- Children's & Misses' Buckskin Shoes... \$1.00 to \$2.00
- Children's & Misses' White English Buck Shoes... \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00
- Children's & Misses' Barefoot Sandals... \$1.00 to \$1.50

Boys' Outing Shoes

- Boys' Canvas Lace Shoes, gray or white... \$1.00 and \$1.25
- Boys' Tan High Top Boots... \$3.50
- Boys' Tennis Shoes... \$1.00

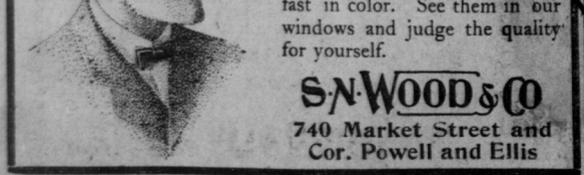
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