



THE WEATHER

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours, ending midnight, May 3, 1905: San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Wednesday; brisk west wind. A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

THE CALL



THE THEATERS

ALCAZAR—"When Knighthood was in Flower." COLUMBIA—"Much Ado About Nothing." CENTRAL—"Shamus O'Brien." CHUTES—Vaudeville. Matinee. CALIFORNIA—"The Eternal Female." GRAND—"A Gold Mine." MECHANICS PAVILION—"May Festival." ORPHEUM—Vaudeville. Matinee today. TIVOLI—Comic Opera.



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TAX COLLECTOR SMITH IS UNDER ARREST AT ST. LOUIS

MAD INFATUATION FOR LEONA BROOKS LEADS TO ARREST OF THE ABSCONDER

Edward J. Smith, the defaulting Tax Collector, was captured in St. Louis yesterday. His mad infatuation for Leona Brooks, which was published exclusively in The Call last week, led to his arrest. Pinkerton men easily traced the notorious woman and the San Francisco fugitive was apprehended as he was boarding a westbound Rock Island train. Detective Wren will bring Smith back to this city.

FIVE YEARS IS SENTENCE OF BUNKERS

Boodler Sent to San Quentin Prison by Judge Hart.

Court Scores Ex-Legislator Who Sold His Honor for Paltry Sum.

Wife and Child of Disgraced Man Present When His Fate Is Pronounced.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SACRAMENTO, May 2.—Harty Bunkers, the expelled State Senator, convicted of accepting a bribe, was this afternoon sentenced to five years' imprisonment at San Quentin. All afternoon Senator Morehouse, his chief counsel, sought by the force of clever argument to stay the judgment of the court and secure a new trial, but he was unsuccessful. It was well toward evening when Judge Hart ordered Bunkers to stand up and receive sentence.

Beside Bunkers, who stood alone in a crowded courtroom, sat his wife, while sleeping peacefully through it all the little golden-haired son of the couple lay nestled in the arms of a woman friend of Mrs. Bunkers. When the child was brought into court by its mother Bunkers fondled it for a moment, and then the child, gazing with wide-open eyes upon the crowd, soon ceased to wonder what it was all about and went to sleep.

Judge Hart, addressing the prisoner at the bar, said his punishment already had been heavy. He had been expelled in disgrace from the Senate and under the constitution had been deprived forever of his right to hold an office of public trust. Still another punishment awaited him in the sentence required by his conviction at the hands of a jury.

Judge Hart said he had watched Bunkers' conduct in the court and on the witness stand, and his flippancy showed he had no conception of the enormity of the charge upon which he was being tried. The Judge said he was impressed with the idea that Bunkers was none too strong intellectually and that he had perhaps been to some extent imposed upon by others. He then sentenced Bunkers to five years' imprisonment at San Quentin. This is nine years less than the limit, and with credits would mean about two years' confinement.

Senator Morehouse secured the usual ten days' stay of execution to permit him to take an appeal to the District Court of Appeals, which meets in Sacramento late in May. Although Bunkers was very pale in court and appeared sensible of his position, something of his former easy bravado returned as he was being led to jail in an officer's custody.

"Hello, Bunkers," said a bystander, "what did they give you upstairs?" "They handed me a five spot," said the ex-Senator. "Come over and see me when I get across the bay."

END OF THE PRESIDENT'S HUNTING TRIP IS NEAR

Party Will Ride Into Glenwood Springs on the Coming Sabbath.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., May 2.—Secretary Loeb returned from the President's camp today. The party will move to the East Divide Creek tomorrow, having been delayed by heavy rains. The party will then work across the range to the head of Garfield Creek and on Sunday will ride into this city.

The quarters in the Hotel Colorado which will be used by the President on Sunday have been selected. He will occupy the bridal apartment in the left wing.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING FOR ST. PETERSBURG

James Stokes to Purchase and Equip Structure on One of Main Streets.

PARIS, May 2.—James Stokes of New York today informed the St. Petersburg delegates to the World's Conference of the Young Men's Christian Association that he would purchase and equip a large Young Men's Christian Association building in one of the principal streets of St. Petersburg. The project will cost about \$75,000.

CRACKSMEN HOLD TOWN IN TERROR

Rob Bank and Use Citizens for Targets.

Exciting Early Morning in a Rural Village of "York" State.

Building of a Financial Concern Demolished and \$6000 in Cash Taken.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., May 2.—Five cracksmen blew up the Gilbertsville Bank in Gilbertsville and indulged in revolver practice at about 2 o'clock this morning. They escaped with \$6000 in cash, after so frightening many of the inhabitants that the latter have not recovered and are timid about leaving their homes.

Gilbertsville has about 1500 inhabitants and is between Otsego and Norwich, ten miles from the nearest railroad. It is the business center for that section, and the bank usually carries a large amount of cash for the immediate use of its patrons. Persons living near the bank, which is owned principally by G. C. Brewer, were awakened by an explosion, which they at first thought was an earthquake. This was followed by two more explosions, which caused residents to leave their beds and rush out of doors to ascertain the cause of the trouble. They found the bank building demolished, and were met by five masked men, who ordered them to return to their homes, on penalty of immediate death.

The citizens obeyed the injunction, with the exception of Charles Daniels, who started out to warn other townsmen. The robbers fired several shots at him, but he escaped in the darkness.

Within ten minutes nearly the whole town had been aroused. The robbers fired several rounds of ammunition at the approaching crowd, keeping them at bay until they had made good their escape toward Mount Upton.

In escaping the robbers stole two horses and wagons, with which they soon outdistanced all pursuers. The rigs with which they entered the town were found near the bank building, one of the horses being nearly dead from exhaustion. Before entering the bank the cracksmen had cut all telephone and telegraph wires.

Sheriff Mather of Cooperstown has organized a posse and is in pursuit.

GREEK FLAG PULLED DOWN FROM CRETAN BUILDINGS

Regular Emblem of the Island Substituted by a British Decrement.

LONDON, May 2.—With reference to the dispatch from Rome, giving a report of a serious insurrection in Crete, dispatches received here from Crete do not record any new developments except that the foreign Consuls in the island presented a note to the Cretan Government, demanding that it haul down the Greek flags from Government buildings. This having been refused, a British detachment yesterday lowered the Greek flags from the Government house at Candia and at Retimo, hoisting the Cretan flag with due honors.

CHICAGO BROUGHT AN HOUR NEARER TO SAN FRANCISCO

Running Time of the Overland Limited to Be Cut Down.

CHICAGO, May 2.—The running time of the overland limited between Chicago and the Pacific Coast is hereafter to be sixty-nine hours. The Chicago and Northwestern Railway announced today that an hour would be taken off the running time between San Francisco and Chicago eastbound and thirty minutes from the westbound schedule. The new schedule is to govern every day in the year.

Torpedo-Boat Destroyer Lost.

CORK, May 2.—During a sham torpedo attack at Berehaven last night the torpedo-boat destroyer Syren, ray on a reef at the eastern entrance of the harbor and is a total wreck.

Defaulter Taken Into Custody as He Is About to Board a Train for Los Angeles and Freely Admits His Guilt

Says He Was About To Make His Surrender.

WOMAN IS IN JAIL Is Found at Swell Hotel as Mrs. Smith.

CRIES ABOUT WIFE When Told of Her Illness. Breaks Down.

WANTS TO RETURN

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 2.—Edward J. Smith, the absconding Tax Collector who stole over \$60,000, was captured here today. His infatuation for Leona Brooks, the woman whose story was printed exclusively in The San Francisco Call, led to his capture. He followed the woman for whom he had sacrificed honor and honesty, deserted his wife and betrayed his friends. Leona Brooks is also in custody.

Smith was arrested as he was boarding a Rock Island train en route for San Francisco. He at first denied identity, but later confessed and expressed readiness to return to the Pacific Coast at a moment's notice, without requisition papers. The woman in the case was not with him at the time of the arrest, but she was the lure that drew him here. She was registered at the Hotel Jefferson as Mrs. E. Smith. The absconder met her there and registered as E. Smith.

The Pinkerton agency shadowed the Smith woman and in following her to the Jefferson Hotel incidentally ran across Smith's signature on the register. The signature was recognized from a fac simile printed by the Pinkerton agency, a copy of which Superintendent H. W. Minister of the local Pinkerton force had in his possession. "Mrs. Smith," who is really Leona Brooks, was taken into custody at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and held subject to the chief's orders. The police are trying to connect her with the defaulter and in their efforts to do this, got the handsome Westerner out of bed at midnight for a thorough sweating.

The police would not say just what admissions the woman made or what information of value was obtained from her, but her arrest followed shortly after the force assigned to the case reported to headquarters. Smith's appearance has greatly altered since he left the coast. His face is careworn and he rarely, if ever, smiles. He broke down when told that his wife was in a dying condition in San Francisco.

"I never neglected my wife," he vehemently cried, "and I've got the sweetest baby on earth."

Smith would implicate no one and stoutly declared that he alone was responsible for the shortages and that he would fully explain the details of his speculations at the proper time in San Francisco.

At the Four Courts Smith again confessed his guilt, and agreed to go back to San Francisco without requisition papers. He said that he was on his way to Los Angeles, where he intended to take a short rest, after which he intended to surrender to the authorities and make a clean breast of the whole affair.

The story of Smith's infatuation for Leona Brooks, which was printed exclusively in The Call, gave the Pinkerton detective agency the clew to the defaulter's whereabouts. B. F. Kemble, the head of the local Pinkerton office, wired to watch her.

She was shadowed from the time she reached St. Louis and registered as Mrs. E. Smith. Kemble was confident that the absconder would follow the woman for whom he probably went into his recent crimes, and the supposition proved correct. District Attorney Byington and Foreman Andrews were at the Orpheum when the news was announced to them. They immediately came to the Call office to have the news verified. "I am pleased with the capture," said Foreman Andrews. "This will be a warning to other grafters."



EMBEZZLING TAX COLLECTOR OF THIS CITY WHO WAS CAPTURED IN ST. LOUIS.

Prisoner Denies That Women and Races Caused Ruin, Alleging That Too Many Friends Were His Downfall.

"I do not know exactly how much money I have taken. I don't believe that the defalcation will reach over \$62,000, and I have never taken money from any one person or firm which could not well spare the loss. It was my friends that ruined me, and not women, as has been said in San Francisco. I was always a good fellow—always ready to help a friend."

"I certainly never played the races, never drank, and the only failing I have had was a tendency to dabble in wheat. "It is a pretty hard thing for me to say what I did with the money. I did not spend it all on women, as has been so unrestrainedly said by the press. I am guilty, and I am willing to go back and face the music."—E. J. Smith in an interview at St. Louis after his arrest.

admissions that will involve other municipal employees. Those whom they believe are implicated with the defaulter's tax collector are being closely watched by the police. Chief Binan and Captain Burnett held a consultation as soon as the news was received from St. Louis. It was decided to send Detective Edward Wren East as soon as possible, and it is likely that he will leave this evening. The fact that Smith will not in-

st upon requisition papers will insure his speedy return. Both Dinan and Burnett expressed satisfaction, but the books and accounts of the offices of the Tax Collector, Auditor and Treasurer. The Mayor desires to ascertain whether the two latter officials were in any way cognizant of the irregularities of Edward J. Smith, the embezzling ex-Tax Collector. Saulmann will begin his new duties at once and was around the three offices named yesterday, showing his letter of appointment signed by the Mayor. Saulmann was employed for a month, or two, by Smith in the Tax Collector's office last year. It was said that Saulmann turned on Smith when the latter decided to do without his services by making public some of Smith's questionable transactions. Later developments indicate that there Continued on Page 2, Column 1.

SALUMANN TO EXPERT BOOKS.

Mayor Appoints Him to Probe Accounts of Various Offices. As a preliminary to his investigation