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THE WEATHER. Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, May 24, 1905. San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Wednesday, continued warm; light north winds.

THE CALL

THE THEATERS. ALCAZAR—"A Fool and His Money." Matinee to-day. CALIFORNIA—"The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch." Matinee to-day.

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SMITH PLEADS GUILTY AND IS GIVEN TEN YEARS. Judge Lawlor's Purpose to Make Two Sentences Concurrent May Not Hold and Term May Be Doubled

Edward J. Smith, the defaulting Tax Collector, pleaded guilty to two charges of felony embezzlement yesterday and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment at Folsom by Judge Lawlor.

LONG REST FOR NOTED INSTRUCTOR. Hilgard to Enjoy Leave of Absence for Year. On His Return May Become Emeritus Professor.

Wickson Will Succeed Hilgard



VENERABLE HEAD OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA WHO HAS BEEN GRANTED A YEAR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND THE SCIENTIST WHO SUCCEEDS HIM.

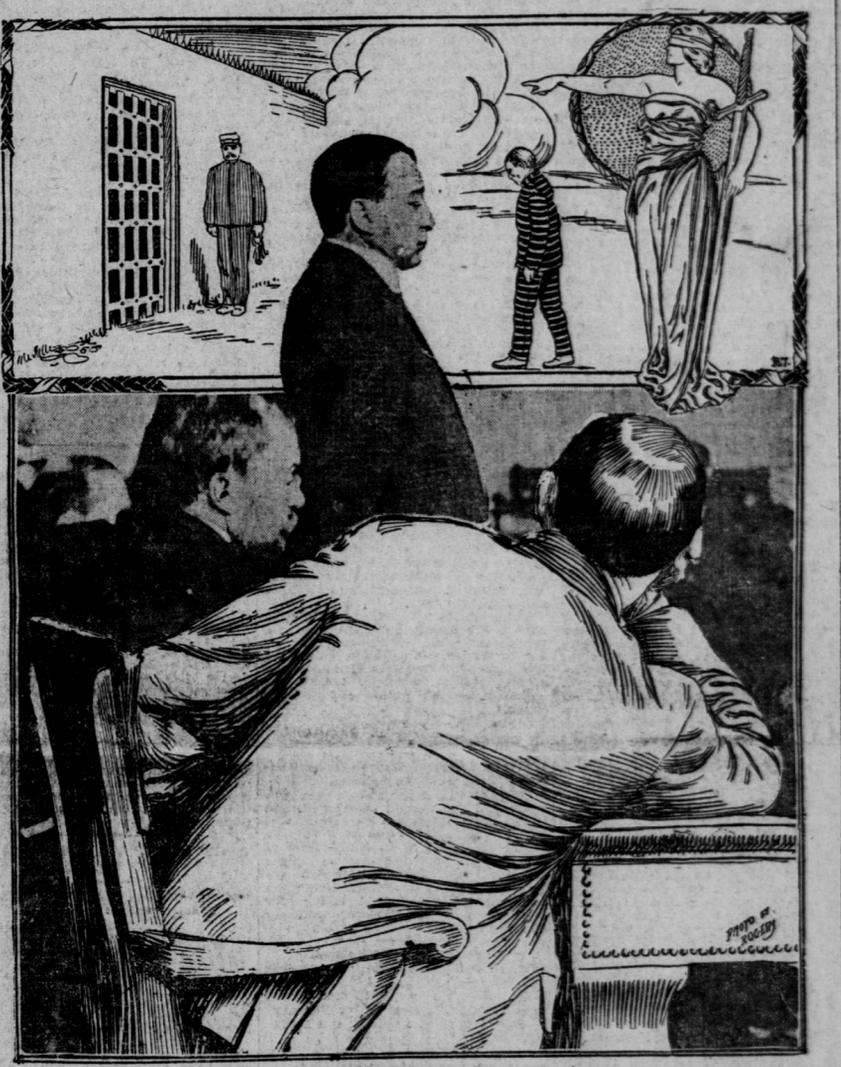
BERKELEY, May 23.—Professor Edward J. Wickson has been appointed acting director of the agricultural experiment stations of the university by President Benjamin Ide Wheeler and has been elected dean of the college of agriculture.

SLAV SHIPS ARE OUT ON THE PACIFIC

Elude Togo's Fleet and Reach the Open Sea. Council of War Hastily Called in Japanese Capital.

Mikado's Land Forces Said to Have Isolated the Vladivostok Stronghold.

TOKIO, May 23.—An important conference was held at the residence of the Premier in this city to-day. It is reported that the Russian fleet has passed out into the Pacific, and that the receipt of this news was the cause of the calling of the conference.



EDWARD J. SMITH, FORMER TAX COLLECTOR OF SAN FRANCISCO, WHO YESTERDAY PLEADED GUILTY TO TWO CHARGES OF FELONY EMBEZZLEMENT AND WHO WAS SENTENCED BY SUPERIOR JUDGE WILLIAM P. LAWLOR TO TEN YEARS' CONFINEMENT IN THE STATE PRISON AT FOLSOM.

MRS. GOULD'S AUTOMOBILE IS BLOWN UP

Match Thrown by Street Sweeper Causes an Explosion.

CUBAN LIBERALS NOMINATE GOMEZ

Select Him as Candidate for President of the Republic.

FORMER MAYOR AND A TRAINED NURSE ELOPE

Robert C. Davidson Disappears From Baltimore.

Special Dispatch to The Call. NEW YORK, May 23.—Through the carelessness of a street sweeper, who threw a lighted match beneath the \$10,000 touring automobile owned by Mrs. Howard Gould, which was left standing in front of a garage at Thirty-third street and Fifth avenue shortly after 6 o'clock to-night, the expensive machine was partly wrecked by an explosion and then almost consumed by the burning gasoline that escaped from its tanks.

PITTIABLE VICTIMS OF SIEGE.

Lunatic Russian Soldiers and Sailors Taken From Port Arthur.

MAY CONTEST DECISION.

America Objects to Classification of Cotton as Contraband.

Grand Jury Will Push Its Efforts to Uncover Co-Conspirators of ex-Tax Collector.

Former Tax Collector Edward J. Smith pleaded guilty to two charges of felony embezzlement yesterday. Judge Lawlor imposed two sentences of ten years, to run concurrently. Such was the court's intention, but several attorneys maintain that the method of procedure followed by Attorney J. J. Barrett leaves the defaulter in a position where he may be made to serve twenty years.