

FAST LIFE BRINGS WOE

After Quarrel With Woman With Whom He Had Lived the Well-Known Clubman and Banker Takes Poison

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS AT HOTEL HIGGINS

Hospital Surgeons Hold Out Little Hope to Frantic Mother, Who Prays Heaven to Save Son From Death

A pitiful scene was enacted in the Emergency Hospital last night when the aged mother of Beverly Letcher, a well-known clubman and chief loan clerk of the San Francisco Savings Bank, with a tearful face raised heavenward implored the Creator to save her son from death.

It is believed that Letcher took poison with suicidal intent after a quarrel with Marian Pennington, who conducts a rooming-house at 311 Grant avenue, and with whom he had been living.

According to her statement she had been with Letcher for three years. Three days ago they quarreled and she informed her lover that she was tired of him and proposed to leave him.

When it was determined later in the evening that Letcher's chances of recovery were very small his brother and his aged mother, who live in San Rafael, were summoned to his bedside.

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FLORENCE ROBERTS POPULAR ACTRESS WHO WILL CLOSE ENGAGEMENT AT THE CALIFORNIA SUNDAY NIGHT.

CLOSE SEASON SUNDAY NIGHT

Florence Roberts has decided to give one special farewell performance of "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" at the California Theater on Sunday night.

On top of all this Miss Roberts is personally attending to all of the details of her testimonial benefit to Hobart Bosworth, which takes place at the California on Friday afternoon.

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GREAT LOSS AT BENEFIT THREE DROWNED ON SINK YACHT

Newsboys' Hearts Made Glad With Theater Filled From the Orchestra to Gallery SPECIALTIES ARE GOOD

Jimmy Britt Spins Yarns and Battling Nelson Proves His Skill With Mittens

The newsboys of San Francisco had a rousing benefit performance last night at the Alhambra Theater.

Nat Goodwin was among the merry crowd, and judging from his broad smiles, and the fact that he was away in the country and unable to reach the city, the world's champion lightweight delivered himself of some witty stories, which brought real laughter.

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"Battling" Nelson had a brisk bout with his sparring partner, Fred Langer, and Dora Landsburg sang and danced delightfully. Mildred Manning and pretty "Baby" Belasco added greatly to the programme with their admirable acts.

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Captain, Engineer and Young Woman Guest Lose Their Lives on the Normandie ARRESTS ARE ORDERED

Coroner Visits Wreck in Hudson and Orders Owner and Deckhand Into Custody

NEW YORK, July 12.—Three lives were lost by the sinking of the steam yacht Normandie, which was run down last night in the Hudson.

The Normandie, a vessel of thirteen tons, was chartered for the month of July by her owner, C. W. Dumont, to John H. Rudd of the Yorkport Yacht Club. Rudd last night invited Miss Dodge and John E. Greene, a banker of New York, to take a sail with him up the river as far as Peekskill.

To-day Rudd made a formal statement in which he said that as the Normandie was running down stream in the middle of the river a tramp steamer was seen coming up, head-on, about 500 yards away.

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Tea Kettle (Third Floor) Fine quality Royal Steel Enamelled Ware; holds about five quarts. Regular value 75c. Extra special price 42c

PERSONAL

J. E. Snyder, a fruit shipper of Nevada City, is at the Russ.

W. E. Forbes, a merchant of Clinton, Ark., is at the Occidental.

W. L. Carter, a well-known business man of Santa Rosa, and wife are at the Palace.

D. C. Rounds, a lumberman of Wichita, Kans., and family are guests at the Palace.

Francis A. Thomson, who is interested in mining in Goldfield, is registered at the Palace.

Walter S. Newhall and wife arrived here yesterday from Southern California and are at the St. Francis.

J. H. Baker, vice president of the National Bank of Commerce of Wichita, Kans., and wife and daughter and Miss Margie Knorr are staying at the Palace.

John Vance Cheney, the well-known California poet and writer, who is now connected with one of the universities of Chicago, and wife arrived from the East yesterday and are registered at the Palace.

Dr. Dudley Allen of Cleveland, secretary of the American Surgical Association, has returned from a visit to Monterey and is registered at the St. Francis.

He expects to visit Honolulu before returning to the East.

Bishop Thomas J. Conaty of Los Angeles arrived here last night on his way to Portland and is staying at the Palace. He has been delegated by Governor Pardee to represent California at the convention of Charities and Corrections, which convenes at Portland next Saturday.

Accompanying the distinguished prelate are Miss K. C. Conaty, his niece; Miss S. E. Lynch and Miss A. M. McDermott.

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