

# FENCE WIND WRECKS HOME

### Three Persons Injured by Collapse of Little Cottage Built but Few Weeks Ago

### SLEEPERS BADLY HURT Church on Pico Heights in Los Angeles Lifted From Foundations by Heavy Gale

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—By the collapse of a four-room cottage on Pico Heights last night during a severe wind-storm three persons were injured, two perhaps seriously. That they were not killed outright is regarded as little short of a miracle. The injured: Mrs. R. D. Jewett, bruised about the head and body and possibly internally injured. Mrs. Viola Jewett, her mother-in-law; bruised about the face and body and suffering from shock. R. D. Jewett, slightly bruised about face and hands.

The scene of the accident was at 1238 Caluenga street. The Jewetts were occupants of the house, which had not been erected more than two weeks. In the same neighborhood, on Harvard Heights, a new church was carried off its foundation and partially wrecked by the storm. No one was in the building at the time. Beating down upon the Jewett house furiously, a wind of high velocity completely wrecked the little cottage, arousing the occupants from their sleep and penning them in as completely as if a wall had been built about them. The four walls of the house caved in with a terrific crash, bringing the roof down upon them.

The Jewetts, still in their beds, were under the wreckage, but miraculously escaped death. It is feared the injuries sustained by Jewett's wife may be serious. Pico Heights residents say the wind-storm was at its fury about midnight, sweeping away awnings, fences and other property that lay in its path. The wind generally was from the northwest, reaching its highest velocity—thirty-five miles—in the vicinity where the Jewett home and church were wrecked.

### Authorizes Organization of New Bank

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Comptroller of the Currency today approved the applications of W. T. Clark, John Schrem and others to organize the First National Bank of Wenatchee, Wash., with a capital of \$50,000.

## BOOTBLACK PLEADS WELL IN COURT.

### Accused of Gaming, He Questions a Witness.

### Claims His Speech to Latter Was Misquoted.

### Omission of Word, He Says, Hurts His Cause.

BY JAMES C. CRAWFORD.

Accused of having violated the anti-pooling ordinance, William H. Briscoe (colored) smiled widely and pleaded not guilty. But the smile lacked spontaneity, and the plea was faltering. Mr. Briscoe wore a crimson sweater with a too-wide collar into which his bullet head frequently retired a la turtle.

"Ah ain't no bookie," he informed Police Judge Mogan, "en dat yah section 'I be cinched when Ah pokes in mah nose."

Patrolman Hervey testified that, having reason to suspect Mr. Briscoe of pooling, he "fixed up a job" to ascertain if his suspicion was well-founded. Hiring a young man named Alfred Dougherty to serve as a decoy, he scratched certain symbols on a half-dollar and dispatched him to utilize it as a means of finding out whether Mr. Briscoe was accepting wagers on the great Bearcatcher-Cruzaos race last Saturday at Ingleside. Mr. Dougherty returned to him and reported that the suspect had readily taken the money, and when Mr. Briscoe was placed under arrest and searched the marked coin was found in one of his pockets.

Called to corroborate his employer's story, Mr. Dougherty emerged from the prisoner's cage, where he was awaiting trial on the charge of vagrancy, filed subsequent to his inveigling of Mr. Briscoe. He swore that when he proffered the four-bit piece and expressed a desire to bet it on Bearcatcher at the prevailing odds, Mr. Briscoe grabbed the coin, and said, "All right, I'll take it."

"Wuz dat all Ah sed?" Mr. Briscoe asked the witness.

"That was all," Mr. Dougherty replied. "Yo' am quite suttin' Ah didn't say, 'Ah'll tek it out.' Be keahful how yo' ansah, fo' dis am eh mos' 'pohtant p'int ob de case."

Mr. Dougherty was sullenly certain that no "out" was uttered.

"Mah reason fo' intahjectin' dat yah queskin," Mr. Briscoe explained to the court, "il bekim patent ez de zamination p'ceeds."

"Better let us have it now," said his Honor.

"Well, de taok am dat Ah tuk dat fo'-bit piece, ez de witness hez stated, but Ah sed teh him, 'All right, Ah'll tek it out,' meanin' dat Ah wud tek de coin out t' de track an bet it dah fo' de gamman. Now Ah moves dat de omission be rectified by addin' de wud 'out' t' de wuds, 'Ah'll tek it,' ez quoted in dis yah gemman's tes'mony."

Mr. Briscoe went on to state that as manager of the shoe department in a barber shop at 2618 Mission street he is frequently requested by patrons to place wagers for them on horse races, and that in pursuance of such request he visits Ingleside every weekday afternoon. "Ez Ah've sed," he concluded, "Ah ain't no bookie."

"It has been reported," quoth the Judge, after a whispered conference with the clerk, "that you are a member of the Migue-Scanlon Syndicate, a bookmaking concern."

"No, sah; Ah b'long teh no skindink, en Ah ain't no bookie," Mr. Briscoe emphatically rejoined.

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best years of my life are to be condemned to infamy and disgrace. It remains for you to say whether the children shall be disgraced. To you I have only one request to make. Think carefully upon what you do. Think not of me, for were I alone, the consequences of your verdict, if rendered against me, would injure but myself. Think of those who have stood by me in this dark hour, of those of whom I owe protection from disgrace. Do you think that were it not for them I would have undergone this ordeal, an ordeal of fire to which nothing past nor anything the future holds can compare? It is my duty to my God and my loved ones to maintain my innocence and protect my loved ones, and I ask from this high tribunal vindication at your hands."

BYINGTON CLOSES CASE.

Within five minutes District Attorney Byington arose and began the closing argument of the prosecution and of the trial. He spoke in part as follows:

The defendant at one time in his argument said there was a deep enmity between him and the prosecuting officer of this court, that he had the right to do anything to vindicate the law and not as the enemy of any man. This defendant says he has not had a fair chance. What does he call a chance? Four lawyers have placed their services at his disposal, and although ordered into custody by the prosecution, he has had the means of the State to bring witnesses to his aid if he had such witnesses.

"When I realize how happy I am now and think of the fun I've (hic) missed during the last two (hic) years," said Mr. Fagan to the mistologist, "I (hic) feel like (hic) kicking myself from here to North (hic) Beach, where I (hic) live."

As he ambled up Third street, en route to the North End, his exhilaration suddenly demanded amatory vent, and the ebullitions were not marked by discrimination. He attempted to seduce a young woman and was repulsed by several amused men and two or three indignant women ere he met Alex Ivanofski, restaurateur, and became fired by desire to possess a portion of his luxuriant beard.

"Gimme (hic) a pipeful of that spinach," he said, clutching at the Slav's chin appendage. "Ye've more'n ye've any (hic) use for," he exclaimed, making another futile grab at the coveted hair. "I ain't got (hic) half enough."

Mr. Ivanofski defended his menaced whiskers bravely and with admirable address. He ducked and sidestepped nimbly, but for a person so far gone in inebrity Mr. Fagan displayed wonderful agility, and finally succeeded in entangling the fingers of the hirsute treasure. The struggle that ensued conveyed great physical anguish to the lawful possessor of the beard, who shrieked his agony as Mr. Fagan's fingers tugged and pulled. The face adornment was severed, and the defendant, just in nick of time by a policeman, who broke Mr. Fagan's clutch and arrested him for peace disturbance.

"If I spend Christmas in jail 't'll break my heart," said Mr. Fagan, sober and penitent, as he stood before Judge Britt.

The appeal went straight to the heart of Mr. Ivanofski, who promptly declined to prosecute, and the Judge considerably made the sentence five days' imprisonment, thus enabling Mr. Fagan to spend Christmas elsewhere than in jail if he so desires.

John Brogan climaxed his third fist fight in Mike Shea's boarding-house, on the 600 block of Fourth street, by drawing a revolver, challenging Mr. Shea to face him in duel and also battering and threatening to shoot that gentleman without resorting to the code. He was arrested and booked for assault with intent to commit murder, and Judge Conlan committed him for trial in the Superior Court, with bail fixed at \$200.

Mrs. Helen Hickey collected from roomers and appropriated to her own use a sum of \$40 while she was serving as housekeeper for Mrs. Clara Carpenter, who rents apartments on Powell street, and Judge Cabanis sentenced her to two months' imprisonment.

John Burrows, arrested in Chinatown for vagrancy, was sentenced to seven days and consequently felt much better than he did prior to his incarceration.

"Then about six months in jail might restore you to manhood?" His Honor suggested.

"Well, about thirty days would fix me up, I think," said Mr. Burrows.

"All right—thirty days it is," was the responsive pronouncement.

"My horse was in a hurry to get home," was the plea advanced by August B. Nogue, fruit peddler, who was arrested for driving his equine at break-neck speed on Taylor street at 5 o'clock p. m. He will be sentenced to day by Judge Mogan.

Mrs. Lizzie Kingsbury turned off the gas flow at the meter in her apartment house, 172 Seventh street, and thereby occasioned such disaster to some of her tenants that they delegated one of their number, Mrs. Ethel Duckett, to file complaint with the police.

In the court of Judge Conlan several matrons testified that the abrupt deprivation of gas, by installed in her house, and the real cause of grievance among her tenants consisted of their inability to use the electric lights for water-warming and room-heating purposes. Case dismissed.

Colomino Ottero and James Strand, able seamen, fought in the forecastle of their ship, and Mr. Ottero bit one of Mr. Strand's thumbs, for which breach of rough-and-tumble etiquette he was fined \$10 by Judge Cabanis.

Paul Verdier, the worthless son of an honest tailor, will be given two months' imprisonment when he appears for sentence this morning before Judge Mogan.

Arrested for fraudulently collecting from the Hotel Hamilton management and appropriating to his own use the sum of \$24.15, Master Verdier was confronted in court by two other men whom he had victimized. One of them was L. B. Weyer, butcher at 1330 Polk street, whose loss was \$10, and the other was C. F. Tietjen, butcher at Sacramento and Baker streets, who averred he was cheated out of \$20.

The defendant, whose age does not exceed 22 years, brazenly denied each of the thefts until the proofs of his guilt were piled on so thickly that he succumbed to their weight.

Louis Smith, Ike Abrams and "Rocky" Clough, young fellows who entered E. F. Taylor, just from Alabama, to Chinatown and there robbed him of \$40, must stand trial in the Superior Court. Judge Conlan fixed their bail at \$5000 apiece.

Fleed Guilty as Charged.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 21.—Thomas Beatty was to-day found guilty of a felonious assault on Eliza Davis by a jury in Judge Welch's court. The jury was out only ten minutes.

# LAWYER COLLINS' FATE STILL IN THE HANDS OF THE JURY

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Joseph Cavamaro, who was to have been best man at the wedding, was not called by his defense, for his testimony when entered by the prosecution shows that he married the younger and smaller of the two sisters and that she attended school at Santa Rosa. Charlotte was the younger and smaller of the two and Charlotte attended school in Santa Rosa.

Why if he had not sent witnesses—if he had sent the witnesses to Victoria—this defendant would have sworn the seal of any deposition we could send there. He claims he returned of his own volition, but it was not until the ground was swept from beneath his feet.

He came back voluntarily, oh, yes! but before coming he insisted on having the warrant of extradition issued so that he could not be prosecuted in Victoria when he returned.

THE MRS. COLLINS.

They told you of the statements of their witness, but they didn't mention Booker, whose testimony was a tissue of lies. They didn't mention Blake, who believes is a liar. And another one is Charles Waldmann, who said the wife introduced by Collins had gray hair worse than mine. No two witnesses are consistent, and their testimony is not consistent with the truth. And it is on these flimsy statements that the jury are to be asked to decide that Agnes was unequivocally known as his wife.

McPike referred to Charlotte as a serpent stinging the hand that fed it, but I don't think that it reflected very much honor on the attorney, nor do I think his action in reading the letter the poor woman sent to Victoria, in which he carefully indicated a misspelled word was the height of chivalry or honor. I don't think the Newman brothers and sisters have cause to be ashamed of their origin.

It concerns every honest woman and every honest man. It is up to you, and if one man after hearing the testimony can vote "not guilty" there is something wrong with him. He cannot respect wifehood, motherhood, honor or his oath. It devolves upon you to do your duty. The Grand Jury has done it, the prosecution has to do its best of its ability, and it rests with you gentlemen of the jury.

After a short recess Judge Lennon began his charge to the jury, at 3:45. Silent and still was the courtroom as the heavy solemn voice of the Judge instructed the jury in its duties.

He gave them his usual instructions to disregard all testimony that has been stricken from the record, to pay no attention to the quarrels or words of the opposing counsel. He told them to form their own opinions and to vote "not guilty" if the burden of proof is with the prosecution and the failure to prove one fact is sufficient to compel you to acquit the defendant. After nearly an hour's charge the jury, in charge of Bailiffs Welch, Solomon and Sullivan, retired to the jury-room at 4:40.

According to Collins, the Judge's charge was unfair; it bristled with bad law, and what good law was contained in the charge was construed to favor the prosecution. District Attorney Jones expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with the charge.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 21.—In the opinion of City Attorney Brown the bonds for \$100,000 for the improvement of Alum Rock Park and for \$40,000 for fire house repairs and new apparatus failed to pass at the bond election held on December 13. This is a great surprise, as it was held that the entire bond issue had carried and the victory of the Alum Rock proposition had been celebrated with a brass band and street parade. The vote had also been canvassed by the Common Council and the result formally declared.

It now appears that the charter was not properly intended at the time the result was announced. The charter provides that if the proposition at issue be accepted by a two-thirds vote of the qualified electors voting at the election the bonds may be issued. In counting the vote on the Alum Rock Park and fire improvement bonds it was apparent that more than two-thirds had favored, and the fact was overlooked that many who had voted on the other propositions had not expressed an opinion as to these particular bonds. However, when the returns were examined by City Attorney Brown he discovered that the vote in favor of Alum Rock Park and Fire Department improvement fell short of the required two-thirds of the total vote cast.

General regret is expressed at the failure of the bonds, particularly for the improvements at Alum Rock Park, and many still maintain that the technical point raised by the City Attorney may be overcome. It is probable that the question of the result of the election will be determined in the courts.

Mayor Warwick has filed a message to the City Council vetoing that part of the ordinance recently passed declaring that all the items of the late bond election were carried. He holds that under the law the items relating to Alum Rock Park and houses for the Fire Department did not receive the required two-thirds vote.

PREDICTS GREAT SUFFERING FOR SUBJECTS OF MIKADO

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 21.—Clay Macaulay of Boston, a recognized authority on Japan, returned from another visit by the steamship Tremont to-day. He said there would be considerable suffering in Japan following the return of the army from Manchuria. The Japanese Government, confronted as it was by grave financial problems, could not undertake governmental relief as would the United States. The distress during the next few years will be very great.

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- Large White Asparagus—tin... 30c
- Figs—Imported Smyrnas—lb... 15c
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- Italian Chestnuts—lb... 15c
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Committee Will Ask the Mayor to Refuse to Approve Amended Law.

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