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BURGLAR AND CAPITALIST FIGHT A DUEL IN THE DARK AND BOTH ARE WOUNDED

Nine Shots Are Fired in Desperate Battle. THUG IN JAIL AT SAN JOSE Thief Is Captured in Office of Doctor. ROBBER'S VICTIM BADLY INJURED



SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. SAN JOSE, April 3.—Battling in the dark with a burglar who was caught in the act of looting a chest of silver, George Douglas of 1036 Alameda avenue was probably fatally shot this morning. The burglar, who gives the name of Harry Kramer, was struck by a bullet from Douglas' revolver and was badly wounded in the fleshy part of the leg. The bloody duel took place in the dining-room of Douglas' home and nine shots were exchanged before the burglar broke away and made his escape to Santa Clara, where he was captured a few hours later. Douglas is a retired business man who came here from Leadville, Col., two years ago with a comfortable fortune. He built a beautiful home on the Alameda where he resides with his wife and brother-in-law. Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning Mrs. Douglas heard the stealthy step of the burglar and aroused her husband. Before entering the house the burglar had disconnected the electric chandelier and was ransacking the lower floor in the darkness. Douglas descended the stairs with an oil lamp in his hand and at once opened fire on the intruder. His first shot missed the burglar by a narrow margin and Douglas' fire was instantly returned. The lamp was sent spinning from Douglas' hand and in total darkness the fight was continued at close quarters. After emptying his weapon the thief struck Douglas' stomach with the butt of his rifle, fell to the floor and then sprang past him to an open window, through which he escaped. The sound of the shots aroused the other members of the household and Douglas was found lying on the floor of the dining-room with a bullet wound in his abdomen and with the blood flowing from two deep cuts on the head. He was removed to the O'Connor Sanitarium where his condition was pronounced critical. After escaping from the Douglas home the burglar applied to Dr. Beattie of Santa Clara for medical attention and his wound was dressed. Dr. Beattie sent word to Sheriff Ross and the fugitive was arrested at the house of the physician where he had stated that he was sought by robbers who assaulted him and took his money. When closely questioned the wounded man admitted the shooting of Douglas and gave the name of Harry Kramer. He confessed that he was a deserter from Company I, Fourteenth United States Infantry, stationed at Portland. He arrived in San Jose Sunday and laid his plans to rob the Douglas home on the following day. Prior to his arrival here he had committed a number of petty burglaries in San Francisco and Palo Alto. Kramer is a mere youth and apparently has no realization of the seriousness of his crime. He is 18 years of age, and according to his confession, committed his first crime less than a month ago.

VON HOLSTEIN QUILTS SERVICE OF THE KAISER

Counsellor to German Foreign Minister Resigns.

FAST TRAIN SAVES A COLORADO BANK

Arrival of Store of Gold Reassures Depositors.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. ROCKY FORD, Colo., April 3.—By means of a special train which rushed hither the proceeds of the sale of the summer resort, President Gooding of the Rocky Ford State Bank checked a run on his bank early today. Satisfied at seeing \$50,000 stacked up behind the cashier's window, the depositors returned to calmness and let their deposits lie where they were. The run on the bank was started yesterday. The bank is the oldest financial institution in this county. It is supposed that the scare originated in a report started by a person whose identity is unknown to the effect that the State Bank was to retire from business. Besides, it was the day of a special city election, called for the purpose of voting for or against water bonds, and various rumors of a general nature were afloat. Many wealthy men offered to aid the bank. NICARAGUAN GOVERNOR KILLED BY AN ASSASSIN Colonel Gilberto Escobo Put to Death and the Murderer Captured. MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 3.—Colonel Gilberto Escobo, Governor of Jonotega, was assassinated in the streets of that place on Sunday. The assassin was captured. Mrs. Roosevelt Entertains. HAVANA, April 3.—Mrs Theodore Roosevelt today entertained the members of President Palma's family at 5 o'clock tea on board the Government yacht Mayflower. President and Senora Palma were not present, owing to the fact that the President was suffering from a slight indisposition.

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BURGLAR ROBS WILSON MIZNER

Takes \$9000 Worth of Jewelry and \$480 in Cash From Californian's Trunk

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. NEW YORK, April 3.—Upon the eve of his departure for Chicago Wilson Mizner, who married the widow of Charles T. Yerkes, fell victim to a daring burglary. His room in the Hotel Seymour, in Forty-fifth street, was entered during his absence between 4 and 5 o'clock this afternoon, his trunk pried open and jewelry worth \$9000 and \$480 in cash taken. There is no clew. Mizner had packed his trunks preparatory to his departure to Chicago to join his wife tomorrow. The robbery was discovered by Mizner's valet, who returned to the hotel at 5 o'clock. It is believed the burglar was in the room at the time. The valet, unable to open the door with his key, went to the office to secure a latchkey, with which he opened the door. The trunk was in the middle of the room, opened, and with its contents strewn upon the floor. The jewelry that was stolen consisted of studs, links, stickpins and rings. Nothing else except the money was taken from the trunk. Mizner had been ill in his room ever since his wife went to Chicago a few weeks ago. He had recovered sufficiently today to go out of doors and had made all preparations to leave for the West tomorrow.

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LAY PLANS TO UNSEAT HARRIMAN

Holder of Wells-Fargo Shares Up in Arms.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. NEW YORK, April 3.—Some of the minority stockholders of the Wells-Fargo Express Company are eager for a distribution of the \$15,000,000 surplus which this



company is nursing in its treasury. They believe also that the management would be justified in paying more than 30 per cent dividends per annum on the \$5,000,000 of capital stock. E. H. Harriman, chairman of the executive committee of the corporation and its dominant force, is said to be strongly opposed to any meddling with the surplus. It is his avowed policy to keep the surplus as large as possible, and his opponents declare that he wants this money on hand in order that he may borrow from time to time for the benefit of his railroads. A spirited contest between the Harriman and anti-Harriman forces is pending. A short time ago W. C. Stokes & Co. sent letters to the stockholders of the Wells-Fargo Company asking for proxies to be used at the next annual meeting in the election of directors pledged to divide up the surplus and pay larger dividends. It was intimated today that enough proxies had already been received by Stokes & Co. to outvote the Harriman party. Harriman's domination of the Wells-Fargo Company was brought about by his control of the Southern Pacific Railroad. The last named corporation is the largest holder of Wells-Fargo stock, owning, it is said, 1500 shares. W. C. Stokes declines to say just how large annual dividends he believes Wells-Fargo ought to pay. It is understood, however, that the minority stockholders want a 100 per cent stock dividend out of the surplus.

MANCHURIAN MARKET FOR ALL NATIONS

America Causes Japan to Hurry Opening of Door.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. TOKIO, April 4.—The long expected announcement of an open door into Manchuria, it is confidently believed, is to be made in the very near future, the representation of the American Government doubtlessly accelerating its coming. The failure hitherto to make the announcement, it is unofficially stated, has been prompted solely on the part of the Japanese Government to a fear of complications arising while the transmission of troops was vigorously going on.

Death Rather Than Jury Duty.

BHILADELPHIA, April 3.—Because he had been drawn as a juror Henry W. Kuni, a musician, aged 39, attempted to commit suicide by slashing his throat and wrists with a razor. He probably will die. He is a Socialist and does not believe in juries.

CHICAGO'S VOTERS MIX THE ISSUES

City May Own but Not Operate Its Railways.

One Proposition Prevails, While Other Is Defeated.

Bitter Contest at the Polls Results in a Close Decision.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. CHICAGO, April 3.—Under the result of the city election held today, in which the question of municipal ownership of the street railways was the vital issue, the city of Chicago proceed to acquire and control the railways, but cannot operate them. At the same time the voters, while declaring that the city shall not proceed to operate the railroads, declared that, as a question of policy, it would be desirable for the city to do so.

Three propositions were submitted to the voters, the first of which was: "Shall the city of Chicago proceed to operate street railways?" This proposition required 60 per cent of the total vote cast in order to become effective. The total vote was 231,171. Of this number the proposition to proceed to the immediate operation of the street railways secured but 120,911 votes, 17,792 short of the necessary three-fifths.

The second proposition involved the approval of an ordinance previously passed by the City Council, providing for the issue of street railway certificates in an amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 for the purchase, ownership and maintenance of the street railways. This was carried by 3589 votes.

DUNNE CLAIMS VICTORY. The third question, which was simply on the question of public policy and has least effect whatever, was: "Shall the City Council proceed without delay to secure the municipal ownership and operation of the street railways under the Mueller law, instead of granting franchises to private companies?" This proposition was carried by 387 votes.

Mayor Dunne construed the passage of the \$75,000,000 certificates and public policy propositions as a victory for municipal ownership, but expressed his disappointment over the defeat of the proposition for municipal operation. He said: "I admit that I am disappointed because the victory is not complete. The important proposition, however, at the present time, is for the issuance of the certificates and this has been carried. I regret, however, very much that we did not get the necessary majority to enable us legally to operate the street railway lines. But this will not prevent us from again going before the people after we have the street railway lines and asking for the necessary authority to operate. The people will vote for operation with a big majority at the proper time."

BITTER STRUGGLE AT POLLS. The election was one of the most interesting to Chicago voters that has been held in many years. The vote was much larger than had been expected and all day the contest was for and against municipal ownership was bitterly fought. Party lines were largely ignored and the eligibility of candidates depended more upon their attitude toward municipal ownership of streetcars and high license for saloons than upon their party records.

Of the thirty-five Aldermen who were elected today, Mayor Dunne claims, nineteen are avowed champions of municipal ownership and he will have much less difficulty in passing measures relating to that striking through the City Council than heretofore. The faction opposed to municipal ownership declares that it still holds the control of the Council and that Mayor Dunne will have no greater success in the future than he has had in the past.

Besides the question of municipal ownership, the issue was made in many of the Aldermanic contests on whether the saloon licenses of the city shall be \$500 or \$1000. The low figure was in extensive use when the City Council by a close vote and after a hard fight passed an ordinance raising the amount to \$1000.

LIGOR INTERESTS DEFEATED. The liquor interests made a strong fight against every Alderman who was up for re-election who had voted for the license of \$1000. Of the fifteen men against whom they put their influence twelve were elected and three defeated. Of the nine Aldermen up for re-election who voted for the continuance of the \$500 license all were returned to their seats in the Council. There is little danger, however, that the high license will be repealed.

The vote in several of the wards was so close that it probably will require the official canvass to determine the result, but the probabilities are that the Republicans will have a majority of three or four.

The old Council consisted of thirty-seven Republicans, thirty-two Democrats and one Independent. Following are the correct figures on the question of municipal ownership was 231,171. Of this number 120,911 were cast in favor of municipal operation of the street railways and 110,260 against it. In order to become binding the proposition to operate the railways should have received 138,762 votes. It therefore fell short of the required number by 17,792 votes.

The proposition to issue \$75,000,000 in

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CARMEN NOT TO STRIKE

Labor Dispute in Oakland Settled.

Agreement Leaders Make Ratified by Union.

Satisfaction Expressed on Both Sides of Controversy.

Employers to Recognize the Organization and Wage Scale to Remain.

OAKLAND, April 4.—At 3 o'clock this morning the Carmen's Union unanimously adopted the agreement reached yesterday between its leaders and the representatives of the street car company.

The terms agreed upon in the afternoon conference between the arbitration committee of the carmen and the officials of the Traction Company and ratified by the union this morning are as follows: 1—Complete recognition of the union. 2—Discharged employees have the right to appeal for a hearing before the board of directors of the corporation through the union. 3—if a discharged employee is reinstated as a result of an appeal he is to be paid for time lost through dismissal. 4—Officers of the union may obtain a leave of absence not exceeding thirty days when such leave is necessary to perform their duties as union officials. 5—All employees may ride free on the company's cars. 6—All employees of the company have a right to join any reputable organization. 7—Demerit register lists must not be made public. 8—A day's run of ten or eleven hours must be made in a fifteen-hour stretch. 9—Straight runs must be made within twelve hours. 10—Tipplers working less than one hour will be paid for one hour. 11—Regular men will have one day off in ten if desired. 12—Bulletin boards for use of the union will be placed in all car houses. 13—Motorman instructing students will be paid 25 cents a day extra. 14—Men may purchase uniforms in open market. THE MEN AGREE TO CONCEDE. 1—The present wage scale will remain in effect until January, 1907. AGREEMENT IS REACHED. OAKLAND, April 3.—Settlement of the differences between the Carmen's Union and the Oakland Traction Consolidated was effected today after further conference between W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, and W. H. Ellison, president of Oakland division of the Carmen, representing the union, and E. A. Heron, president, and W. F. Kelly, general manager of the Oakland Traction Consolidated.

Three hours' discussion this morning brought the two sides to an agreement. After the terms had been agreed upon Mahon and Ellison left the syndicate offices on Broadway and returned to the union headquarters, where a conference was held with the local division's agreement committee. That meeting was satisfactory and the conference for the union again met the traction officials. Soon after noon the conference was concluded and the formal announcement was made that a solution of the situation had been reached that was satisfactory to the representatives of the union and of the Traction Company.

This settlement, the details of which all concerned refused to make public, was the basis for an immediate call for a midnight meeting tonight of the Carmen's Union for ratification before it could, under the union's by-laws, become effective. Both President Mahon and President Ellison declared they had no doubt the proposals would be accepted by the union and they declared the strike question to have been practically settled when the conference was concluded today.

RESULT IS ANNOUNCED. The formal announcement was made in the following statement from President Ellison: "A proposition looking to a settlement of the present dispute between the Oakland Traction Consolidated and our organization has been reached by the committee and the officers of the company, the nature of which we are not at liberty to give out because the laws of our association recognize that all matters of this kind shall be submitted to our membership to pass upon before we accept or reject, and therefore cannot be given out until after our meeting tonight. "However, the committee is of the

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ELIJAH WILL FIGHT FOR TITLE

Deposed Apostle of Zion Offers Battle.

Hastening Homeward to Resume Reins of Government.

Once Revered Leader Now the Subject of Scandalous Rumors.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. CHICAGO, April 3.—J. J. Alexander Dowie has picked up the gauntlet of battle so dramatically thrown down by Overseer Voliva and his supporters on Sunday and will come to Zion City to measure strength with the young leader who has supplanted him.

Breathing the spirit of imperious leadership, which long ago stamped Dowie as a leader of men, three messages penned by him were received today. One of these told Voliva that he was worn of all power; another informed Judge Barnes of the action and named F. H. Whitte as the new overseer pending the arrival of Dowie early next week, and the third directed the appointee to take charge promptly. The telegrams were the first which had been received from Dowie since he was apprised of the action taken at Sunday's meeting at the tabernacle, and their announcement of the first apostle's intended return precipitated an immediate meeting of the cabinet, which lasted far into the night.

Judge Barnes and Secretary Whitte, the new overseer, responded to the hurried call which was sent out for the gathering and entered the chamber, where the other elders of the church were seated. They remained inside less than fifteen minutes, and it is believed that during that time they delivered Dowie's ultimatum, which he declined to participate further in the proceedings.

DOWIE'S WAR DECLARATION. Overseer Voliva declined to make public the message that was handed to him or to confirm the statement that one had been received by him. The telegrams, Judge Barnes and Deacon Whitte, however, were given out as soon as they were received. They follow: "To Judge V. V. Barnes: Consequent upon the ungodly, illegal action of Voliva, I now inform you that I hereby cancel the power of attorney of W. G. Voliva and confer the same upon F. H. Whitte. Inform the clerk of Lake County and all concerned that any exercise of the power of attorney by Voliva will now be a criminal act. Act promptly and inform me that you have done so. Address me tomorrow and Thursday at the Palace Hotel, Mexico City. I hold you strictly responsible in law in the matter. "JOHN ALEXANDER, First Apostle." "To F. H. Whitte: You are hereby given my power of attorney in fact and authority to take charge of affairs in my name until I arrive in Zion City, God willing, early next week. See Judge Barnes for further instructions and for their filing. Have printed thousands of circulars, setting forth my revocation of Voliva's power of attorney and your appointment. "JOHN ALEXANDER, First Apostle."

The attempted recall of Voliva came as the climax to a day which was filled with happenings that startled the faithful of Zion. Rumors of immoral acts by the fallen leader became broad assertions as they traveled from mouth to mouth and the stories of dissensions in his household multiplied as they were repeated. Open charges that he had been cruel to his wife, that he had acted improperly with women he had visited, that he had become an advocate of confession and that he had been prevented from making a polygamous marriage only by the refusal of those to whom overtures had been made, were made and applied by those who less than a week ago spoke his name with reverence and offered up prayers for his recovery and return to them.

TRANSFER OF THE ESTATE. To forestall any attempt which might be made by Dowie to assume charge, in the event of his return, however, Overseer Voliva and the members of the council who have adhered to him took the precaution to "nail down" everything of value while the power of attorney which had been given to Voliva at the time he was sent here from Jamaica was still in force. The attempt of Dowie to revoke it where he was apprised of the turn the church affairs had taken was anticipated and for that reason haste was employed.

Following the filing of papers in Waukegan on Monday, a deed was today filed for record in Muskegon County, Mich., for Dowie's summer home, Ben McDani, valued at \$200,000. The deed was signed by Voliva, holding the power of attorney for Dowie and his wife, and ran to Deacon Alexander, who is given full charge of Zion's finances. "This, it is believed, covers all of the property of which the church will be able to regain possession and the deeds which have been executed will be protected, if it is necessary to resort to the courts. "The legal situation is perfectly plain and remains unchanged," declared Mr. Voliva—and he asked that appellation "Mr." be placed in front of his name. "The move we have made is for the purpose of preserving the estate and protecting its creditors."

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