



THE WEATHER. Forecast for April 7, 1906: San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Saturday, with fog in the morning, clear during the day; fresh southwest winds. A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

# THE CALL



THE THEATERS. ALHAMBRA—"My Partner." ALCAZAR—"Charley's Aunt." CALIFORNIA—"Miss New York Jr." CENTRAL—"The Minister's Son." CHUTES—Vaudeville. COLUMBIA—"The Lion and the Mouse." GRAND—"Monsieur Beaucaire." MAJESTIC—"Shenandoah." ORPHEUM—"Vaudeville." TIVOLI—"Miss Timidity." Matinee at all theaters.

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## LAW IS DISPENSED FROM AUTOMOBILE

When Justice Quinn's chauffeur was arrested by a policeman at 1 a. m. the jurist called a drum-head court, which released the mahout and his unlighted lamps on their own recognizance. The Judge's ermine, like a mantle of charity, then hid the offender's name from the public.

### Justice James G. Quinn Sets Free Arrested Chauffeur.



OAKLAND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, WHO ESTABLISHED A PRECEDENT BY HOLDING COURT IN AN AUTOMOBILE AND ORDERING THE RELEASE OF A CHAUFFEUR WHO HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER ARREST.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. OAKLAND, April 6.—Justice James G. Quinn has just given the public an object lesson of how to do justice—decisions while you wait, so to speak, thereby upsetting old saws about the law's delay. There can be no complaint on the part of an unnamed chauffeur whose liberty was rudely infringed upon by an arresting policeman at 1 a. m. yesterday, Justice Quinn "then and there being" one of the passengers in the vehicle of the aforesaid fortunate chauffeur. Not only did the early morning Justice catch the worm of inspiration without delay, but he improvised a sort of drum-head court on the spot and decided from his seat in the auto that the mahout and his unlighted lamps might go on their own recognizance, thereby permitting the dignity of the court to escape unscathed. The good luck of being the chauffeur of a party in which a representative of the sovereign State was the star guest did not end with the extempore order of release, but when the case was called before a co-ordinate branch of the machinery of jurisprudence Justice Quinn's prestige, like a mantle of charity, hid from the public the name of the chauffeur and his party, save that of the gallant Justice himself. The chauffeur feels certain that his escapade will go down to posterity as the offense of John Doe, nothing more. Judge Quinn had been with friends at Emeryville and had started for his home a few blocks away, when he espied one of his friends in an automobile. The machine was stopped and the magistrate entered to be driven home. They were proceeding along F street at moderate speed when at Louisa street they encountered some rough ground. One of the front lights was extinguished and the machine was brought to a standstill. At that time Policeman Brock, one of the recently appointed patrolmen, appeared on the scene and placed the chauffeur under arrest for violating the ordinance requiring two front lights on automobiles. It was then that Judge Quinn convened court in the car, decided that the chauffeur was guiltless of any intentional wrongdoing and ordered the release of "John Doe" on his own recognizance.

## SMOTHERS TO DEATH IN SHAVINGS BIN

### Awful Fate of a Fireman at Spokane Lumber Mill.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. SPOKANE, April 6.—Buried beneath a vast mass of shavings, Alexander Burns, a fireman at the Post Falls Lumber and Manufacturing plant, was suffocated to death within three feet of a door which he tried in vain to reach. He fed the furnace with shavings that were accumulated in an enormous bin. A week ago he fell into the bin and would have been suffocated, but he managed to crawl out. This afternoon about 4 o'clock he was misled by his engineer. Fears were felt that he had again fallen into the pit and the mill hands broke in the door of the bin, which was blocked by the shavings that slid in from above. There was Burns, standing erect, dead. The position of his body showed that he had made a terrific effort to escape.

## PALO ALTO TRAIN HITS STREET CAR

### Motorman Loses Hand, Others Are Hurt. Locomotive Crushes an Electric Car Because Two Blundered.

#### Carelessness of Gateman and Trolley Conductor Cause the Wreck.

#### THE INJURED.

J. E. Buska, motorman, right hand severed. Lives on Seventeenth street. Treated at Southern Pacific Hospital.

William F. Schilling, 519 Seventh avenue; badly bruised and shaken up, with contusions on head and face. Went home.

Mrs. William F. Schilling, 519 Seventh avenue; bruised about the head and body. Went home.

The Palo Alto train which left the Third and Townsend street depot at 11:35 o'clock last night crashed into the Sixteenth street car at Sixteenth and Harrison streets, throwing the car from the track and severing the right hand from the arm of Motorman J. E. Buska and injuring the three passengers.

The car had just crossed the first track when the outbound train struck it and threw it completely around. The gates were up and the accident was caused through pure negligence.

The occupants of the car were hurled forward with violence, but fortunately none of them were thrown in front of the train.

The Coast Line Limited was late and gates at the corner of Sixteenth and Harrison streets were lowered.

The Sixteenth street car was coming down the Sixteenth street grade, and J. E. Buska, the motorman in charge, brought his car to a halt, as the gates were down, and the coaster passed on. A watchman is stationed in a tower-house at this point. His duty is to raise and lower the gates. The conductor of the car, H. M. Ross, left his car and gave the signal to his motorman that the road was clear.

The vehicle had just crossed the first track when the outbound Palo Alto train loomed in sight. Motorman Buska could not stop his car before the train reached him, and he was forced to take a chance of crossing the track before the train got to the crossing. He let on all power, but he was too late. The train was too close, and it was also impossible for Engineer A. R. Bush to bring his train to a stop to avert the accident.

With great force the train struck the car and threw it from the track. Passengers were hurled from the vehicle, and many of them were pinned under the wreckage and extracted by train passengers. Motorman Buska's hand was cut off and the other passengers were badly injured.

There was great turmoil on the train. It was loaded with passengers and they were given a great scare. People clamored for the doors in an effort to reach safety.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Schilling of 519 Seventh avenue, Richmond district, were picked up seriously hurt. The extent of their injuries is not exactly known, but it is feared that they may have sustained internal injuries. The husband had a deep cut over his eye.

J. J. Kelley of 1259 Alabama street had a gash over the right eye and other injuries. He was treated at the Southern Pacific Hospital. His wounds are not serious.

The blame for the accident seems to lie with Watchman Lyser Mariotti of the tower which operates the gates at the crossings and Conductor Ross of the streetcar. Mariotti had just received his midnight luncheon from the hands of his wife when the coast line limited whistled for the crossing. He heard it and lowered the gates on time. He did not watch the tracks closely, and when he saw the limited pass by he raised the gates. He did not once look up the track to see whether the Palo Alto local was near, although this train passes by every evening. His desire to eat his midnight meal seems to have overshadowed his usual caution.

Conductor Ross of the street car merely walked up to the inbound track, according to the reports of the three passengers, and then waved his car to proceed without looking up the outbound track for the Palo Alto local. He was just swinging on the back of the car when the crash came and he was uninjured.

The white gates at the Harrison street crossing are mute evidences of the watchman's guilt. They stand straight upright, not broken nor even scratched, proof that they were raised before the street car started.

Early this morning it was learned that Buska will recover from his injuries. It was feared at first that the amputation and the following shock would prove fatal, but the surgeons at the Railroad Hospital say he will soon be able to walk about.

## VILLAGERS TERRIFIED BY VESUVIUS

### Fire From Volcano Causes Great Panic. People Flee From Their Homes to the Open Air.

#### Ashes Fall for Miles About and Explosions Add to the Horror.

NAPLES, April 6.—The inhabitants of the villages in the vicinity of Mount Vesuvius are in a condition bordering on panic. Many homes have been abandoned for the open air, although there has been a thick fog all day and the atmosphere has been dense with volcanic ashes and the fumes of subterranean fires. The churches are crowded day and night with people praying for deliverance from an impending peril, manifestations of which are felt in explosions, which resemble a heavy cannonading, and the tremblings of the earth, which are constantly recurring.

The main stream of lava proceeding from Vesuvius is 200 feet wide and it flows at times at the rate of twenty-one feet a minute, the fumes destroying vegetation before the stream reaches it.

The peasants of Portici, at the west foot of Vesuvius, cleared their grounds of vineyards and trees in the effort to lessen the danger from fire, and resisted the progress of the lava to their utmost.

The population of Boscoreale, on the southern declivity of the mountain, has sought safety in flight, and Boscoreale, to the eastward, is also threatened. Women of this village, weeping with fright, carried a statue of Saint Anne as near as they could to the flowing lava, imploring a miracle to stay the advance of the consuming stream.

The cemetery at Boscoreale has been invaded by lava.

The scene at night is one of mingled grandeur and horror, as from the summit of Vesuvius there leaps a column of fire fully 1000 feet in height, the glare lighting the sky and sea for many miles. Occasionally great masses of molten stone, some weighing as much as a ton, are ejected from the crater.

The village of Torre del Greco, which has been eight times destroyed and as often rebuilt, is again threatened and the inhabitants are in extreme terror.

Signor Matteucci, director of the observatory, is working indefatigably. He has had military engineers establish telephonic connection between the observatory and points within the volcanic activity. The director said to the press this evening that, although he did not believe it would reach the villages. Indeed, he said, the present volcanic activity was not altogether unmixt with good, for if it had not come to pass a violent and sudden eruption having a far wider radius might have occurred.

## RISKS HIS LIFE TO RESCUE TWO

### Brave Los Angeles Policeman Casts Himself Between Car and Woman With Babe

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. LOS ANGELES, April 6.—Patrolman J. W. Murphy of the Los Angeles police force, one of the most widely known peace officers in this section of the country, demonstrated this evening that he has in him the material and nerve of which heroes are made. At the risk of his life he snatched a bewildered woman and her baby from almost certain death and then saw to it that they were properly cared for before he would consent to an examination of his own injuries.

Murphy was at First and Main streets at 5 o'clock this evening, the busiest corner in the city at its busiest hour. He had just escorted an aged man across the street, when he saw Mrs. James Fitzpatrick with her baby in her arms try to cross the street. She dodged a team and stepped directly in front of a rapidly moving Pasadena car.

Murphy jumped toward her and placing himself between her and the car, made of his body a buffer. As the car struck him he reached the woman and raising her and the baby in his arms, shoved them out of the way, while he fell across the rails. The fender caught him and cast him to one side. The woman and child were not even bruised.

Murphy's face and head were badly lacerated, his body covered with bruises and his uniform ruined.

## CRAZED BY FIRE, MAN LEAPS TO DEATH.

### Jumps From the Eighth Story



MANAGER OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB OF PORTLAND, WHO NEARLY LOST HIS LIFE IN FIRE WHICH DESTROYED THE HANDSOME AND COMMODIOUS ROOMS OF THE CLUB YESTERDAY.

### Members of Club Flee Before the Flames.

### FIREMEN SAVE MEN AND MAIDS Many Hemmed In Escape With Difficulty.

### ALARM CAUSES A STAMPEDE

### Portland Is the Scene of a Fierce Conflagration.

PORTLAND, April 6.—The most spectacular fire which ever occurred in Portland destroyed the eighth (the top) story of the Chamber of Commerce building this afternoon, and was the indirect cause of the death of Homer H. Hallock, right of way agent of the Willamette Traction Company, formerly for twenty-five years an employe of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company. Mr. Hallock, who was one of the best known railroad men in the Northwest, was in the Commercial Club when the fire broke out. He seems to have become suddenly mad, and, despite the efforts of several men who strove to restrain him, jumped down the light well to the roof of the central court, eight stories below, and was instantly killed.

### Hurt When Life Net Breaks.

D. L. Cappa, head cook of the Commercial Club, was seriously injured by the breaking of a life net into which he jumped from the eighth floor to the street.

The property loss is estimated at \$100,000, partly covered by insurance. The Commercial Club, which occupied the top floor, was completely gutted. Its loss is estimated at about \$35,000. Of the balance of the loss the damage to the building will be about \$45,000, and the loss by water to the tenants on the sixth and seventh floors is approximately \$15,000.

The building was recently purchased by the United Railways Company for \$750,000.

The fire broke out in the parlor of the Commercial Club from an unknown cause, though it is said that the careless throwing of a lighted match into some tapestries was responsible for the conflagration. There is some ground for the belief that defective electrical construction may have been the cause. The fire spread with wonderful rapidity, causing a panic among the 1500 employes of the three hundred offices which are in the building.

### Make a Rush for Safety.

A rush was made for the elevators and for the narrow and wholly inadequate stairways and fire escapes with which the building is equipped. The upper works of the elevators were burned out almost before the fire bells stopped sounding, and panic-stricken people congested the stairs and fire escapes.

On the upper floors a serious situation prevailed. Unable to escape by the usual means of

## POLICE GIVE CHASE AFTER "JOE" LETTER

### Try to Arrest Him for Speeding His Automobile.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. CHICAGO, Ill., April 6.—Joseph Letter was pursued several blocks by two detectives today, but escaped. He was in an automobile, and in a hurry to reach his office. So when a policeman halted him at Rush and Ohio streets for exceeding the speed ordinance his chauffeur, Frank Campbell, opened the lever and the automobile shot by, leaving the detectives behind. Later, disguised as street cleaners and wearing light jackets, the detectives loitered about the garage where the machine is kept, and when the unsuspecting chauffeur made his appearance a short time later he was placed under arrest.

"Mr. Letter was late and in a hurry to reach his office," explained the chauffeur when taken into custody. He was released upon furnishing bonds for his appearance in court tomorrow.

## WAITING FOR SCOTT IN SAN BERNARDINO

### Actor-Miner Is Expected in Southern City Today by Accusers.

SAN BERNARDINO, April 6.—Walter Scott is expected here tomorrow to answer the charge of assault with a deadly weapon growing out of the Death Valley shooting. It is believed here that Key, the half-breed Indian confederate of Scott, will show himself here tomorrow and surrender. It is known here that a strange woman has employed Attorney R. E. Bledsoe, father of Superior Judge R. F. Bledsoe of this city, to defend Key. A. W. Sinclair, who makes the complaint against Scott, has arrived from Los Angeles to be present at Scott's arraignment.

## COMES BACK TO LIFE IN NICK OF TIME

### Supposed Dead Man Gives Friends a Fright.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 6.—Hardin Butler, a wealthy farmer of Hinesdale, Hart County, came within an ace of being buried alive today. He was supposed to have died of heart failure. Physicians were called in and they pronounced Butler dead. He was bathed, shaved and dressed for burial.

Meanwhile the undertaker had taken measurements for a coffin. The funeral was to have taken place this afternoon. The members of the family were gathered about the bedside and the coffin was on a stand near by. Miss Alice Butler, his favorite daughter, became hysterical as the undertaker and his assistants picked up the body to place it in the coffin. As if awakened by her screams the supposed dead man shuddered and opened his eyes.

"What is all this racket about?" was his first utterance. "Whose coffin is that? Who is dead?" He then sank back unconscious, but in a few hours was revived, and tonight is sitting up shaking hands with himself.

## WOMAN ROLLS DOWN A STEEP MOUNTAIN

### Is Stopped at the Edge of a Creek by a Fisherman.

SAN JOSE, April 6.—Mrs. Harry Lutenberg of Quincy, Ill., had a thrilling escape from death in a fall down a precipitous mountain side above Alum Rock Falls this afternoon. After rolling and tumbling 150 feet down the incline her fall was checked at the very brink of the creek by a fisherman. Mrs. Lutenberg will be disgraced for life, though no bones were broken and she is thought to have escaped internal injuries.