

For San Francisco and vicinity: Cloudy Wednesday; somewhat warmer; fresh west wind.



The Call prints more news than any other paper published in San Francisco.

HEROLD QUILTS HIS AGENCY

Severs Connection With Hamburg-Bremen Company.

Does Not Sanction Methods of Adjusting Losses.

Refuses to Sacrifice His Standing in Business Circles.

Rudolph Herold, one of the oldest and best known of the Pacific Coast fire insurance men, has thrown up his hands in disgust and quit the Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance Company. Yesterday he turned in his resignation as general agent to Manager Buchenberger of New York and it was accepted.

Herold was driven to sever his connections with the Hamburg-Bremen because of its actions, unwarranted to his mind, in adjusting and settling its San Francisco losses. Herold numbers his Pacific Coast friends by the thousands and in the thirty-four years he has spent building up the business of the Hamburg-Bremen he won the confidence of every one. Naturally, he expected to be allowed to adjust the San Francisco losses after the great April disaster, just as he had always done after other fires.

Much to Herold's surprise the Hamburg-Bremen sent out C. E. Mitchell from New York to adjust all claims. He superseded Herold in everything pertaining to Hamburg-Bremen affairs. Herold was unable to deal with the business friends of a lifetime, and to their complaints of bad adjusting methods he could but turn a helpless ear.

Finally Herold sent word to the New York office of the company, asking that he be allowed to adjust all losses here. His position was not sustained. Convinced that he could do nothing toward aiding his business friends in securing proper settlements and satisfied that in justice to himself he could not continue as agent under the circumstances, Herold yesterday presented his resignation to the company.

Speaking of his action, Herold said last night:

The reason for my resignation as general agent is that the company, through the United States managers at New York, and without conferring with me, placed all matters in connection with the San Francisco conflagration losses in the hands of their agency secretary at New York, C. E. Mitchell, who arrived here with full power and, together with his associates, also from the East, established an adjusting bureau at 1719 Pine street in this city. Under instructions received from the United States managers, I was compelled to refer anything and everything appertaining to these losses to the aforesaid bureau, and the decision there reached to be final.

Being thus deprived of dealing with my friends and old-time patrons in the adjustment of their loss claims, which, under the terms of my contract formed part of my duties, and which have always been performed by me in the past, and for the further reason that many complaints were made to me by claimants because they were compelled to deal with strangers and because of the methods adopted at the adjusting bureau in the adjustment of their claims, I brought the matter to the attention of the New York office, declaring that the differences between Mr. Mitchell and myself were irreconcilable, and requesting that one of the managers come here for the purpose of a personal investigation, as I could not consent to have matters so continue. In response, United States Manager Buchenberger arrived

TWO MEN KILLED BY DYNAMITE

Overturning of Freight Car Caused an Explosion.

Accident Occurs on the Sierra Railway Near Angels.

Brakemen Die and Conductor and Passenger Are Hurt.

ANGELS, June 26.—The overturning of a freight car of a train running on the Sierra Railway, near Neelands station, between Jamestown and Angels, this afternoon, exploded one and a half tons of dynamite and killed Hoagland and Brown, brakemen on the train. The conductor, named Hawkins, was injured, and a passenger, E. A. Roberts of Sausalito, was severely hurt. Hoagland's body was badly mutilated and but a few small pieces of Brown's body were recovered, so terrible was the shock. The explosion was caused by the car carrying dynamite jumping the track when coming up out of the great canyon of the Stanislaus River at a curve in the road about six miles from this place. The car was turned completely over and the impact exploded the dynamite. The car was completely destroyed, and parts of the wheels were thrown a mile and a half from the scene and landed on Bear Mountain. On two of the five cars of the train were two traction engines, being brought here for the Union Construction Company. One of the engines was not badly damaged, but the other was blown into pieces and scattered so it cannot be located. A piece of the engine, a stringer 8x10 and 14 feet long, was thrown a distance of half a mile and struck the ground at the Jones mine.

The explosion wrecked the chlorination works at the Jones mine; and although the explosion was heard here, no damage was done in this town. Word comes from Milton, twenty-one miles west of Angels, that the shock was felt there and window glass was broken in the village.

Strange to say, the railroad track was not badly damaged by the great force of the explosion, but the up-passenger train had not passed the point at 8 o'clock tonight.

The report was brought here that possibly a second passenger might have been killed in the wreck and search was made for another victim, but railroad men say only the two brakemen were killed.

The wheels of one of the five cars in the freight train were found on the railroad track half a mile this side of the wreck. The explosion was felt as far away as Stockton, sixty miles, where it was believed that another earthquake had shaken up the country, but the force of the shock seemed to travel down stream in the deep canyon and did not come over the hill to Angels.

here ten days ago. I protested against the adjustment being continued in the hands of the bureau and requested that my position be sustained, but as it was impossible for me to bring this about, I felt it due to my friends and patrons of my office, with whom I have had a business relationship for over thirty years, and but just to myself, to sever my connection with the company, and handed my resignation to Manager Buchenberger, with the request that it be accepted at once, and it was accepted.

My whole business life of thirty-four years has been spent in the service of the company, and for the last twenty-three years I have been its general agent for the Pacific Coast department. During all of this time all losses were either adjusted by or through me, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Naturally, I regret the severance of a business connection which has lasted so long and which in other respects has been most pleasant. I regret, moreover, the throwing away of my life work, but most of all, I regret that the Hamburg-Bremen should have concluded not to adopt my views as to the mode of adjustment.

MURDERER THAW, DENIED BAIL, HELD A PRISONER IN THE TOMBS.

NEW YORK, June 26.—Frankly admitting that he killed Stanford White, the famous architect, and pleading in justification of the deed that White had ruined the life of his wife, the beautiful former chorus girl and artist's model, Florence Evelyn Nesbit, Harry Kendall Thaw of Pittsburg, brother of the Countess of Yarmouth, occupies a cell in the Tombs, awaiting the action of the Grand Jury on a charge of murder. His counsel will offer the defense of insanity.

MILLIONAIRE SHACKLED TO A DETECTIVE

Slayer of Stanford White Is Shown No Favoritism.

Held to Grand Jury After Brief Examination.

Alienists Pass Upon the Sanity of Prisoner.

NEW YORK, June 26. Harry Kendall Thaw was examined by eminent alienists, retained on his behalf and by the District Attorney's office. The Coroner's inquest will be held on Thursday and in all probability the case will then be considered by the Grand Jury. The prisoner's wife will be required to appear before that body, she having been served with a subpoena today while in consultation at the offices of her husband's counsel. Every effort is now being made by both sides to expedite the legal preliminaries so that the arraignment and trial may take place at the earliest possible date.

Not since the killing of James Fisk Jr. by Edward Stokes on the staircase of the Grand Central Hotel more than thirty years ago has the metropolis been shocked by so startling and dramatic a tragedy as that which was enacted last night in the view of an audience of more than 1000 persons in the roof theater of Madison Square Garden. Not the least dramatic feature of the tragedy is the fact that White met his death in the structure which, perhaps, is the most conspicuous memorial of his architectural genius.

IN PATROL WAGON.

Rarely has the case against any prisoner moved with more rapidity than did the proceedings today which ended in Thaw's formal commitment to the Tombs. Save in this unusual and almost frenzied haste, the routine followed and the treatment accorded to Thaw differed in no respect from that meted out to any prisoner charged

LIFE STORY OF MAN WHO DIED AT HANDS OF HARRY K. THAW

STANFORD WHITE—Born in New York, November 9, 1853; son of Richard Grant White, distinguished author.

Murdered June 25, 1906, by Harry Kendall Thaw, member of a millionaire Pittsburg family and husband of Evelyn Nesbit, the actress.

Millionaire architect. Graduate of the University of New York.

Received architectural training with Charles D. Gambrill and H. H. Richardson. Was Richardson's chief assistant in the construction of Trinity Church in Boston.

Traveled and studied in Europe, 1878-1880. Since 1881 a member of the firm of McKim, Mead & White of New York.

Designed the pedestal of the Lincoln monument in Lincoln Park, Chicago.

Designed pedestals for the principal statues by Augustus St. Gaudens.

Designed the house now owned and occupied by White-law Reid in New York; also Madison Square Garden, the Century and Metropolitan clubs, the University of New York, the Washington Arch and the University of Virginia.

A fellow of the American Institute of Architects, a member of the Knickerbocker, Union, University, Players, Lambs, Golf and other clubs.

Resided in Grammercy Park, New York; had a summer residence at St. James, L. I. Married Miss Bessie Smith, who survives him, with a son, Lawrence.

LEDERER SAYS HARRY THAW IS A DEGENERATE

Theatrical Man Defends the Name of Stanford White.

Relations of Architect With Actress Always Proper.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. CHICAGO, June 26.—George W. Lederer, manager of the Colonial Theater and one of the best known theatrical men in the country, who was intimately acquainted with Harry Kendall Thaw, his wife and Stanford White, tonight gave out an interview in which he declared that the slayer of White was a moral degenerate, a morphine and cigarette fiend, and, owing to his mental condition, not responsible for his actions. Lederer was the man who "discovered" the pretty young artist's model and placed her in the cast of the "Florodora" company, which was then playing in New York. Lederer

MISS NESBIT LEADS A GAY STAGE LIFE

Name Connected Long Ago With White's.

Uncharitable Views Expressed by Rivals.

Friendly With Architect While in Her 'Teens.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

NEW YORK, June 26.—Rumor, to put it mildly, had been busy with the acquaintanceship of Florence Evelyn Nesbit, actress and artist's model, with Stanford White years before Harry Thaw came to her acquaintance. She is not old now. She was considerably younger then. In fact, she had not got very far along in the early 'teens when her name was first connected in Rialto gossip with that of the proverbially generous and generally popular architect.

Just how old Florence Nesbit was when she went on the stage is a thing perhaps definitely known only to herself and parents. She made her first appearance in the original "Florodora" company at the Casino between five and six years ago. HER FIRST "TURN."

"Appearance" is perhaps a rather misleading word to apply to her first "turn" behind the footlights, as she was simply one of the six Spanish girls that figured in a minor way in the production.

John C. Fisher, manager of the company, gave her her first engagement. Beyond that he does not know much about her career on or off the stage while she was in his company.

In "Florodora" Evelyn Nesbit, it has been said, did not stand out. When she met George Lederer, though, it was another story. One woman who knows the profession as well as the next gave a hint of this. She said:

"Now, whenever we hear of anything of that sort we tear up their cards—they are off our books. We have to do this out of deference to the decent girls of the chorus. For ten to one of them are decent, and the one that goes wrong is the only one that is heard of."

"But it was when Miss Nesbit was with Lederer in the 'Wild Rose,' the production that Irene Bentley starred in—I think she was Miss Bentley's understudy—it was then we began to hear Mr. White's name mentioned in connection with hers. You know how it was. The Casino did not have the best reputation with all those girls there. Then you know Miss Nesbit had never had money and some one coming around with automobiles and suppers and all that is enough to turn many a girl's head."

LEADS BUTTERFLY LIFE. From this time on, if the Rialto recollection and the Rialto habit of putting



MRS. HARRY KENDALL THAW, FORMERLY FLORENCE EVELYN NESBIT, THE BEAUTIFUL CHORUS GIRL WHOSE FRIENDSHIP FOR STANFORD WHITE, THE FAMOUS ARCHITECT, COST THE LATTER HIS LIFE.

MILLIONAIRE IS UNDER ARREST

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

OROVILLE, June 26.—James H. Leggett, dredging king and millionaire, was arrested this morning upon complaint of the City Superintendent of Streets acting under instructions of the Board of Trustees, upon a technical charge of obstructing the highway. The essence of the charge is that Leggett, who is operating a dredge within the corporate limits of the city, has encroached upon the very streets of the city.

Oroville was incorporated during the early part of the year, largely to save it from the dredges, which threatened the city with destruction. Since incorporation some dredges have been allowed to work, but only under iron-bound contracts to level their rockpiles, cover them with dirt and leave the ground in as good condition as when they commenced their work.

HUNDREDS SEEK GOLD IN TANANA

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

TACOMA, June 26.—A Dawson special says the rush for Tanana continues. Every vessel this year, averaging one every five days, has gone loaded to the guards with passengers and freight. Many from Puget Sound are now at Dawson awaiting the next vessels. All accumulated freight from White Horse for Fairbanks, as well as Dawson, has gone forward and there will be no further blockage this summer. The steamer Monarch, which arrived yesterday from Fairbanks, brought reports that the drought at that camp is greatly curtailing the washing of gold and may seriously affect the summer output.

Hatfield, the rainmaker, has been at work in the Klondike for two weeks. He has done nothing materially to aid hydraulic mining, and the camp is greatly in need of water. It has been raining several times a week in the Klondike, but the rainfall has not been continuous enough. Governor McInnes' campaign to cleanse the city of bad women has resulted in thirty being ordered from town. They must go before the end of the week.