

For San Francisco and Vicinity: Fair Thursday; fresh west winds; fog in morning.



Mayor Becker of Milwaukee, in Next Sunday's Call, tells why young men should get into politics.

FINDS A MOTIVE FOR SLAYING OF WHITE.

Jerome Has Evidence That a Chorus Girl's Prank Moved Thaw to Homicide

MASQUERADED AS EVELYN NESBIT

Architect Fell Into Trap and Wrote Note That Enraged the Husband

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—New and important evidence, providing a plausible motive for the murder of Stanford White, has lately come into District Attorney Jerome's possession.

THE tragedy occurred some days prior to my last trip from America," said Mr. Ziegfeld, "and I was full of it on my way over. Among the passengers was a young woman very well known to the amusement-loving New York public, who was a prominent member of the chorus in one of my productions.

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SENDS NOTE TO MRS. THAW. "Next day, Mr. White, according to this girl, sent a neat little note to Mrs. Thaw, expressing his regret at his absence at the time of her call and dispatched a basket of roses to her address.

COSTLY SOUVENIRS GO TO OFFICERS. CALL BUREAU, POST BUILDING, WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—It is said that the investigation into the alleged irregularities in the Government workshops in the Philippines now being conducted by Colonel Wood, inspector general of the islands, will go to the bottom, no matter what is hit.

ANXIOUS TO HANG FOR HIS CRIME. SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. SAN QUENTIN, Aug. 8.—William J. Trebilcock, a miner, who murdered his wife in Grass Valley on March 14, 1905, is anxiously awaiting the hour set for his execution.

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TRANSATLANTIC EASTERN FUND ATTACHED.

Over Half Million Dollars in New York Seized for San Francisco's Assured

POLICY HOLDERS READY TO FIGHT

Will Carry the Battle for Just Treatment Into the Courts of the German Empire

THE \$565,000 deposited in New York by the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Company of Hamburg has been attached by the policy-holders of San Francisco to prevent the German corporation from withdrawing from the United States and skipping across the water with this big fund.

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FINDS TWO DEPOSITS. It was Attorney Walter H. Linforth who first discovered the assets of the Transatlantic in New York. These assets seem to be the only attachable goods of the company in America.

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HIDEOUS CRIME DISCLOSED BY CHANCE.

Murdered Woman Found in the Lonely Glades of Santa Monica Canyon

IDENTITY OF THE VICTIM UNKNOWN

Found Seated Where She Died, a Bullet Hole Through Her Skull

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—Seated on the hillside in the underbrush of a lonely canyon two miles above Santa Monica, the body of an unknown woman was found this afternoon. She was bent slightly forward, with legs crossed and hands in lap. The indications are that she had been murdered and had been dead at least a month.

CLOTHING INDICATES TASTE. The clothing was all of fine material, indicating the wearer to have been a woman of good taste, although the absence of rings or jewelry of any description would lead to the belief that she was not a person of wealth.

NO WEAPON IN THE VICINITY. No weapon was found, although a diligent inquiry was made in the vicinity. The absence of a revolver precludes the theory of suicide.

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Government Awakes to the Steal of Timber Land in State.

THE United States Government has been aroused at last to the timber steals in the northern part of California. The acquisition of vast tracts of forested land in Butte and Plumas counties by a few individuals is to be investigated, and prison threatens some of the thieves.



ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM HENRY MOODY

Washington to Investigate in Plumas and Butte.

High Officials Order Thorough Inquiry Into Frauds.

REPRESENTATIVES of the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General of the United States, of the Chief of the General Land Department at Washington and of the Director of the Geological Survey will prosecute an investigation in Plumas and Butte counties, California, to determine to what extent frauds have been committed in the acquisition of mineral lands by placer entries in the counties mentioned.

H. H. Yard alone has located 365,000 acres in Plumas County as placers.

B. Walker and others have taken up as much more in Plumas and Butte counties. There has been a demand for an investigation ever since 1902.

State Mineralogist Aubury has been officially informed that the Federal Government has finally resolved to learn all the facts and to proceed without delay.

Three quarters of a million acres of land are the immediate subject of the inquiry. The conduct of hundreds of men in Plumas and Butte counties who helped Yard and Walker and the others to get such vast tracts of land will be brought into review and prisons may be opened to receive perjurers by the score.

Experts to Arrive Soon. Every tract of land entered by parties who are suspected or who are accused of grabbing the public domain illegally will be visited by men from different departments of the Government. Skilled geologists will with practical mining men decide what lands are mineralized and the general extent of such mineralization, to determine whether the entries as placers are justified.

Miners will report whether the proper assessment work has been done to justify the holding of mineral lands on placer locations. A representative of the Attorney General's office at Washington will look into the legal phases of the several transactions that are under question and evidence will be acquired that may be very useful if prosecutions are ordered.

This information is given out by State Mineralogist Aubury, to whose persistent efforts, extending through a period of four years, the pending extensive investigation is due. Aubury has been in communication with the Secretary of the Interior during many months. He was informed yesterday that a party of experts was about to start for California and would arrive about the 1st of September to begin work.

Sell Oaths. These experts will first investigate the methods and acts of H. H. Yard. Then they will proceed to take up other cases and inquire into various vast ownerships of Government lands that have been acquired by the simple expedient of entering thousands of acres as placer locations.

The announcement will cause great excitement in Plumas County, where land-grabbing has been a vastly profitable industry for some years and where the Government has parted with areas of royal size to see them all pass into the control of something like a dozen individuals and corporations.

Perjury in Plumas County on an unparalleled scale is alleged. Men are reported to have taken oath in aid of land grabbers at the rate of \$5 per oath, which is considered to be very low when perjury is likely to land the perjurer in a felon's cell.

The pending investigation results from a recent decision of Secretary Hitchcock of the Interior Department that he will, in every instance, when proper complaint has been made by the forest service, notify mineral locators to appear before the local land office and show cause why their locations should not be declared invalid. The Secretary of the Interior has also agreed to detail to the forest service capable geologists to gather evidence as to the validity of mining locations that have been made in the forest reserve.

Hundreds of thousands of acres of

ATTEMPTS TO KILL BABIES AND SELF.

ALAMEDA, Aug. 8.—Mrs. Helen Hersey of 2304 Buena Vista avenue, Alameda, took her two little baby boys into the sleeping chamber with her tonight, undressed them, tenderly put on their night dresses, sat them down on the bed and as she began to tell them a good-night story turned on the gas in the room.

At 10:30 o'clock her husband came home and smelled the escaping gas. "Helen," he cried, in sudden fear of an accident, "where are you?" He ran to the sleeping chamber and found his wife and the two baby boys lying unconscious in each other's arms across the bed. He carried them out on to the lawn and ran for help.

Several doctors arrived and succeeded in restoring both the mother and babies to consciousness. They will recover. One boy, Bert, is 6 years old; the other is 4.

The husband, W. D. Hersey, is employed by the A. C. Tibbitts Company as a printer. He can give no reason for his wife's attempt to kill herself and both the children.

TEN-YEAR-OLD MISS KILLS A DEER.

Little Jean Boalt Wheeler, the 10-year-old daughter of Attorney Charles Stetson Wheeler, has distinguished herself as a markswoman by shooting a deer at 100 yards straight through the heart. Little Jean was up at her father's country home, The Bend, on the McCloud River, with her parents and Benjamin Ide Wheeler when she made the remarkable shot.

The party started from The Bend at 4 o'clock last Saturday morning on horseback. As they rode up through the forest little Jean asked that she be allowed to lead the way. Her father consented and little Jean, who was dressed in knickerbockers and boots to the knees, went forward as the advance guard. She had only gone a short distance when she suddenly brought her horse to a stop.

Three hundred feet ahead of her she saw a buck standing with head high in air. The beast turned suddenly and was about to bound away into the woods when little Jean raised her rifle and fired. She shot the animal straight through the heart and it fell dead as it turned.

The deer weighed ninety pounds after it was dressed. The skin and head were brought to the city yesterday and are now in the hands of the taxidermist.

The Wheelers have spent part of the summer of every year at their home on the McCloud River for the last ten years. This year their stay there has been short. During the sojourn there this time C. S. Wheeler shot a six-point and Benjamin Ide Wheeler a four-point deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and Professor Wheeler returned home on Tuesday. Little Jean and her brother, C. S. Wheeler Jr., are still at the McCloud looking for more game.

MODJESKA INJURED IN HEAVY FALL.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—By a hair's breadth Mme. Modjeska missed having an eye knocked out last evening at the home of Dr. John H. Martindale on Lucas avenue. As it was Mme. Modjeska sustained a severe bruise of the temple and a slight laceration of the cheek.

Saturday Mme. Modjeska left the Angelus Hotel to pay a visit to the family of Dr. Martindale. Last evening while walking upon the polished floor of the beautiful Martindale home her foot slipped, and she fell heavily, striking with her face the sharp corner of a heavy table. It was a glancing blow and just grazed her right temple and eye, her cheek receiving the force of the blow.

She was attended by Dr. Martindale and went to the home of her former companion, Anafovia Fkownronska, in East twenty-eighth street. Because of the accident Mme. Modjeska was forced to cancel a number of engagements in this city.

Today Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rice of Tustin came to Los Angeles, and the well known actress and her friends went to San Diego, where Mme. Modjeska will rest quietly for a time.

THEATRICAL FOLK WHO LOST BY BIG FIRE RECEIVE AID. Madame Semblich Deposits With Actors' Union \$11,000 Collected for Their Use.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—President Harry de Veaux of the Actors' National Protective Union announced today that Madame Semblich, the prima donna, had deposited with the union \$11,000, collected for chorus singers, actors and others, who lost their wardrobes during the San Francisco disaster. The money will be deposited as soon as demands are made.

CALLED BY DEATH ON WEDDING DAY.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—While preparing for his wedding Dr. Samuel B. Crawford, 32 years old, died suddenly today at the home of his prospective bride, Mrs. Rose Sykes.

Dr. Crawford had been living at the Sykes home for several years. The wedding had been set for today, Mrs. Sykes was in her room donning her wedding garments when she heard a moan from Dr. Crawford's room. Hurrying to the room she found him lying on the floor scarcely able to speak. A physician was immediately summoned, but Dr. Crawford died within a few minutes.

On a dresser in the room a small vial containing chloral solution was found. At first it was believed that this might have been used by Dr. Crawford in ending his life, but later it was learned that he had been ill and was using the medicine to ease his pains.

Mineralogist Brings Suit. SAN BERNARDINO, Aug. 8.—George A. Bailey, a prominent mineralogist, today began suit against Joseph N. Nelson to collect 10 per cent commission on the sale of the Copper King group of mines in this county. Bailey alleges that he made an agreement to sell the mines on a commission basis last March.