

Tells of Jail Break To Wed Mining Man

DONKEY ENGINE'S BRAY COVERS SAWING OF BARS

Escaped Prisoner Tells How Three Men Used Exhaust Steam

WILL PLEAD GUILTY

Robber Confesses an Old Crime and Breaking of Jail as Well

OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—Frank Lennox Caldwell, escaped prisoner who was arrested Tuesday morning and identified as one of a gang of notorious yeggmen and burglars, has confessed to entering the home of Herman Bendel at 700 Alameda street six years ago, and promised the police that he would plead guilty to jail breaking.

Caldwell had been at large for more than five years, and was arrested while feigning insanity in the Alameda county jail, his break with James Murphy and Fred Smith, being the last of a series of escapes. In his confession he made known the method by which he escaped from the Alameda county jail, his break with James Murphy and Fred Smith, being the last of a series of escapes.

He and his comrades were confined in a cell from which Frank Case, then charged with burglary, had escaped, leaving behind him secreted in the cell the saws and tools to break the bars. Caldwell found the implements, and the three cut through the iron bars. There was a donkey engine across the street, and the men sawed in unison with the noise made by the escape of steam.

Case was recaptured and sentenced to eight years in Folsom. He was in the gang led by "Red Shirt" Gordon, Theron, Negro Scavis and other convicts who were sent to Folsom from the penitentiary. Case has not been first taken by former Chief of Police Hodgkin and a posse after the Bendel burglary.

SAN LEANDRO CITIZENS DO NOT WANT SMELTER

Mass Meeting Held to Protest Against Guggenheim Project

SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 20.—Resolutions of protest against the projected Guggenheim smelter at San Bruno were adopted at a mass meeting of citizens held last evening at St. Joseph's hall. Many farmers were present. They were told that the location and operation of the smelter would mean a great menace to the orchards and farms in this vicinity and that the fumes from the smelter would be carried into the San Leandro district by the prevailing winds.

Dr. F. W. d'Evelyn, chairman of the Alameda county smelter protest committee; Dr. W. A. Clark, superintendent of the county infirmary; T. C. Nast, an attorney at Alameda, and D. C. H. Miller of San Leandro delivered addresses. Dr. A. A. Cunningham, city chemist of Alameda, exhibited views showing the effects of smelter fumes on vegetation. The farmers here are taking themselves with the Alameda county club.

TO ENTERTAIN TEACHERS EN ROUTE FROM SANTA CRUZ

Reception and Excursions Planned for Several Thousand Pedagogues

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

SHORTRIDGE LABEL CASE CONTINUED UNTIL MONDAY

Judge Welch Denies Request to Postpone Trial of Editor for a Week

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SAN JOSE, Dec. 20.—Judge Welch, in department 2 of the superior court this morning, when the case of Charles M. Shortridge, editor of the Morning Times, against whom three informations have been filed, charging him with criminal libel, was called, denied a prayer for a continuance of the trial for a week. Attorney George Waldorf for the defense asked for a continuance as he stated that he wished to prepare a demurrer and a motion to have the informations set aside. Judge Welch refused, saying that the case goes over until Monday.

SWITCHMEN TALK STRIKE

OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—News of the failure of the conference in Chicago to arrange a schedule of wages for switchmen has caused discussion in West Oakland railroad circles regarding the possibility of a strike resulting. Switchmen contend that the traffic managers of western roads promised higher wages several months ago for a walkout, but that during the conference they urged the recent financial unrest as reasons for failing to keep their alleged promises to the men.

NEW YORKER GAINS LIBERTY

OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—Charles E. Stillwell, arrested on a grand jury indictment from New York for alleged failure to support his minor child, was discharged by Judge Melvin today on a writ of habeas corpus. District Attorney Brown said there had been no effort to extradite him. Stillwell was formerly manager of a local garage.

GLEE CLUBS ON TOUR

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 20.—The glee and mandolin clubs left the campus this afternoon for an extended Christmas tour through northern California, Washington, Oregon and Canada. Nearly 20 concerts will be given. The clubs will return January 1.

Society in Cities Across the Bay

PARVENS JEWELS TO GIVE WINTER FESTIVE TIME

Alleged British Sea Captain Admits Theft of the Woman's Gems

REMITTANCE FAILS

Lacking Expected Coin to Redeem Ornaments, He Again Sets Sail

ALAMEDA, Dec. 20.—R. D. Towne, who said he was British naval captain of noble birth and who was arrested at the instance of Mrs. Violet Park of this city, who said he had stolen her jewels, declared today at the city prison that it was because of his love for the woman and of his desire to give her a good time, including her birds and cool bottles, also automobile rides, that he pawned her ornaments and treated her with the proceeds.

"It's the old story of man's weakness in trying to hide his lack of funds," said Towne, "and of doing one wrong to cover another up. I was treated hospitably by Mrs. Park, and naturally I wanted to repay her by taking her about and giving her a good time. This is the first time I have ever been in trouble and if I get off without being sent to prison it will be the last.

"Money that I had expected from England failed to come and I was at times without cash. Then came the remittance to raise money on Mrs. Park's jewelry, which she would constantly and which I could easily borrow with the excuse that I would have some of the gems reset. I thought I could thus tide over my shortage until my money arrived from England. Of course, I should have gone to sea at once, but I could not bear to give up my friendship for Mrs. Park, believing that I would soon have coin.

"My expected remittance did not arrive and I again set sail. I was in San Francisco but a short time when I was arrested, and I am glad that I was taken into custody, because I feel that the worst is over and that I can sail out of the city without being regarded as a criminal.

Towne is charged with grand larceny and his bail is fixed at \$2,000. He has thus far made no effort to obtain an attorney to represent him. Towne will appear at justice before Judge Tappan tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The charge of grand larceny against the defendant was sworn to by Gus Hill, a brother of Mrs. Park. All of Mrs. Park's jewelry, with the exception of Professor Shoylock's watch, were covered in a pawnshop in Oakland. The pawn broker said that he had disposed of the diamonds to some customer whom he did not know.

Towne is a man of fine appearance, almost 6 feet tall, with a rich English complexion, smooth face and light brown hair. He weighs close to 200 pounds and says that he is 36 years of age. He is a smooth conversationalist and dresses neatly. Towne gave his occupation to the police as that of a sailor.

FISH CAUTIONS HARAHAN TO KEEP HIS TONGUE CIVIL

Repatee Is About to End in Blows When Attorneys Prevent Further Clash of the Men

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—A sharp exchange of language took place today at the annual meeting of the Illinois Central company between President Harahan and Stuyvesant Fish. President Harahan, who is a member of the board, compelled to take the word of Fish for everything. "Fish replied warmly: 'Well, then, you had better keep a civil tongue in your head.'

Suburban Brevities

SCHOOLS CLOSE—Oakland, Dec. 20.—The city schools closed this afternoon for a two week vacation period during the holidays. The school warrants the teachers were ordered paid.

FRANCHISE IS SIGNED—Hayward, Dec. 20.—Charles Hoyer, chairman of the board, has signed the ordinance giving the Oakland traction company the right to lay double tracks along Castro street.

WOMAN SENTENCED FOR THEFT—Oakland, Dec. 20.—Annie Bassett, who pleaded guilty recently when arraigned for grand larceny, was sentenced to the county jail for 30 days in the penitentiary at San Quentin today.

GIVE CHORAL RECITAL—Berkeley, Dec. 20.—A chorus of 40 voices of the young people of the First Presbyterian church of this city gave a recital tonight in the chapel of the church. The chorus was under the direction of Dr. Robert M. Dodsworth.

CUTOFF GRADING COMPLETED—Menlo Park, Dec. 20.—The grading of the new road, which has been completed by the contractor, has been completed by the contractor. Their outfit will be stored at Menlo Park, with the exception of the stock, which will be taken to southern California.

FUN FOR CHILDREN—San Mateo, Dec. 20.—The children of the city were treated to an account of three Christmas celebrations—two during the afternoon, one at the Burlingame school and another at the San Leandro school, and the third held by the Eagles at Athletic hall this evening.

ELKS WILL DINE THE POOR—Alameda, Dec. 20.—One hundred boxes, each containing a beautiful Christmas dinner for a family, will be distributed by the Alameda Elks among the deserving needy of the city. The work of distribution will be in charge of a committee headed by A. C. McDonald.

BALFOUR TO BUILD HOME—San Mateo, Dec. 20.—A. Balfour of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., San Francisco, has purchased a six acre knoll fronting on the coast at the residential estate of El Cerrito park. Balfour paid \$27,500 for the land. He already has let a contract for building the grounds upon which he will shortly erect a fine home.

CHARGES NOT SUBSTANTIATED—Oakland, Dec. 20.—The revenue committee of the board of supervisors voted today to refer the question of granting E. M. Winger a license to operate a saloon at 207 Broadway to the board on Monday. Charges previously made by protesters against the application were not substantiated today.

LODGE WOMAN DIES—Oakland, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Bertha S. Joseph, well known member of California Rebekah lodge No. 1, died after long illness at her home, 1142 Filbert street, last night. She leaves six children, Herman Simon of Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. Esther Frolich, Mrs. R. A. Scott, Sol S. and D. J. Simon, Mrs. S. Reynolds and Mrs. G. Cobb. The funeral will be held Sunday. The interment will be in Salem cemetery, San Mateo.

SAY LAID WAS UNLAWFUL—Oakland, Dec. 20.—After "roasting" the police for unlawful raiding of his 10 cent mission lodging house, J. C. Wood, superintendent of the "House of Will" on Union in Eighth street, E. M. Gibson, Rev. George White, pastor of the First Methodist church, formed a committee last night composed of the pastor, Westenberg, Dr. R. A. Stratton, E. A. Gilvin, and John J. Bell, to confer with the authorities as to employment for men out of work.

WIRE COUNTRY MARIN SAN MATEO

DYNAMITE CAPS FOUND IN LARGE QUANTITIES

Two Explode While Boys Are Experimenting With Them

NOT SERIOUSLY HURT

Police Think the Explosives Had Been Hidden by Yeggmen

OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—Nearly 100 dynamite caps fitted to pieces of electric light wire, which are believed to have been prepared by yeggmen for the cracking of safes, were found tonight under an old wharf at the foot of Seventh street and are in the hands of the local police. The wires and caps were found by William Forsland, 9 years old, of 864 Pine street, and Harry Foster, 10 years, of 1814 Seventh street. Thinking they had merely copper wire, the two lads began to prepare it for sale by burning off the insulation. Almost immediately two of the caps exploded, throwing the bundle of wire into the air and slightly injuring the hands and face of the boys. They were sent to a drug store to have their injuries dressed and the explosives were taken over by the police. An investigation is being made to have been among those stolen from the Standard oil company when 70 sticks of dynamite were taken, with a half box of caps. The wires and caps were fitted similarly to the skulls and keys, Golden Bear and Winged Helmet at 1009 Broadway two days ago, when two safe crackers were frightened away and abandoned a complete kit of tools.

SENIORS OF ST. MARY'S PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT

Program Includes Musical Selections From "The Death Dream"

OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—The seniors of St. Mary's college gave an evening's entertainment to members of the faculty and of the other classes in the assembly hall of the institution last night. The program included a varied selection of music and oratorical numbers and scenes from "The Merchant of Venice" and "The Death Dream." The numbers were as follows: Overture, "Christmas Chimes," by the college orchestra; president's greeting, Edmund J. Rogers, barytone solo, Beethoven love song, Reginald L. Guichard; "The Death Dream"; selection, "Sleigh Bells," by the orchestra, and a reading by Francis W. Dunn.

"The Bells of Seville" was sung by the college choir. Lucian E. Freire, Thomas F. Peeney, Thomas O'Keefe, Arthur S. Dana, Richard J. Doran, Edmund J. Rogers, Reginald J. Guichard and Leonard E. Grundell.

Charles Houghton formed the subject of an address by Richard J. Doran, after which the trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice" was given with the following cast: Shylock, Francis W. Dunn; Portia, Thomas P. O'Keefe; Duke of Venice, Leonard E. Grundell; Antonio, Raymond W. Merrick; Bassanio, Lucian A. Faure; Gratiano, Reginald E. Guichard; Salerio, Arthur S. Dana; Nerissa, Paul A. Duffour.

"The Death Dream" was played by the following: Mathias, Charles T. Moul of the class of 1900; president of the court, Richard J. Doran; Svengali, Arthur S. Dana; clerk of the court, Arthur S. Dana.

The committee on arrangements was composed of Thomas P. O'Keefe, Richard J. Doran and Raymond W. Merrick. The music was under the direction of Professor Shoylock, and Brother Agon, F. S. C., was stage director.

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CAR INJURES TWO

OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—While trying to board an east bound eighth street car at Eighth and Parais streets tonight, which they missed, John Johnson, of 1688 Jean street and William Cooper of 1468 Eighteenth avenue were struck by a car following. Johnson's right arm was broken and he received internal injuries. He was taken to the central hospital. Cooper received cuts in the face and head. They are employed by the Southern Pacific company.

TO PRESENT COMIC OPERA

HAYWARD, Dec. 20.—The Hayward choral society is arranging a production of the comic opera, "Falstaf," for a date early in the new year. Those who will take part are Miss Adele Alexander, Elmer Welsh, Hal Angus, Dr. Henry Powell, John Allan Park, Dr. P. W. Browning, Miss Anna Obermuller, Mrs. Fred Russell, Charles Pimentel, Victor La Grave, Miss Helen Jacobsen, Miss Ruth Brown and Miss Cora Fackrell.

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The board of works released Peter McHugh yesterday from a contract entered into by him to construct an ornamental pier south of Twenty-first street between Noy and Sanchez.

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PROSPECTIVE BRIDE OF G. C. JONES ON A VISIT TO SISTER IN SOUTH

BERKELEY, Dec. 20.—Miss Ruth Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam T. Green of 2629 Dwight way, whose engagement to George Campbell Jones '07 of the University of California, announced a short time ago, left this afternoon for Los Angeles for a holiday visit to her sister, Mrs. Howard Huntington, and Mrs. Bixby of Long Beach.

Miss Green's marriage will not take place until spring—probably in the early part of April. The ceremony will be the culmination of a college romance and the close friendship between the two families of the prospective bride and groom.

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ASK MOUNTAIN CLUBS TO FAVOR HETCH HETCHY PLAN

Berkeley Improvement Organization Seeks Aid of Resort Partisans for Water Project

BERKELEY, Dec. 20.—The Hetch Hetchy water system for the bay cities has been so heartily approved by the members of the North Berkeley Improvement club that Secretary George Newton has been instructed to write to the various mountain and outing clubs asking their support in the campaign for the water right during the present session of congress.

Secretary Robert Johnson of the club, said at the last meeting that "sentimentalists, members of the mountain and outing clubs, are protesting that the beautiful Hetch Hetchy valley should be kept as an outing resort, and not retained for a better purpose. Their objection is purely a sentimental one, yet it is effective if the secretary of the interior makes the recommendation to the Sierra and other clubs would ask."

"The Hetch Hetchy water system is the only available one for the bay cities, and, furthermore, will not ruin the natural beauty of the valley, which should be preserved as a watershed. The club went on record as opposed to the consolidation of Berkeley with either Oakland or San Francisco.

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AGGUSED OF ATTEMPTING BRACE TRACK SWINDLE

Edward Howard and James Clarke Arrested on A. J. Barnes' Complaint

WIRE TAPPING CASE

Victim Becomes Suspicious and Saves His Five Thousand

DR. MINER WANTS RENT OF WIFE'S RESIDENCE

SEEKS HALF INCOME OF WIFE'S RESIDENCE

Dr. Miner Authorizes Broker to Collect His Share of Rents

AFTERMATH OF SUIT

Defendant in Divorce Case Probably Will Make Legal Fight

BERKELEY, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Annie Miner, wife of Dr. Henry N. Miner, who is suing for a divorce, was served with a notice today at her home, 2227 Dwight way, that her husband had given a power of attorney to H. A. Sully, a realty broker here, to collect one-half of the rental income from the residence. Mrs. Miner as soon as she had received the notice consulted with her attorney, A. H. Elliot. She said tonight: "Mr. Sully notified me that he had been authorized to collect one-half of the rent from my tenants. I really didn't resist this move. Well, that is a matter not for me to discuss now. I might say that since last May Dr. Miner has contributed nothing to my support."

From sources close to Mrs. Miner the intimation was given that she purposed making a fight to prevent her husband from getting the money. It was said that the property stands as a copartnership asset of the couple.

RIFLE THAT KILLED GOEBEL TAKEN TO THE MOUNTAINS

Powers Sends Money to Bring Witnesses to Testify at Present Trial

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Dec. 20.—In the Caleb Powers trial the chief witness today was J. S. McKnight, a member of the Mountain army, who testified that Albert Helton took the Marlin rifle with which Goebel was shot back to the mountains with him from Frankfort three days after the shooting. The prosecution also brought out that McKnight was sent money by Powers to bring a number of Harlan county witnesses to testify at this trial. Counsel had a sharp argument over the admission of McKnight's private account book, containing a memorandum of the witnesses' expenses. One of the most important of the defense's witnesses thus far was John E. Hurst, former police judge of Harlan. Hurst testified to the grand character of "the Mountain army," saying that he was instructed by Taylor and Powers to bring representative citizens from his county and he did so.

HUSBAND GIVEN DIVORCE FROM ISLAND LOVING WIFE

Woman Refuses to Accompany Him Home From Philippines, Is His Allegation

OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—Jacob Valentine Karelsen has been awarded an interlocutory decree of divorce from Flora F. Karelsen because, he alleges, she refused to accompany him home after an extended stay in the Philippine islands. He claimed to have asked her repeatedly to return, but she likes the islands too well, he said.

ILLINOIS AND NEW YORK ARE DOUBLY REPRESENTED

California and Kansas Men Give Way to Those From Money Centers on Currency Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—By the resignation of Knowland of California and Calderhead of Kansas from the house committee on banking and currency Illinois and New York are given two representatives each instead of one on the interstate and foreign currency committee, which will have in its members of Illinois and Durey of New York being chosen by Speaker Cannon to fill the vacancies. Knowland gave up his place to become a member of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, which will have in its members in which California is vitally interested. Calderhead resigned to clear the way for his appointment to the committee on ways and means, a distinction much sought by the republicans and democrats alike.

DISCUSS AVENUE OPENING

OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—To reach an agreement between the property owners and manufacturers about Seasons basin and the Western Pacific and Southern Pacific companies, a meeting is to be held by representatives of both railroads and the owners Sunday morning. The opening of the avenue in East Oakland to the water line will be discussed.

WHITE-LAW REID HOME

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador to Great Britain, arrived here today on the steamer Mauretania. The Mauretania made the passage from Queenstown in 5 days and 55 minutes. Her average speed was 23 knots.

TOO SICK TO TALK

RENO, Dec. 20.—Governor Sparks is ill at his home in this city and no statement could be obtained from his tonight in connection with the order of President Roosevelt that the troops be withdrawn from Goldfield.

WILL PAY IN GOLD

OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—City Treasurer Ayer is prepared to pay all employees in the departments of the city government in gold Monday. The total amount of coin to go into circulation in this way for the month will be about \$50,000.

REMOVING CITY'S SICK

The board of health met yesterday and completed arrangements for the transfer of the 170 patients remaining in the city and county hospital to the new quarters in the Alameda.