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SEEK RICHES CHEMIST HID IN BANK VAULTS

Maze of Mixed Identities Revealed by Search for \$200,000 Estate

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John A. McCormick's Revelation Stopped as He Lay Dying

USED MANY ALIASES

Domestic Trouble and Another McCormick Estate Confuse Probers

Hidden away in safe deposit vaults and in banks in San Francisco there is at least \$200,000 for which a search has been made for more than a year by the relatives of the late John Alexander McCormick, former proprietor of the McCormick chemical company, one of the largest on the Pacific coast. McCormick died in San Francisco in November, 1906. Since that time his widow and her son, his sister, Mrs. Mary Doyle of San Mateo, to whom the bulk of the property is supposed to have been left, and his brother, William McCormick, have been trying to locate his bank books and the large blocks of government bonds he was known to possess. The case will come up in court Friday, and the attorneys for the heirs inaugurated a systematic campaign yesterday in the final effort to locate the property.

ALIASES HIDE RICHES

The search is being prosecuted especially on behalf of Mrs. Mary Doyle, McCormick's sister and favorite relative, to whom the bulk of the fortune was left. Mrs. Doyle is the wife of a businessman of San Mateo. She has learned positively that the estate left by her brother amounted to almost \$250,000.

TRY TO SOLVE PUZZLE

It is thought that his trouble with his first wife led him to adopt the scheme of hiding his property. He was again married about 10 years ago, and five years afterward he and this wife became involved in trouble. McCormick lived with his wife until he died, but it is known that his home life was not happy. Mrs. McCormick was never able to learn the extent of his property or where he had his money. The rich chemist did say that he had plenty, but that she alone would spend it.

DEATH STOPS REVELATION

It is known that McCormick made a will and he told his brother, William McCormick, who is a carriage manufacturer in Brannan street, that he had left the greater portion of his wealth to his sister. McCormick was taken

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PERSIAN RULER GRANTS DEMANDS OF PARLIAMENT

Assures Representatives of Powers He Will Support Constitution

CALM NOW RESTORED

Shah Signs Declaration on the Koran That Rioters Must Be Punished

CROWDS DISPERSED

Promise Sent to Assembly Soothes Angry Throngs in Teheran

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
TEHERAN, Dec. 22.—The Russian minister and the British charge d'affaires had an audience with the shah this morning during which his majesty gave the most solemn assurances to both representatives that he would support the constitution until the sun sets.—This means that he has yielded finally in the struggle between the parliament and himself.

Though the weather was very cold, the constitutionalists awaited the shah's answer to the representatives of the powers in the gardens of the assembly building, where Seid Memed addressed the people. He said:

"The shah has been notified of the terms we demand, and as the weather is very cold, go back to the mosque. I will bring you any good news."

As soon as the shah's promise to the Russian and British officials was communicated to the constitutionalists calm was restored. Afterward the shah signed and sealed a declaration on the Koran, accepting the demands of the constitutionalists, which include the punishment of the leaders in the riots and the dissolution of the court clique.

Why American Is Not Chosen Cardinal

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
BOSTON, Dec. 22.—A special from Rome says that according to Vatican prelates the fact that no American cardinals were created at the consistories last week may be taken to indicate that some guilt of the kind denounced by the pope possibly may be found among the hierarchy of the United States, for at least among prominent men of the clergy. Some in Rome claim to have no doubt that the advanced ideas professed by several American bishops have prevented for many years the appointment of an additional American cardinal—a condition, they hold, that will continue for many years to come.

FINISHES ROUGH VOYAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The American liner New York, after a trip of high winds and rough seas from Southampton and Cherbourg, landed her voyagers today.

NATIONAL HOPE OF PORTUGUESE IS A REPUBLIC

Political Crisis Probably Will Force Carlos to Abdicate

FOES ARE CONFIDENT

Scandals and Looting of Treasury by King Are Powerful Weapons

ALL EYES ON FRANCO

Fate of Minister in Coming Revolutionary Campaign Eagerly Awaited

LISBON, Dec. 22.—The result of the political crisis here may not only determine whether a new and better order of public administration is to prevail in Portugal, but—remote as such a change appears to the ordinary observer—whether the whole monarchical regime shall not give way to a republican form of government. The republicans, small though their influence be at present, under restricted suffrage, believe that France, by exposing the practice of the monarchist parties, has administered a blow to the prestige of the king and the monarchy from which it can never recover. Hence they affirm that a republic is a near possibility. Certainly Franco, by his revelations, has placed powerful weapons in the hands of the republican leaders, which they intend to use to the best advantage.

To confute with they have Franco's own avowal that the country for years has been the foothold of the monarchist parties with the sole object of distributing graft to their clients. There is also the scandal of the "advances" surreptitiously made from the public treasury to the royal family, the arbitrary manner in which these advances have been "liquidated" by decree, and lastly the alleged "repression" of the "dictatorship."

WILL PRESS ISSUES

Their plan is to press the issue as soon as the restoration of legality permits them to open a campaign in the newspapers, and later, when the cortes again assembles, to play their trump card. This will be nothing else than a motion to impeach Franco for his action in "liquidating" the king's debts to the treasury, and as a logical corollary to demand the abdication of King Carlos for abetting the move, under a clause of the Portuguese constitution, which compels the abdication of the monarch when he is adjudged "morally incapable" of governing.

The opinion of conservative foreigners who have lived long in the country is that outside of the capital and Oporto the masses will remain absolutely indifferent to the mutations of politics until a system of general education awakens their consciences to a demand for broader political rights.

WATCH FATE OF FRANCO

The fate of Joao Franco, the dictator, who as a monarchist professes to seek the financial and political regeneration of the country, will be well worth watching. Franco is a man of 55 and practically his whole life has been spent in politics. Regenerator and progressist by turn, he headed a bolt from each of the old parties and, previous to his present accession to power, was a member of two cabinets. When he began his present war against the old parties as the leader of what he called a new liberal progressist party, he made public proclamation of his "confession and repentance", for his political past. His charges against the old parties and assumption of the dictatorship turned the hands of the politicians of every shade of opinion against him.

IS FEARED AND HATED

The old parties fear and hate him; the republicans join in the denunciation because he has arbitrarily stopped their agitation. The only thing his enemies do not reproach him with is a desire to line his own pockets. His wealth excludes such a motive and as this motive seems to have been the end and aim of things political in Portugal for years its absence to the politicians is the most mystifying feature of the dictatorship.

Bankers and businessmen regard the situation from a financial standpoint as being much more critical than from a political point of view. Since the "bankruptcy" of 1890, when the foreign debt was scaled one half, there have been a constant succession of deficits, accompanied, the bankers say, by a most deplorable system of finance.

Secretary of War William H. Taft and Senator Joseph B. Foraker, who lead the rival factions in the battle for control of the Ohio republican convention.



Hungarian Premier and Ex-Minister In Duel

Dr. Wekerle Defeats Polonyi and Emperor Congratulates Him Upon Bloodless Victory

BUDAPEST, Dec. 22.—Dr. Wekerle, the Hungarian premier, and former Minister of Justice Polonyi fought a duel today with swords as a result of an allegation of political dishonesty made against the premier by the former minister at a sitting of parliament a few days ago.

The meeting took place at noon and was a bloodless one. Neither man was injured in any way and the two became reconciled.

Hearst Apologizes to William A. Chanler

Makes Abject Amends for Having Libeled the Former Congressman

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The American prints conspicuously on its front page this morning the following:

"The American, on October 21 last, contained an article connecting the name of William Astor Chanler, a former representative in congress and a well known citizen, with certain occurrences alleged to have taken place at Great Neck, Long Island, in September, 1906, at the home of Raymond Hitchcock, the actor.

Panama Canal Material Will Be Burned

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
PANAMA, Dec. 22.—Some idea of the items of the cost of the canal can be gained by the fact that the board of survey has condemned in the last two months as unfit for further use \$1,500,000 worth of property; the greater part of which was ordered burned.

Most of the condemned property was not old French material, but was bought by the Americans.

Says Protestantism Is Thing of Past

Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth Says the Time for New Catholicism Is at Hand

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 22.—Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth, a member of the Yale corporation and for 25 years the pastor of Center church, New Haven's largest and most conservative Congregational church, electrified his congregation at the Christmas sermon this morning by declaring that the age of Protestantism was past and that it was no longer needed. He said the churches were split up and were becoming more so every day. They no longer had power over the people or the state. He said that the time for a new Catholicism was at hand and that the sooner people realize it the better.

Gas Pipe Thug Fatally Injures Bartender

Lays Open the Head of Patrick Kerrigan With Blows Struck From Rear

Following the example of the notorious gas pipe murderers who terrorized portions of the city last winter, an unknown man attacked and nearly killed Patrick Kerrigan, a bar tender of 2225 Mission street last night. Kerrigan is now at the central emergency hospital, suffering from a fractured skull, and probably will die. The police are searching for his assailant, who escaped.

There was no one in the bar last night when the thug walked into the place and asked Kerrigan for a steam beer. To draw the beer Kerrigan had to leave the bar and turn his back to the stranger. While the bar tender's back was turned the man crept behind him and struck him on the head with a 14 inch length of gas pipe, which he had carried in his hand wrapped in a bit of newspaper.

Impertinent Question No. 30

Why Is the Fleet Coming?

For the most original or wittiest answer to this question—and the briefer the better—The Call will pay FIVE DOLLARS. For the next five answers The Call will pay ONE DOLLAR each. Prize winning answers will be printed next Wednesday and checks mailed to the winners at once. Make your answer short and address it to

TAFT MUST WIN OHIO BATTLE OR QUIT THE RACE

Politicians Hurry to Buckeye State for Decisive Struggle

ON EVE OF CONTEST

Control of State Convention Will Be Decided at Primaries

PRESIDENT A FACTOR

Success of All of His Plans Depends Upon Result of Balloting

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—There is going to be a contest in Ohio the like of which the state has not known in many a day. It will be first of the struggles for the republican presidential nomination. Washington has been deserted within the last 48 hours by prominent Ohio politicians, who have taken sides either with Foraker or Taft.

FORAKERITES TO CONFER

Senator Foraker went to Ohio Friday night. Representative Burton, on the Taft side, followed. Secretary Taft, accompanied by his Ohio manager, Alfred I. Vorys, and his brother, went at 6 o'clock this afternoon, somewhat earlier than had been planned. On all sides there is mounting and arming for the fray.

This has been due mainly to the efforts of the Foraker men to steal a march on the Taft forces in those congressional districts where Foraker is especially strong. The Foraker men will hold a conference at Columbus on Monday, and the departure of Secretary Taft tonight means that there probably will be a conference of his followers in Cincinnati Monday night.

ROOSEVELT INTERESTED

Indeed, the entire plan of President Roosevelt to control the national convention and dictate his own successor depends on the outcome of the Ohio struggle between Foraker and Taft, and both sides will do their utmost. The speech of Senator Foraker in placing the blame for the business troubles of the country on the president and his administration leaves no doubt that this is as much an administration fight as it is a fight of Secretary Taft himself.

CORTELYOU DROPS OUT

Several important political conferences were held here today between Secretary Taft, Vorys, President Roosevelt, Secretary Cortelyou and Secretary Garfield. Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock, who controls a large number of southern delegates, also had a long conference with Vorys, which will result, as Taft men say, in some southern delegates being delivered to Taft.

The most important conference of the day was that between Taft and Cortelyou, and as a result, the Taft managers assert, Cortelyou will retire from the race and assist the war chief. This, they say, was accomplished through Roosevelt.

It was denied by Secretary Taft that

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