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## COUNTY SUIT FOR DARGIE'S LOOT REVIVED

Litigation Over Printing Overcharges Quietly Dropped Year Ago Back on Files

Action Renewed by District Attorney to Recover Funds Filched on Contracts

Judge Ogden Sets Date for Argument on Proper Date for Trial

OAKLAND, Feb. 28.—Two suits that had been filed by the county of Alameda against the Tribune and Enquirer publishing companies to compel the refunding of heavy overcharges for public printing, and then dropped from the calendar of the superior court nearly a year ago, have been quietly replaced upon the files. The action which was taken today indicates the determination of District Attorney Brown to recover a large part of the county money that went into the hands of Dargie and others that have fattened on public printing contracts for 30 years.

The suits were filed by District Attorney J. J. Allen in May, 1906, after demands for the return of the overcharges, which had been refused. The complaint against the Tribune specified that on May 16, 1904, the county had paid a demand for \$518.58 for printing the primary election proclamation for 1904. It was alleged in the complaint that the demand was for 256.83 squares of printing, when in reality only 146 squares of space had been occupied. The overcharge claimed was \$83.08. On July 26, 1904, it was alleged the Tribune company demanded \$585.57 for 224.84 squares, when, according to the complaint, 271.33 squares was the true measurement. For this a refund of \$110.84 was demanded. On October 29, 1904, \$4,035.87 was demanded by the Dargie company for printing the county election proclamation. This was scaled to \$3,715.85, which was paid November 23, 1904. The complaint alleged that Dargie had insisted on being paid for 701.87 squares when there were but 574.66 squares, according to the county figures. This should have netted \$2,982.30, according to the complaint, but, instead, even after the scaling of the claim, Dargie was given \$721.58 too much, it was stated.

In each case the complaint alleged that W. A. Gahn, treasurer for the Tribune, had falsely sworn to the sums with intent to deceive the board.

The case against the Enquirer was similar, but more modest. This paper charged \$579.25 for 297 squares when only 146.83 had been used, for which the charge should have been \$431.08. This was for printing the primary election proclamation for 1904. Again, in July of the same year, it was alleged, the Enquirer had charged \$368.30 for printing 224.73 squares, when the bill should have been \$472 for the real total of 269.77. As the third count against the paper, it was set forth that on November 14, 1904, there had been presented a claim for \$4,414.70 for printing the county election proclamation. This bill was cut to \$3,781.57. The charge was for 657.86 squares, which had been expanded from an actual 600 squares, which should have cost the county \$2,816.87.

A few half hearted demurrers and notices of motions to set for trial marked the legal life of the suits. After dragging along on the calendars for two years they were dropped.

Arguments will be heard on setting the cases in a week. The suits are now in Judge Ellsworth's department, but Judge Ogden, sitting for Judge Ellsworth, today granted the motion of Deputy District Attorney Leon Clarke to have them revived.

S. P. PAYS OUT \$75,000 FOR SHRINERS' WRECK

Scales Down Claims of Relatives in Pennsylvania Towns

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. READING, Pa., Feb. 28.—For approximately \$75,000 special agents of the Southern Pacific railroad company today closed up every claim against the railroad, with the exception of two or three, for the loss of life and injuries sustained by tourists from this city in the Shriners' wreck at Honda, Cal., May 11 last. Other eastern Pennsylvania payments will amount to \$25,000 more.

Negotiations have been pending since last fall, when the company's agents paid their first trip to this city. The first claims made by surviving relatives exceeded \$300,000, but these were scaled down.

The Southern Pacific was represented by D. R. Sessions of San Francisco, E. M. Bagley of Denver and Dr. S. H. Pinkerton of Salt Lake.

## Register NOW, Republicans

If you don't want Herin to rule you, get on the register before April 15.

Old registration has all expired—you must register again before April 15 or you can't vote at the May primaries.

Registration closes April 15.

Last day on which registered voter can move to another precinct and not lose his primary vote, April 6.

Registrar's office in the old city hall open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

## Register NOW, Republicans

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## WHITE MASKS ROB SALOON; ONE IS SHOT

Mysterious Thugs Perform Another Daring Feat and Flee for Their Lives

Bar Tender Shoots as Pair Race Down the Street and Bullet Hits Smaller Man

After Plundering Place, Burglars Invite All Hands to Join Them in Drink

Within five blocks of the police station and in the heart of the city, the two daring robbers of white mask fame entered the Snug Inn saloon at Ellis and Larkin streets last night, took \$83 from the cash register and two gold watches from the bar tender and another man and ran down Ellis street while William Hardin, the proprietor, emptied his revolver at them. Hardin fired four shots and one of the robbers suddenly limped and almost fell. The other put his arm about his companion and, with Hardin still following, the two turned down Hyde street and disappeared. Hardin told the police he wounded one of the thugs.

The clock in the saloon was pointing exactly at 11:45, and the proprietor was counting the money in the cash register, while a belated customer was drinking at the bar, when the door suddenly opened and a man with a white mask and blue steel revolver walked in. At the same instant, from a side door on Ellis street the second thug appeared. "Hands up!" they shouted as they leveled their guns. "Don't try any funny business," added the taller one, as Hardin started to grab his revolver behind the bar.

While one thug kept the two men covered the other filled the register and went through the pockets of the two men, securing a gold watch from each. Then one showed the sociable side of his nature.

"Here, let's be friends and have a drink," he said, with a laugh that wasn't a bit nervous. "We're good fellows after all. Put up the guns and give me some whisky—and put a little nerve dose into it for luck," he added, with another laugh.

Hardin handed him the whisky bottle. "Have one yourself," said the robber genially. Hardin did. Then the thug who did all the talking looked at the second man. That individual was so frightened that he had sunk almost fainting into a chair. His pal gave him a look of contempt; then, with a "Here's how," he drained his glass. The next instant his manner changed again. Gruffly warning Hardin not to move or make the slightest noise for five minutes, he and his companion jacked out of the door. They were no sooner out of the door than the plucky bar tender had seized his own weapon. As he rushed to the street the men with the white masks broke into a run. Hardin fired twice at them in Ellis street and twice more as they ran down Hyde. Before he could reload they were out of sight. Hardin is confident he wounded the smaller of the men, though no blood traces were found.

Two detectives were immediately detailed on the case. Every hospital was watched last night, and policemen on all the beats kept a close watch for a wounded man. This was the first saloon robbery the men had committed for nearly two weeks, but prior to that they pulled off 11 in two weeks. The police believe that in the meantime they were holding up men in the streets.

The man in Hardin's saloon was so frightened that he set on a dead run for home and disappeared before the police or Hardin could get his name.

TO INSTALL THE NEW FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM

Batteries of Battleships Connecticut, Rhode Island and Ohio to Be Improved

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. VALLEJO, Feb. 28.—Orders have been received at the Mare Island navy yard to install the new fire control system for the batteries of the three first class battleships Connecticut, Rhode Island and Ohio when these vessels are available. Similar installations will be made on the armored cruisers assigned to the Mare Island yard as soon as the instruments are received from the east.

Many of the vessels of the Atlantic fleet were so fitted at the eastern yards before sailing, and this decided improvement in the matter of systematic firing of batteries will be given a thorough test at Magdalena bay. To do this extensive work on the battleships it will be necessary for them to come to the navy yard, which will prove without a doubt that the recent claims of some eastern persons regarding the shallowness of Mare Island channel are not based upon facts.

## ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO SCORES HEARST PAPERS

Says Editorials Preaching of Anarchy Caused Murder of Catholic Priest

Lawyers Threaten Arrest, but Prelate Refuses to Make Retraction

He Calls Such Journal Blight and Source of Untold Harm in Home

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Anarchy preached in Chicago from platform and editorial sanctum is held responsible for the murder of Father Leo Heinrichs by Giuseppe Alio in Denver in a scathing editorial of the New World, the official organ of Archbishop Quigley and the Catholic church, which will be issued tomorrow.

This remarkable utterance, which is taken as the pronouncement of the archbishop himself, scores Miss Jane Addams and Hull House, denounces Hearst's Chicago American and the Tribuna Italiana and declares the Giordano Bruno club should be "killed." The charges against the American caused a delegation of lawyers representing that paper to wait on Archbishop Quigley at his residence at State street and North avenue this afternoon and demand that the editorial be suppressed.

The archbishop said it would be impossible to suppress the editorial, as the magazine already had left the presses and was then in the mails, being sent broadcast over the country.

REFUSAL TO RETRACT He added that he would not have suppressed it if he could, as he said it contained his own carefully considered sentiments.

The Hearst lawyers, it is said, before leaving served notice on Archbishop Quigley and the publisher of the New World that if a retraction were not forthcoming in the next issue action for criminal and civil libel would be taken against the magazine, the archbishop and the Catholic church.

After exhorting the Giordano Bruno as a society organized under the auspices of a "gentlemen's anarchist" club of Rome and subsidized by money from the same source," the editorial follows with this attack upon the Chicago American:

"The city papers, with one notable exception, have taken the same view of this Italian club and have branded it as a menace to social as well as to religious order in the city. The one notable exception, as might be expected, is the American.

POLICY IS OF GREED "The policy of the Giordano Bruno club is the same as that which the Hearst newspapers have pursued ever since their establishment—a policy of envy, of greed, of intolerance toward stable government, of class hatred. The Chicago American sympathizes with the Giordano Bruno club as perfectly innocent of any attempt to do wrong, notwithstanding the villainous nature of its platform.

"Why not? Did not the Hearst papers commend the murder of McKinley in 1901 as a consummation devoutly to be wished?"

"The Chicago American has declared itself once more for the benefit of its thousands of Catholic readers who, we hope, will take this lesson to heart: That a newspaper like the American is a blight and a source of untold harm in the Catholic home."

SLAYER'S LETTER TELLS OF WIDESPREAD PLOT

Men in Six Cities Implicated and Many Arrests of Anticlericals Are Made

DENVER, Feb. 28.—Chief of Police Michael Delaney said this afternoon that a letter written by Giuseppe Alio to his son was found in the cell occupied by him while in jail at Colorado Springs and contained proof that men in six cities in the United States were connected with him in the killing of Father Leo. Almost at the moment he made his statement came news that six arrests had been made in eastern cities of men suspected of being accomplices of the murderer.

J. Vanni was arrested in New York today, charged with being the chief of the society, while in Pittsburgh Orestes Sodi, Tommaso Calabrese, Orestes Malavai and Mallo Tolmei were locked up for being implicated as members of the society. The police of New York and Pittsburgh say they have evidence which connects these men with the killing of Father Leo.

MANY ARRESTS MADE

Arrests have been made in four other cities, but because the police of these cities are shadowing other men no information is given out as to who the

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Mohammed Ali Mirza, shah of Persia, to assassinate whom an attempt was made yesterday, but who escaped death through a ruse.



## Mortons Are Secretly Divorced in Oakland

President of Draying Company and Wife Legally Separated After Unhappy Experiences

By means of secretly filing a complaint in the county clerk's office in Oakland and unobtrusively rushing through a hearing before a court commissioner, Herbert Sewall Morton, president of the Morton draying company of this city, secured an interlocutory decree of divorce three weeks ago from Flora Louise Morton and succeeded in keeping knowledge of the matter from becoming public until yesterday.

The suit was brought by Morton on the ground of desertion and was pigeonholed in the secret archives of the Alameda county clerk's office early in the year. It was shortly afterward referred to a court commissioner and the latter's report was turned over to Superior Judge Ellsworth for his signature with as little ostentation as marked the filing of the original papers. The result was the granting of the decree within five weeks of the time the suit was begun, which is record breaking speed considering the congested condition of the superior court calendars of Alameda county.

The divorce brings to an end an unhappy matrimonial experience of five years' duration, but does not come as a great surprise to the friends of the couple, as their marital troubles have been a matter of general gossip in the smart set of San Rafael for more than a year. Mr. and Mrs. Morton formerly resided in San Rafael, where they had a magnificent home and were known for the lavishness of their entertainments and mode of life. Their rumored jealousies and quarrels are said, however, to have reached the climax during a trip they made together to Aetna Springs last year.

General gossip has it that while at Aetna Springs the couple became estranged because of certain attentions paid by Morton to a well known young matron and an equally prominent unmarried girl of San Rafael, who were guests at the springs at the same time, and because of a reciprocal attachment said to have developed between Mrs. Morton and a wealthy Nevada mining man, who is well known in San Francisco. At any rate the domestic felicity of the couple received its final blow about this time, and since then there have been several separations. They moved several times, and Mrs. Morton occasionally occupied the same residence with her husband, but a month before the filing of the divorce complaint she left him for good.

Since then Morton has been living at 600 Thirty-seventh street in Oakland, while his wife occupied a flat at

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## Love Letters Arrive After Wife Flees

Henry Addison Alexander Begins Suit for Divorce, and Names Correspondents

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. PARIS, Feb. 28.—Henry Addison Alexander has evidently determined not to wait for and forgive his runaway wife. He has entered suit for absolute divorce at Toulouse, his French domicile. Lawyers Vialis and Clunet of Paris are preparing his case. Only two correspondents are named. One is Blackston, the English solicitor with whom Mr. Alexander fled to London, and the other John Aspinwall Lodge.

Alexander has turned into his lawyer's hands a number of letters written by Hodge to Mrs. Alexander before her elopement. They were found in her bedroom. Alexander is seriously shocked by this discovery, as Hodge was his boyhood's friend. For weeks after his wife's flight Hodge's passionate letters continued to arrive at Alexander's home at Hyeres. One, dated January 30, 1908, covers four closely written pages, interlined in parts with red ink.

Mrs. Alexander is the daughter of the late General Joseph T. Torrence of Chicago. H. A. Alexander's brother married Miss Crocker of San Francisco.

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## SHAH AND PRESIDENT FOIL DEATH

Bombs Hurlled at Persia's Ruler and Chief Executive of Argentina

Mohammed Ali Escapes Assassins by Sending His Auto Ahead of Carriage

Alcorta of South American Republic Target for Missile in Front of Home

Simultaneous Attempts on Lives of Two Rulers Create Suspicion of Anarchists

Bombs of assassins were hurled yesterday at the shah of Persia and the president of the Argentine republic. In each instance the murderous missiles missed their mark. Three of the outriders accompanying the shah of Persia were killed. The life of President Alcorta of Argentina was saved only because the bomb failed to explode.

These simultaneous attempts at assassination in opposite hemispheres are taken to indicate a prearranged plot by anarchists.

TEHERAN, Persia, Feb. 28.—Mohammed Ali Mirza, shah of Persia, narrowly escaped death at the hands of an assassin today. A bomb was thrown from the roof of a house at the shah's automobile, in which it was supposed he was a passenger. The explosion killed three of the vehicle's escorts and wounded the chauffeur and a score of bystanders.

Fortunately the shah had taken the precaution to send his automobile in front of the vehicle which he occupied. The assassins believed the shah was in the motor car, which was a closed one, but which it developed, carried no passengers.

When the explosion occurred the shah's carriage was some distance in the rear of the automobile, and the ruler at once left his carriage and took refuge in a nearby store. Surrounded by a strong guard he returned to the palace.

No arrests have been made, although the buildings in the vicinity of the explosion were carefully searched for the assassins.

The cavalry escorting the shah began firing wildly in all directions immediately after the explosion. Twelve persons are known to have been injured by bullets from their weapons.

The street in the vicinity of the explosion was filled with debris and smeared with the blood of the men and horses. Further trouble is anticipated.

## ALCORTA KICKS DEADLY BOMB OUT OF HIS WAY

Argentinan Places Missile in Pail of Water While Aid Arrests Assault

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 28.—Dr. J. Figueras Alcorta, president of the republic, was the target for a bomb hurled by a native as the president alighted from his carriage in front of his residence. The missile did not explode. The would be assassin, who is believed to be insane, was arrested, and

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## Impertinent Question No. 40

Which Sex is the Vainer—and Why? 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

IMPERTINENT QUESTIONS, THE CALL.

Winning Answers to "Why Do Men Prefer Blondes?" \$5 prize to R. Borella, Wrights. It would have been the same if she had been a brunette. \$1 prize to W. J. Sykes, 1220 Ellis street, city.

Many a fine brunette has dyed asking that question. \$1 prize to Mrs. N. Laser, 330 Montgomery street, city. My husband keeps mighty quiet about it if he does. \$1 prize to E. B. Hood, 17 Collingwood street, city. "Silence is golden."

\$1 prize to Charles Ford, 407 Mendocino avenue, Santa Rosa. Because they are home made. \$1 prize to Mrs. Bella Stuart, 502 Larkin street, city. It's the American spirit of taking a chance.