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Do San Francisco men hate babies and dislike mothers? A young woman who asked men of all sorts on the streets to hold her baby tells her remarkable story in

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## LOVER BECOMES RAVING MANIAC ON NUPTIAL EVE

### Girl Crosses Continent for Wedding and Finds Him Strapped to Cot

### Joseph Scollard's Mind Gives Way Night Before His Intended Bride Arrives

### Sweetheart, Stricken by Grief, Says She Will Nurse Him Back to Reason

After a journey of 2,000 miles across the continent from her home in Medford, Wis., in fulfillment of a promise she had made four years ago to marry Joseph Scollard, a lover of school-mate days, Miss Mabel Kilmer arrived in San Francisco yesterday only to learn as she stepped from the Pullman that her lover had suddenly become violently insane. On the eve of the joyous wedding that was to have been, the girl sank fainting into the arms of her mother, her happy anticipations changed to deepest grief.

In a detention ward at the central emergency hospital, where he lies strapped to a cot, Scollard in his delirium is unable to recognize his closest friends, Drs. D. D. Lustig and Wedgeworth say that Scollard's collapse, which occurred with startling suddenness Wednesday night, after he had made many preparations for the coming of his bride, was the point where his tired nerves snapped, the result of nights of deep study and worry. Because he was a youth of no bad habits they say there is a fighting chance for his recovery. But even that is doubtful and if it comes at all it will be only after long and tender nursing.

### STUDIED AT NIGHT

Scollard is 26 years old and worked as a house decorator. He was intensely ambitious. Not satisfied with his position, he had taken a correspondence course to fit him for becoming an engineer. After his day's work his friends say he pored over these studies far into the night. He roomed at the home of his uncles, John and Garrett Scollard, at 605 Shotwell street, who are proprietors of a shoe store in the Mission.

Scollard formerly lived in Medford and there he went to school with Miss Kilmer, who is now 24 years of age, but was then a girl. When he left four years ago to make his own way he exacted from her a promise that she would marry him. The two have corresponded constantly and finally it was arranged that the girl was to come with her mother, Mrs. Mary Kilmer, to join him here. The wedding was to have taken place on their arrival yesterday.

When Scollard retired Wednesday night he had completed all his plans. At 3 o'clock in the morning he rose unobserved by those in the house, donned a bathrobe and went to the street. Policeman J. J. Kelly found him wandering helplessly insane at Twentieth and Mission streets and gently subdued him until he could be hurried to the central emergency hospital. There it was found that his mind had entirely left him.

The girl and her mother were met as they alighted from the train yesterday by the uncles. The blow at learning of Scollard's condition was a dreadful one for Miss Kilmer to bear, but she insisted on being taken to the young man's bedside.

Whether it was the magnetism of her presence or merely some strange freak of his disease Scollard suddenly revived as she entered the room. Their eyes met and he recognized her. Holding out his arms to her he tried to speak. The effort was too much. Again the delirium clutched him. Friends led the girl weeping from the room.

### ALVIN S. HATCH WEDS REDWOOD CITY GIRL

### Halfmoon Bay Lumber Operator and Miss Ruby Wilson Surprise Friends

REDWOOD CITY, April 17.—Alvin S. Hatch, a lumber operator of Halfmoon Bay, and Miss Ruby Wilson, a popular young woman of this city, took a trip to San Rafael last Monday, where they were quietly married. After a short honeymoon they returned here and went to the home of the bride's parents, where they received a blessing from the father and mother of Mrs. Hatch after they had overcome their surprise at the marriage of their daughter. The young people will make their home in Halfmoon Bay, where Hatch is widely known in business circles, and also figures prominently in politics.

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## FAMOUS DANCER PROVES SISTER OF DURRANT

### Maud Allen, Who Has Captured London by Storm, Is Murderer's Relative

### Girl Whose Brother Committed Awful Crimes in Church Reveals Identity

### Winning Plaudits of Royalty, Danseuse Writes to Former Friends of Triumph

Starting in its suddenness was the information received here yesterday that Maud Allen, the mysterious danseuse at the Palace theater in London, who has captured that great city by storm, whose tiny, twinkling feet have drawn forth vivas from royalty and who nightly receives the adulation accorded alone to London's darling, is none other than Maud Durrant of San Francisco, sister of Theodore Durrant, one of the vilest murderers of the nineteenth century.

In a letter to a girl friend who attended the Polytechnic school with her, she reveals her identity. Hitherto all that was known of the wonderful dancer was that she was an American. Her success was as sensational as her art, her past as elusive as her grace. Then, having reached the heights for which she struggled, she wrote to friends here, telling them of herself, and adding a fitting chapter to a life already surrounded by sensations.

### FROM TRAGEDY AND SORROW

When San Francisco last knew her it was as the sister of a man accused by an entire countryside, one linked by blood to a murderous degenerate. Her name was blazoned forth as such. And, in the flood of lies, accusations and scandals that developed in the trial, her girlish skirts were besmirched, her name fouled. Thirteen years ago she was one in a tragedy of gloom, sorrow and death. Today she steps before the world a magnificent symbol of love, life and beauty, a bewitching impersonation of joyousness and youth. In those 13 years she has broken from the dreadful past, and under the name of Maud Allen, danseuse at the Palace theater in London, is recognized as the rival of Genee and the latest London craze.

Theodore Durrant, her brother, was hanged for the murder of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, whose bodies were found in the Emmanuel Baptist church 13 years ago. That of Minnie Williams was in a closet and the other in the church belfry. As both were young girls, and as the murderer was palpably a degenerate, the utmost indignation was aroused. Theodore Durrant, who attended the same church as did the murdered girls, was arrested, and, after a trial replete with sensations, paid the death penalty.

### ADOLPH SUTRO'S PROTEGE

His sister was then in Europe studying music and singing. Inasmuch as her parents were by no means wealthy, her father being a shoe maker, the general impression was that the girl's expenses were being paid by Adolph Sutro, the late millionaire, who had taken an interest in her while she was attending the Polytechnic school. Her parents denied this, declaring that Miss Durrant was paying her own expenses by selling a patent corset. Though she took no part in the trial Miss Durrant's name became familiar to the public and she was subjected to a series of vile accusations, all of which since then have proven to be unfounded.

Following the trial her father adopted the woman's maiden name of Allen, and until two months ago was employed in the shoe factory of Buckingham & Hecht. The girl, in the meantime, was working toward her goal. As a musician and singer she did not succeed, and, recognizing her failure, left Paris, journeying to London, where she learned dancing. Then came success. London suddenly awoke some months ago to the fact that an American girl, Maud Allen by name, was dancing at the Palace theater and that by her art and beauty she rivaled London's dancers. London saw and admired.

### APPLAUDED BY ROYALTY

Royalty witnessed and applauded. The admiration grew. The critics heaped their encomiums on her. The thunders of applause swelled in volume and Maud Durrant, sister of Theodore Durrant, the murderer, once daughter of a shoemaker in the Mission, rose to the glittering heights set apart for London's favorites.

Her first act was to share her good fortune with her mother and father. Two months ago they left their home at 282 Chattanooga street and told their friends that they were going to live with their daughter in London. It is in the "Villon of Salome" that Maud Durrant is at her best. When she strips herself of the seven veils she body upward from her waist hidden solely by a stringwork of jewels, she reaches the climax of her sensationalism; but, unlike other dancers, she

Photograph of scene at the Reviewing stand at San Diego Wednesday, when 5,000 bluejackets and marines from the battleship fleet paraded the streets of the hospitable southern California city by the sea.



## Hetch Hetchy Project Has Poor Outlook

### City Engineer Manson Is Rejected Any Satisfaction by Secretary Garfield

### SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—City Engineer Hanson had an informal conference today with Secretary Garfield and Forester Pinchot regarding the Hetch Hetchy valley project. He received scant satisfaction and was quite discouraged with the outlook.

Secretary Garfield would give Manson no satisfaction whatever, but Forester Pinchot thought the government might be justified in granting Lake Eleanor alone to the city of San Francisco. Manson, however, told the government officials that this supply would be inadequate and that he would not recommend its acceptance.

Meanwhile the Modesto and Turlock irrigation interests are making strong protest against granting the right to San Francisco, and Secretary Garfield has promised that if any formal hearing is granted to San Francisco he will hear the irrigationists also.

Manson is still at work, but there is no indication that Secretary Garfield will yield to his demands.

## PEOPLE OF OREGON VOTE AGAINST FULTON

### Henry M. Cake Far in Lead for the State's Senatorial Nomination

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—Reports received up to 12:15 a. m. render practically certain the prediction that Henry M. Cake has beaten United States Senator Charles W. Fulton by several thousand votes in their contest for the nomination for United States senator. At present the indications are that in most counties, including Multnomah, the "whole people's choice" candidates for the legislature have been generally victorious.

has eliminated all appeal to the baser passions, and because of this her greatest success has been scored. All the oriental movements, the passionate tone imparted to the dance by others, she has cast aside. She has given the dance a new meaning, and though critics have declared it is not the mood of Salome in her mad love for John the Baptist, so entrancing and beautiful is it that London has accepted her and the dance with the loudest acclaim.

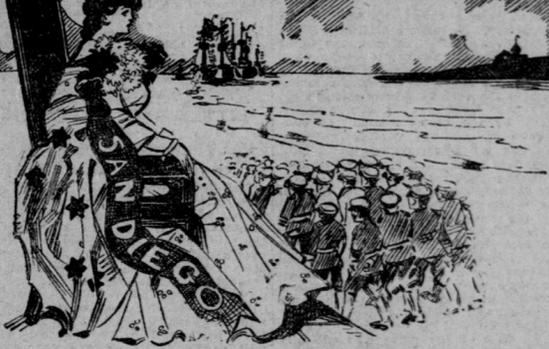
### CAREER IS SENSATIONAL

Sensational episodes have marked her sensational career. On one occasion while dancing in Budapest a Hungarian noble whom she had offended arranged a surprise for her. In the midst of the dance when she flung herself forward to kiss the dead lips, "red as the pomegranate," instead of the waxen head of the stage her warm lips were pressed to those of a dead man, a real human head having been substituted for the stage article. She fell fainting to the floor, her beautiful jewels stained from the blood dripping from the horror.

Though she has been successful for some time past, it was not until she reached the pinnacle of her ambition that she divulged her identity to her friends in San Francisco. In a letter to a former Sunday school companion at the Emmanuel Baptist church, mentioned a few days ago, she wrote:

"I feel now that I am in a position to tell you of myself. London, the great big London, has accepted me. Critics say I am a rival of Genee. All these years of struggle and work have won their reward. . . . Sometimes when the whole house is cheering and the applause almost makes me dizzy I wish my old San Francisco friends could witness my triumph. . . . So much in my life has been dark and sorrowful that my present success seems almost like a dream, but it is not. It is the real, real success, and I feel that those who knew me in the old days will enjoy it as much as I do."

It has taken her 13 years to win her success. She has by her work and pluck dispelled the black cloud which shamed her young life and her future is now told in the thunders of London's applause, the smiles and nods from the curtained box of royalty, the favorite pet of London, a city whose favorites live as long as they live.



## San Diego Concludes Celebration in Honor of the Great Fleet

### Battleships to Sail Northward Today, World Cruise Begins July 7

### SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

SAN DIEGO, April 17.—San Diego concluded her fleet celebration tonight, and is proud of the record she has made. The officers and men of the fleet on their big battleships will be away from here by a little after sunrise tomorrow morning, and they are all enthusiastic over the reception accorded them here and of the welcome to California at this city of the silver gate. Governor Gillett left on the afternoon train, accompanied by the members of his staff and Lieutenant Governor Porter, who had come with him from the north to bid Admiral Thomas and his sailors a welcome to the state. Just before leaving the governor took the opportunity of saying to several San Diegans who had gathered at the train:

"San Diego is an honor to the state of California; she is an honor to these great United States. On behalf of the people of this state and of America, San Diego has extended to the Atlantic fleet and to the officers and men of this floating city of heroes a welcome that they will never forget. This beautiful city has been thrown wide open in true California hospitality to the brave men of the fleet. Your entertainments for both officers and men have been lavish, and the way you have cared for the thousands of visitors is little less than remarkable. I am glad that San Diego is in the state which I serve as chief executive."

With sailing orders issued for 6 o'clock tomorrow morning, the stay of the American battleship fleet in San Diego practically ended tonight. The visit of the 16 ships to this port always will be looked upon as a memorable event in the city's history, and plans already are under way for the erection of a commemorative monument in the city park, where the official welcome to the state was extended Wednesday last.

A ball to the junior officers of the fleet tonight at the Hotel del Coronado proved to be the most spectacular of the social entertainments that have marked the four days of the fleet's presence in local waters. The decorations were elaborate to an extreme. Flowers were banked about the alcoves and balconies until the air was heavy with their mingled perfume. The yellow poppies of California had a large place in the floral decorative scheme, and there was also a wealth of Cherokee roses, wild violets, carnations and the myriads of blossoms that are perennial under the warmth of the everlasting southern sun.

### ELECTRIC STAR FOR EACH SHIP

Sixteen electric stars represented the 16 ships of the fleet, and beneath each was suspended a life buoy fashioned of white flowers and bearing the name of one of the vessels of war. Flags and bunting formed a canopy over the room, and red, white and blue effects in electric lighting completed the setting.

The officers who attended the ball were attired in special full dress evening uniforms, epaulettes and all. The two columns of the grand march were led by Miss Julia Grant, daughter of U. S. Grant Jr., and Miss Jessie Burbeck, both of San Diego. The former had as a partner Midshipman Alexander Sharp Jr. of the flagship Connecticut, and the latter Ensign Lew

M. Atkins, also attached to the Connecticut. The floor scene during the march and the long program of dancing which followed had all the aspects that usually accompany military and naval functions.

### SAILORS WELL ENTERTAINED

Large liberty parties came ashore from all of the ships today and the sailors found all sorts of amusement provided for them. Free matinees at the theaters, a wild west show, baseball games and varied sports made the time in town pass all too quickly for the bluejackets and marines.

Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas, commanding the fleet, visited today

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## ALDRICH'S FINANCIAL BILL DEAD

### Banking Committee of House Unanimously Tables Bad Measure

### Action Does Not Mean That No Currency Legislation Is to Be Passed

### Hearing on Vreeland Substitute and Fowler Bill to Be Held Today

### Two Branches of Congress Will Probably Get Together on Question

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The house committee on banking and currency today voted unanimously to table the Aldrich financial bill. It also was decided to give a hearing tomorrow to Representative Vreeland of New York, who recently introduced a financial bill which is looked upon as a substitute for the Aldrich measure.

The discussion in committee was brief. The only point debated was as to whether or not the committee should make a formal report, giving its reasons to the house for its unfavorable action and the conclusion finally was reached that no reasons should be given. Consequently the report will be a mere statement of the action of the committee. Of the 13 members of the committee 13 were present at today's meeting. They included Hayes of California, Gillespie of Texas and Chairman Fowler.

The Vreeland bill introduced in the house last week as a substitute for the Aldrich bill and which, it is understood, is to be considered at a republican caucus to be held next week, was not considered at today's meeting of the committee. Chairman Fowler and other members of the committee refused to be quoted as to the probable fate of the Vreeland bill, but the opinion seemed to prevail that it would follow in the wake of the Aldrich bill.

The bill introduced yesterday by Chairman Fowler, providing for a currency commission, also will be considered at the meeting of the committee tomorrow. The commission idea apparently has many friends in the committee. A hearing will also be granted to Representative Lovering on his bill to incorporate the Sovereign trust company of America.

Two other measures will receive consideration at this meeting—the Dalzell bill, making it a misdemeanor to circulate false reports regarding national banks, and the Freedman bank bill, recently passed by the senate.

### CONFERENCE WILL FOLLOW

The tabling of the Aldrich bill will result in currency legislation being perfected by the conferees of the two branches of congress if the house carries out the probable program of now passing the Vreeland bill. In that event the house measure would come to the senate, after all, the enacting clause would be struck out and the provisions of the Aldrich bill substituted. The effect would be to put both the Vreeland and Aldrich bills into the conference, and from them

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## Impertinent Question No. 47

### Where Are You Going!

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 "What Is a Telephone?"
- 55 prize to S. H. Brown, 2017 Pine street, city.
  - The one thing that really has the public "by the ear."
  - 51 prize to C. L. Perkins, 487 Eddy street, city.
  - A blessing which makes us curse.
  - 51 prize to E. Atkins, P. O. box 703, Mill Valley.
  - A nickel-odium.
  - 51 prize to Gordon Kennedy, 687 Seventh avenue, Richmond district, city.
  - A connecting link between love and duty.
  - 51 prize to Berwyn Stewart, 2907 Wheeler street, Berkeley.
  - It's a get there without going there.
  - 51 prize to John Kelly, P. O. box 158, Manhattan, N. Y.
  - An instrument that gives a small man an even break with a bully.