SKELLY'S BURGLAR AN EX-CONVICT

Man Captured by Police Commission Secretary Identified as Alexander Golden

Officers Say He Robbed Partner in December and Is Long Sought by Department

The burglar whom Secretary Charles Skelly of the police commission felled with his fists and captured in a hot chase up Polk street with Chief Biggy after three men who broke into the wholesale silk house of B. Hart & Brother at 1120 Sutter street Thursday night, proved yesterday to be a man much wanted by the local police. He was identified as Alexander Golden, for whom detectives have been looking since last December on suspicion of having robbed his partner, M. Baskin of the New York jewelry manufacturing company at 1740 Geary street of $850 in diamonds.

When he was captured the man said his name was Isadore Golden, but he admitted yesterday that his first name was Alexander. Detectives Ryan, O'Dea and Macphee are searching for Golden's two companions, who darted up a side street and eluded Chief of Police Biggy and Patrolman Kissane, who were hot on their trail. Secretary Skelly received many compliments from the police yesterday for his cleverness and pluck in halting Golden with a latch key "revolver" and knocking him down when the burglar discovered the "bluff" that was being played upon him. Biggy was chagrined at his own failure.

On the morning of December 18 Baskin, Golden's former partner, found his safe broken open and diamonds worth $850 stolen. From the first Detectives Matheson and Driscoll believed it was an "inside" job and suspected Golden. When he was questioned yesterday the prisoner admitted that he had served a term in Sing Sing penitentiary. He refused to reveal the identity of the two companions who escaped Thursday night, declaring that he was taking a walk when the shots were fired by the night watchman in Hart's silk house, and was wrongfully captured as a burglar.

BIGGY STARTS CRUSADE AGAINST SLOT MACHINES

Acting under orders of Chief of Police Biggy Detectives King and Redmond arrested clerks in nine cigar stands last night for operating card machines in violation of section 319 of the penal code, which defines the maintaining of slot machines as gambling. Despite the fact that the card machines are permitted by the city charter and the operators or owners are taxed by the collector, Chief Biggy feels that the card machines are gambling devices, and that the owners or operators should be punished.

It is the intention of Biggy to make a test case of the cigar clerks and the detectives were given their orders after Biggy's attention had been called to section 319 of the penal code.

The clerks placed under arrest were: Truman Parcher, employed by the United cigar stores company, in the store at the corner of Fillmore and Ellis streets; Herman Walter, employed in the M. A. Gunst & Co. store at Fillmore and Ellis streets; Cress Unger, 834 Market street; Bert R. Jones, 92 Market street; D. J. Perry, 98 Market street; Alfred Wyman, 115 Market street; Adolph Rothschild, 220 Market street; Fred Zacharis, 230 Market street; Arthur G. Daly, 10 Third street; Henry Drew, Sixteenth and Mission streets; S. Benas, 1984 Mission street, and Frank Chambers, 1984 Mission street.

IDENTIFY SUSPECTS AS ROBBERS THEY CHASED

In the arrest of Frank Lutz and George Crimen, which was effected yesterday, the police believe they have the two men who robbed John Harding and five of his customers in a saloon at Gough and Fell streets a week ago. The men were chased for several blocks by three policemen, who, although they had a view of the robbers' backs most of the time, say that Lutz and Crimen were the men they pursued.

Lutz was arrested in Judge Carroll Cook's court a few minutes before his case was scheduled to be called, he and Crimen having been arrested a few weeks ago as pickpockets. The attorney for the two men did not learn of their arrest until after their cases had been called, as the police had not notified either him or the court of the arrest.

The six victims of last Friday's holdup will be brought to the central station to see the suspects and the police feel surely that they will be identified as the robbers. The detectives who were detailed on the case say they have obtained damaging evidence against Lutz and Crimen, but refuse to divulge its nature.

INDEPENDENT BERRY GROWERS SELL CROP

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

SANTA ROSA, July 10.—The independent berry growers of the Sebastopol country, who refused to join in the big pooling of the berry crop this year, have contracted their product to the Napa cannery for $35 a ton, for one year only. They are rejoicing over the outcome of their effort to go it independently of their neighbors, who sold to the canneries in this city and Sebastopol. The growers who pooled their crops contracted for $40 a ton for three years, and this year 600 tons of the fruit comes to the Santa Rosa branch of the California canners' association and 200 tons to the private cannery at Sebastopol.

The growers have been holding out for a high price this year similar to that of last season, but the canners state that they have done the best they can by the farmers, and, as one of them stated: "We are the manufacturers, and it is to our interest to encourage the growers. They supply the raw material and we work it up. The two branches of the business go together and one cannot prosper without the other. When we receive good prices for our goods we are generous buyers."

INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Precita parlor, N. S. G. W., held its semiannual banquet and installation of officers Thursday evening at a local restaurant. A musical program was arranged for the occasion and a number of well known local entertainers helped out with their services. B. Gallagher, the new president, was guest of honor. The following officers will serve for the ensuing year: Past president, Edward Tietjen; president, B. Gallagher; first vice president, Henry Hopp; second vice president, John Nolan; third vice president, John Mahlor; marshal, George Welch; inside door keeper, Benjamin McKinley; outside door keeper, Robert Ed Bilger.

NATIVE SON SUCCUMBS

PALO ALTO, July 10.—Oliver J. Noble, a well known young man and a prominent member of the order of Native Sons, died at the family home in Ramona street this morning after two years' illness. The funeral will be held Sunday under the auspices of University parlor, N. S. G. W., the interment being at Hollister. Noble is survived by a mother and three brothers.

ROBBER STARTS MINIATURE RIOT

Shrieks of Jeweler A. Anixter Being Held Up Cause Panic Among Neighbors

Japanese, Victim and Police in Wild Mixup Permit Criminal to Escape

By attempting in broad daylight to rob a jewelry store at 1722 Devisadero street yesterday a bold crook indirectly caused a miniature race riot, and the consequent diversion enabled him to make good his escape.

At 10 o'clock in the morning A. Anixter, the proprietor of the jewelry store, was behind the counter in his place of business, when a well dressed young man walked in and made some inquiries in regard to the cost of having a watch repaired. He left in a few minutes, ostensibly to get the watch. In half an hour he returned and Anixter went forward to receive the watch, but instead of proffering a timepiece the affable customer shoved a wicked looking revolver under the nose of the startled jeweler. The robber accompanied this movement with a demand for money, but Anixter was so paralyzed with fear that he could not comply with the demand. The thug then ordered him to open the safe at the end of the room, and the jeweler, who had begun to recover his voice, asked him if he really meant it. To prove that he did the crook started around the counter after him, but this maneuver removed the last vestige of paralysis from the jeweler's vocal chords and he retaliated with a yell which startled the neighborhood for several blocks around.

The robber fled hastily, just in time to escape a pile of Japanese, who, frightened by the terrible yell, had rushed out of the door of a laundry next door. By landing in their midst Anixter caused international complications of a Franco-Japanese order, and by the time these had been adjusted, through the mediation of an Irish policeman, the robber had put many blocks between himself and the scene of his crime. The chase was taken up by the police, who were attracted to the scene by the terrific din of the race riot, but the pursuers never caught sight of their quarry, and he is still at large, although the police have an excellent description of him.

When the mess on the sidewalk was separated into its component parts it was found that the damage consisted chiefly in torn clothes and bruised bodies. Most of the bruises were caused by the evident determination of all the laundrymen to pass through the door at the same time.

SCORES SUPPORTERS OF LABOR'S ENEMY

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

STOCKTON, July 10.—After conducting a careful investigation to determine which of the eight Stockton delegates to the last republican state convention voted for organized labor's bitterest enemy, Harrison Gray Otis, for delegate at large to the national convention, the building trades council passed the following resolution today, making known the names of two delegates who voted for the delegate:

Whereas, the defeat of an enemy of organized labor of years standing, namely, General Harrison Gray Otis, a candidate for delegate at large to the republican national convention at Chicago, at the republican state convention at Sacramento, held May 15, 1908, was brought about by the efforts of organized labor throughout the state of California under the able leadership of Thomas Fennessy of the typographical union of Los Angeles; and

Whereas, at the aforesaid state convention thousands of cards were distributed in the convention calling attention to the fact that organized labor as a whole was opposed to the candidacy of the said Harrison Gray Otis; and

Whereas, General Otis' attitude toward organized labor has been a matter of public record for the past eight years; and

Whereas, the delegates from the twenty-third assembly district (the city of Stockton) voted as follows: C. W. E. Williams, against Otis; W. H. Briggs, against Otis; J. Y. Coates, for Otis; C. P. Rendon, against Otis; Charles Holman, for Otis; M. H. Orr, did not vote; A. G. Keagle, against Otis; C. W. Haines, against Otis; and

Whereas, James Coates, employed in a local county office, and Charles Holman, connected with the Stockton garage and now or heretofore with the United States hotel, cast their votes for General Otis, as instructed by C. P. Rendon; therefore be it

Resolved, by the San Joaquin county building trades council, that we call the attention of organized labor and the public in general to the action of said delegates; and be it further

Resolved, that the action of the San Joaquin county building trades council in this matter be given the fullest publicity possible, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the meeting.

TRAIN SEVERS HEAD FROM BODY OF OLD MAN

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

SANTA ROSA, July 10.—Henry Leopold, an aged resident of Windsor, about 10 miles north of here on the Northwestern Pacific, was run over by a freight train this morning and his head severed from his body. The freight was backing into a siding at the station, and Leopold, being deaf, did not hear the approaching cars and was knocked down and killed instantly. Besides the severing of the head, one leg was cut off and the remains were terribly mutilated.

Leopold was 70 years of age and leaves a wife, a son and a daughter.

Coroner Blackburn was notified and he held the inquest this evening.

PREFERS DEATH TO AN EXISTENCE OF SHAME

Toy Yim, a pretty Chinese girl 17 years old, after waiting for three months for a chance to kill herself succeeded last night while her alleged parents were visiting in Oakland. Lee Sing, a merchant of 28 Waverly place, claims that the girl was his daughter, although she was brought to this country as a slave girl only three months ago, and it is said that he tried to induce her to lead an immoral life.

Lee Sing and his wife went to Oakland last night leaving the girl in the house in Waverly place alone. When they returned late at night they found the girl hanging by a rope that had been tied to one of the rafters in the room. Placed alongside her body were two Chinese candles and punks, showing that she had prepared for death.

WILL AGAIN UNDERGO SERIOUS OPERATION

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Hon. G. Russ Lukens of Oakland is a patient at the Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, where he will undergo an operation for a serious internal trouble. The operation will be performed by Dr. Hugh H. Young of this city.

Only a few months ago Lukens was operated on for the same trouble, and being much better he returned to his Washington home, 1310 Connecticut avenue. The trouble, however, recently developed again and it was thought best for him to go Baltimore and go under treatment. He was reported at the hospital today as doing favorably.

WAGE CAMPAIGN FOR PURE MILK

Members of Association Will Educate Public by Lecture Course

Dr. Adelaide Brown Urges Law for Tubercular Tests for Dairy Cows

The Milk Improvement association of San Francisco yesterday decided that energetic steps should be taken at once toward the inauguration of a course of lectures to be delivered by different qualified members of the association for the purpose of educating the public on the question of a pure milk supply and of pointing out the necessity for immediate action in the matter.

Dr. Adelaide Brown, who has lately returned from the east, where she investigated the conditions of the dairies in Wisconsin and Illinois, finding them first class in many respects, strongly advocated legislative action, saying that a law that tubercular tests of dairy cows should be made every year was the most direct means to the desired end.

Dr. Baker, opposing the idea of legislation, insisted that the only way to secure the support of the legislative body was to educate the people to a point of popular opinion where pure milk would be demanded.

After some discussion the proposition of a course of lectures was favorably received, and a committee consisting of Dr. Porter, Miss E. Fisher and Dr. Caroline Rosenberg was placed in charge of the preparatory work. It was decided to appoint the president and secretary of the association a committee of two to revise the constitution and bylaws of the association and to determine what changes should be made before the next open meeting to be held the third Wednesday in August. Dr. Brown studied the milk question very thoroughly while in the east, and her enthusiasm roused the association to renewed energy. Sydney Smith presided at the meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Henry Payot in Ellis street.

Yachts to Sail for Wallace Trophy

The annual race for the Wallace trophy will be held tomorrow over the new course of the California yacht club, W. C. Wallace, the donor of the trophy, having consented to the changing of the course to suit the altered location of the club anchorage. In former years the race was held from the Alameda (or narrow gauge) mole to and around Presidio shoal buoy and back to the mole; the course, which was estimated 12 nautical miles, being a beat out and a run home. The new course is across an imaginary line drawn from the northwestern point of Brook's island to a stakeboat anchored 250 yards due north; thence to and around Presidio shoal buoy, distant 7 nautical miles, leaving the mark on the port hand; thence to the finishing point across the starting line, leaving the stakeboat on the port hand. This course is a little longer than the old one, being reckoned as 14 nautical miles.

The contesting yachts in going out must pass between Angel island and Alcatraz island, the object being to prevent skippers from sailing various courses in an endeavor to find favorable currents. The idea is to award the trophy to the owner whose boat sails fastest and is best handled, not to the one who may have the good luck to get into a favoring tide.

The yachts will start at the fire of a signal gun at 12 noon and will receive fine allowances based on their racing measurements. All yachts enrolled in the club are considered to be entered for the race which will be under the management of the regatta committee, consisting of Fred V. du Brutz, Arthur J. Garrod and August R. F. Brandes. The present holder of the trophy is the sloop Perhaps, owned by Vice Commodore J. J. Sherry, who has had his craft out on the ways, sheathing her to render her stiffer and keep her from leaking so much as she does now in rough water and hard sailing. Sherry will do all that he can to retain possession of the trophy. Other keen contestants will be T. Kendall's sloop Alert, which has been out of water on the ways of the Pacific ship yard to be prepared for the race and which beat Sherry's Perhaps in the class flag regatta of the California yacht club. Captain Patterson's Starlight, a recent addition to the fleet, which was built at Newark and took part in the ocean race held recently by the San Francisco yacht club. As it is high water at 11:23 on Sunday morning at Fort Point, the beginning of the race will be on the last of the flood tide and the remainder of it on an ebb tide.

TAFT FOR PUBLICITY OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

HOT SPRINGS, Va., July 10.—That the publicity of campaign funds is to be made a feature of the coming campaign has been made very clear today. Mr. Taft had extended talks with Chairman Hitchcock and with George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the national committee, who arrived today, and the necessity for the strictest possible compliance with the New York law in relation to the publicity of campaign funds of the national committee was the chief topic. Referring to suggestions that the republican party might receive funds outside of New York and not include them in the report of the national treasurer, Mr. Taft replied promptly that it was possible to commit perjury in such a case, but he scouted the idea that the purpose of giving publicity to the funds of the party in the coming national campaign is not entirely sincere. Mr. Sheldon also declared that the New York law, in respect to all the funds that come to the national committee, in whatever state they may be collected, will be observed, with the names of the donors. Mr. Sheldon said he believed money for campaign purposes would be very "tight" this year.

TIES SWEET MARIE'S MARK

PEORIA, Ill., July 10.—A new world's record was set in the great western races here today when Highball, driven by Geers, went the second heat in the free for all trot in 2:03¾, the fastest mile ever trotted by a gelding and equaling Sweet Marie's record for a second heat made in 1907.

Highball did the quarter in :29¾, the half in 1 minute flat and the three-quarters in 1:30¾. He won the race in straight heats.

Copa de Ora, a California horse, driven by Durfee, won the 2:07 pace in straight heats.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE LOSES

BURLINGAME, July 10.—In an appeal suit from the justice court at San Mateo, Laura M. Veteran won her case from Henry Maier, trustee of the Burlingame school and employe of the W. S. Tevis estate for many years. Mrs. Veteran loaned the school trustee money to complete the erection of several cottages and sued him for $203 and costs. She recovered $75 and costs on Judge Buck's order.

DETAIN WOMAN FOR SHOOTING HUSBAND

Police Believe Bullet Was Fired Through Door After Couple Had Quarreled

United Railroads Conductor and His Wife Declare Wound Was Accidental

Although Jesse D. Kendall, conductor of the United Railroads, and his wife, Etta, declare that the shooting of Kendall in their rooms in the basement of 446 Scott street late Thursday night was accidental, the police are not satisfied and a thorough investigation is being made.

It was discovered yesterday morning that there was a bullet hole in the door leading from the kitchen to the bedroom and powder marks close to the hole on the kitchen side. The theory of the police is that when Kendall and his wife returned from the Van Ness theater they quarreled and Mrs. Kendall reached for the revolver, which Kendall had placed on the table in the kitchen. Kendall sprang into the bedroom, slamming the door and pressing his shoulder against it to prevent his wife from entering. Then the woman fired the shot through the door, the bullet striking Kendall on the arm and passing round his body lodged in his back.

Policeman Gus Wollweber, who occupies the upper flat and heard the shot, said yesterday that when he entered the rooms of the Kendalls Mrs. Kendall said to him that she had accidentally shot her husband and Kendall also said it was an accident. At the central emergency hospital yesterday Kendall signed a written statement in Wollweber's presence to the same effect.

Wollweber said that the Kendalls had occupied the basement since January and neither he nor any member of his family ever heard them quarreling. Mrs. Kendall will be detained at the city prison pending further investigation. Kendall's wound is not serious.

SAY STAMP AGENT DEFRAUDED WOMEN

Numerous complaints having been received at police headquarters, principally from women, Detectives Mulcahey and T. C. Murphy yesterday afternoon arrested Hugo Foss of the Union trading stamp and exchange company, 1109 Post street, on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Foss' way of doing business was to send agents throughout the city to get people to buy magazines or books, each customer being furnished with a blank stamp book and a catalogue of articles from which the customer would make a selection after the stamp book was filled. A stamp was given for every 10 cent purchase.

Mrs. Pratt, 2722 Howard street, filled a book and selected an easy chair. Foss told her that she must fill five books before she could get the chair, and when told that his agent had said that only one filled book was required, Foss pointed to a card over his desk on which was printed "Forget It." Mrs. Carroll, 74 Shotwell street, selected a set of dishes and was treated in a similar manner. These two women called at police headquarters yesterday and made complaint.

"GONDOLIERS" PRODUCED BY OPERATIC SOCIETY

"The Gondoliers," Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, as produced last evening at the Colonial theater by the California operatic society, was well staged and well received by a rather meager audience, which made up in appreciation what it lacked in numbers. The principal soubrette role of Gianetta was acted by Miss Dorothy Alden with a dash, fire and vivacity which placed the young amateur well within the precincts of the professional, and Miss Josephine Condon as the daughter of the duke of Plaza-Toro displayed a fresh, vibrant voice and intelligent understanding of the part. The chorus, well costumed and drilled, went through its ensemble work with a rousing vigor, and the stage settings presented accurate pictures of the quaint and charming scenes of Venice. The play, which is produced under the direction of Walter B. Bartlett, will be repeated this evening.

TWO ARMORED CRUISERS GOING TO BREMERTON

The armored cruisers Tennessee and Washington will sail at 1 o'clock tomorrow for the Bremerton navy yard, where they will remain until the middle of August undergoing minor repairs. The California went to Mare island yesterday and will remain at the navy yard until next month. Late in August the eight armored cruisers of the Pacific fleet, with the protected cruiser Charleston and the Solace, mother ship to the torpedo flotilla, will leave here for a cruise in the South seas. Each of the armored cruisers will take a destroyer in tow.

The protected cruiser St. Louis sailed yesterday for Bremerton.

Word was received yesterday of the stranding in the Batangas river, Philippine islands, of the torpedo boat destroyer Decatur. The little warship was later floated.

WILL AID IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACETRACKS

The executive committee of the good government league adopted resolutions Thursday declaring that racetrack gambling and pool selling should be stopped. A committee of three will be appointed to carry on the anti-racetrack campaign throughout the state. This committee will go before the various legislative conventions and ask that planks be inserted in accordance with the resolutions of the league.

The purpose of the movement is to secure the enactment of anti-racetrack gambling laws by the next legislature. The intention of the league is to cooperate with the state organization, which is opposing the racetrack, and to ask every candidate for the legislature to pledge himself to support a bill similar to the one recently passed in New York.

PROBATES WILL OF PRESIDENT CLEVELAND

TRENTON, N. J., July 10.—The will of former President Grover Cleveland was probated today. It is in Cleveland's own handwriting and makes no disclosures as to the extent of his wealth. After some minor bequests and the creation of a fund of $10,000 for each of the four children, the remainder of the estate is left to Mrs. Cleveland. In the will Cleveland expresses the desire that he be buried at the place where he died and that his body be not removed unless it should be absolutely necessary to have it repose by the side of his wife's body.

Mrs. Cleveland is made executrix and Frank S. Hasting executor under the will.

OBTAINS SMALL BOOTY

PALO ALTO, July 10.—A burglar that entered the store of the Palo Alto package company was evidently satisfied with a small reward, for in the $3 that he took from the till were several cent pieces and a counterfeit half dollar. He forced a window to enter the store.

Wedding News Evokes Surprise

Mrs. Melvin Holmes

NEWS OF MARRIAGE SURPRISES FRIENDS

BERKELEY, July 10.—News of the wedding of Melvin Holmes of San Francisco and Mrs. Mae Phelps of this city in Santa Rosa last Sunday has been received with surprise by their friends. Mrs. Holmes has resided here for many years and is well known. She is prominent in Bear Flag parlor of the Native Daughters, is a musician of ability and has been identified with charitable organizations.

The business interests of the groom are in San Francisco and he will bring his bride to this city to reside.

PARISHONERS MAKING READY FOR OUTING

Although the date is many weeks away, the parishoners of St. Teresa's church are already making preparations for their annual picnic, which is to be held at Schuetzen park, San Rafael, on Labor day. At a recent meeting of the social club of the parish the following officers were elected to aid the picnic committee:

Chairman, F. J. Weiss; vice chairman, Miss Mary Allen; secretary, Miss Adele Heney; treasurer, Rev. P. O'Connell; marshal, Thomas McCullough.

The following committees will have charge of the picnic:

Transportation—Rev. John Smyth, chairman; Ed Meeley and P. Flanagan, assistants.

Printing and publicity—Rev. Thomas Hayden, chairman; Ed Keating, Frank Dixon, Miss Anna A. Rodden, Mrs. E. J. Egan, assistants.

Prizes—J. Daly, chairman; Misses Mary and Emma O'Donnell, Margaret Powers, Margaret Feaney, Rita Normile, Margaret McNally, Gertrude Reil, Myrtle McCabe, Mrs. F. J. Weiss and Mrs. Lyness, assistants.

Program—James Meeley, chairman; Thomas McCullough, Misses Anna Manning, Florence Heroux, Anna White, Frances Dougherty and Margaret Powers, assistants.

Music—P. Flanagan, chairman; Ed Keating, assistant.

ORGANIZE A TAFT AND SHERMAN CLUB

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

STOCKTON, July 10.—Two hundred republicans met and organized tonight what will be known throughout the present presidential campaign as the Stockton Taft and Sherman club. The officers are: Charles Light, president; W. H. Briggs, vice president; J. D. Finney, secretary; A. E. Gordon, treasurer.

The club proposes to form the strongest organization in this part of the state, and estimates that its membership inside of 10 days will be increased to between 900 and 1,000. The club was organized with the strict understanding that it should be a Taft and Sherman club, and that all local or state politics should be eliminated.

VIOLENT LUNATIC ESCAPES FROM ASYLUM

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NAPA, July 10.—L. Lux, a violent patient confined at the Napa state hospital, escaped from the institution today. A posse of 26 attendants and guards spent this afternoon searching for the man in the hills near this city and near Cordelia, but at a late hour Lux was still at large. He has escaped from the asylum several times and made his way to Berkeley, where his family resides. They are in constant terror of him, as he has threatened to kill them. It is thought that Lux had confederates on the outside of the main building who assisted him to escape. He is a powerful man and has caused much trouble while confined at the asylum.

MUST ANSWER FOR ASSAULT

NAPA, July 10.—The preliminary examination of John A. Hynes, an aged civil war veteran, on the charge of having assaulted P. J. McGlynn, was held before Justice Coombs today. He held Hynes to answer before the superior court. The testimony was that Hynes went to McGlynn's place of business and said that he had been robbed. When McGlynn denied the robbing Hynes stabbed him in the thigh with a knife.

NO JANITOR FOR POLICE STATION

Supervisors Say Board of Works Should Begin Economy at Home

Recommend Payment of $1,000 for Unused Plans of Temporary City Hall

There is no janitor at the Bush street police station. Secretary Skelly informed the supervisors' finance committee yesterday that things were getting in a woeful condition in consequence. The committee responded that they knew, of course, it was not a policeman's duty to sweep out; besides, the peace guardians were needed on the street; but the members held that the board of works had a budget appropriation for general janitor service. The committee ordered the works board notified of the police complaint. "It's a matter of administration," said the supervisors. In this connection the suggestion was dropped for the works commissioners' benefit that janitorial economy was a virtue that might well begin at home.

The committee agreed to compromise Architect Shea's claim for $3,000 for the unused plans of a "temporary city hall" which the Gallagher board once ordered for the impossible library lot on Van Ness avenue. Shea said he had expended about $1,800 on the plans, but would be glad to get $1,000 if he couldn't get more. A bill was recommended for that amount.

The committee will find the money to complete the repaving of Montgomery street from Market to Pacific at a cost approximating $45,000, W. B. Pringle and Edgar agreeing for the North Central improvement club to buy $12,500 worth of the 3½ per cent street bonds.

The committee agreed to pay the $500 fee due on Tax Collector Bush's bond from January 1, but held that the bonds in smaller amounts of minor officials should not be paid by the city, except from the beginning of the new fiscal year.

FIRE THREATENS TOWN OF GUERNEVILLE

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

SANTA ROSA, July 10.—The pretty little town of Guerneville in the Redwoods on Russian river came near being destroyed again this afternoon, when a fire started in the Methodist church parsonage there, and in a few minutes had razed that structure, a carpenter shop belonging to Oliver Wescott and a barn on the parsonage lot. The pretty little church standing near was saved only by the greatest efforts of the residents. The Schulte and Hill residences were badly scorched. When the fire first started Chief Muther and Mayor Gray of this city were asked to dispatch a fire engine. The officials were preparing for a special train when a second message came that the wind had turned and the greatest danger was past, as the flames were under control. Yesterday the residents of Guerneville were frightened by an alarm of fire when the home of Oliver Wescott was destroyed. His carpenter shop was burned today. About two weeks ago about half a block of business houses were burned and the Guerneville hotel was saved after heroic efforts of the people.

The parsonage destroyed was occupied by Rev. J. W. Hinds and family, but they were unable to give a lucid account of how the conflagration started.

SIGHTLESS WOMAN ASKS FOR ALIMONY

LOS ANGELES, July 10.—Totally blind and almost famished, Mrs. Lurline Barbee tottered to the witness stand in the superior court today and asked Judge James to aid her by commanding the payment of $100 a month alimony by her husband, who, she declares, is drawing a good salary as tax agent of the Northern Pacific steamship company at San Francisco. Mrs. Barbee was granted a divorce from her husband last November and at that time he was ordered to pay alimony in that amount.

"He has not paid me a cent," testified the blind woman. "I have been living in penury ever since the granting of the divorce, and have nearly starved to death. I have come to court only as a last resort."

At the conclusion of her story Mrs. Barbee fainted and was placed in charge of the court officials.

Judge James issued an order to the effect that Barbee's salary should be attached for $50 a month and that the money should be paid to the sightless and suffering woman.

NONSUIT CASE AGAINST LEITERS

CHICAGO, July 10.—Victory, temporary, at least, was gained by the Levi Z. Leiter estate today when the case in which Hugh Crabbe, former manager of the Leiter interests, sought to collect $2,500 back salary, was nonsuited on motion of his attorney, Sydney Stein. This action was taken by the lawyer when it became apparent Municipal Judge Heap was about to instruct the jury to return a verdict in favor of the defendants. A new suit, Crabbe declared, based on the same claim, would be filed at once.

DOCTOR WAS POISONED

PHILADELPHIA, July 10.—The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Dr. James H. Wilson came to his death on June 26 from cyanide of potassium poisoning at the hands of an unknown person.

RAILWAY PRESIDENT INJURED

REDDING, July 10.—Robert Mather, a former president of the Rock Island railway system, while riding in a wagon and leading his saddle horse yesterday between Redding and Weaverville, was jerked from the vehicle, suffering a broken wrist.

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Louis and Joseph Sloss Sell Their Holdings in the Pacific Company

Sum Very Close to a Million Said to Be Involved in Transaction

One of the largest commercial transactions since the fire of April, 1906, was consummated yesterday afternoon when the interests of Louis and Joseph Sloss in the Pacific hardware and steel company passed to the control of A. L. Scott, H. J. Morton, W. T. Smith and Hiram C. Smith, who have been associated with the Slosses in the company for several years.

Negotiations for the purchase of the Sloss interests have been under way for some time. The deal involves several hundred thousand dollars. "Very close to a million," said one of the directors last night. A. L. Scott, president of the corporation, would not state the exact amount yesterday, but admitted that a very large sum was involved in the transaction.

Louis Sloss, when asked as to what he and his brother would receive, refused to tell the amount, saying that his brother was carrying on all negotiations. The transaction also involved the control of the majority of the stock of the corporation.

The officers of the company are: A. L. Scott, president; H. J. Morton, first vice resident; W. T. Smith, secretary. Joseph Sloss probably will retain his position as manager for some time.

The Pacific hardware and steel company was incorporated in December, 1901. The original incorporators were composed of members of the firms of Miller, Sloss & Scott and the George W. Gibbs company. The company began business at the corner of Mission and Fremont streets in January, 1903, and continued at that location until August, 1905, when it moved to its present location at Seventh and Townsend streets.

A report that differences among the partners had caused the retirement of the Slosses was denied by all parties to yesterday's transaction.

JUDGE DROPS DEAD—Waterloo, Ia., July 10.—Judge Charles A. Bishop of the Iowa supreme court last night dropped dead in the lobby of a hotel here.

STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITIONS AND AFFAIRS OF THE

Connecticut Fire INSURANCE COMPANY

OF HARTFORD, IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1907, and for the year ending on that day.

Published pursuant to the provisions of section 611 of the political code and compiled from the annual statement filed with the insurance commissioner of the state of California.

CAPITAL

Amount of capital stock, paid up in cash	$1,000,000.00

ASSETS

Real estate owned by company	$258,800.00
Loans on bonds and mortgages	982,100.00
Cash market value of all stocks and bonds owned by company	3,773,390.00
Amount of loans secured by pledge of bonds, stocks and other marketable securities as collateral	78,000.00
Cash in company's office	241.06
Cash in banks	364,628.02
Premiums in due course of collection	334,689.63
Bills receivable, not matured, taken for fire and marine risks	27,575.15
Total assets	$5,817,423.86

LIABILITIES

Losses adjusted and unpaid	$91,992.97
Losses in process of adjustment or in suspense	171,726.71
Losses resisted, including expenses	54,552.70
Gross premiums on fire risks running one year or less, $2,135,299.28; reinsurance, 50 per cent	1,067,649.64
Gross premiums on fire risks running more than one year, $4,297,047.39; reinsurance pro rata	2,313,107.59
Total liabilities	$3,699,029.61

INCOME

Net cash actually received for fire premiums	$3,766,439.24
Received for interest on bond and mortgages	46,914.09
Received from interest and dividends on bonds, stocks, loans and from all other sources	168,350.36
Received for rent	12,672.88
Profit on sale or maturity of ledger assets	2,100.07
Total income	$3,981,476.64

EXPENDITURES

Net amount paid for fire losses (including $300,248.53, losses of previous years)	$1,708,599.33
Expenses of adjustment and settlement of losses	26,829.29
Dividends to stock holders	120,000.00
Paid or allowed for commission or brokerage	825,066.44
Paid for salaries, fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc.	291,783.24
Paid for state, national and local taxes	94,849.26
Miscellaneous agency expenses	19,414.30
All other expenditures	191,907.95
Total expenditures	$3,278,449.81
Losses incurred during the year	Fire. $1,673,340.52

RISKS AND PREMIUMS

	Fire Risks.	Premiums.
Net amount of risks written during the year	$370,696,358	$4,802,811.51
Net amount of risks expired during the year	322,295,943	4,247,655.69
Net amount in force December 31, 1907	526,978,779	6,432,346.67

Y. D. BROWNE, Pres.
W. T. HOWE, Sect. and Treas.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of January, 1908.
JOHN H. TACHER, Notary Public.

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