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WAR SECRETARY EXTENDS HELP TO MRS. TUCKER

Government Orders Officer to Hospital, Where He Must Part From Affinity

Wife Tells of Wrongs and Says She Will Press Issue to Save Husband

Still Hopes That Colonel Will See Error of His Ways and Return

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—"I hope and pray for the ultimate recovery of my husband, and am sanguine that even at this late day he will come to a realization of the trouble he has brought upon all of us. I am not inspired by any feeling of bitterness or heartlessness, but am here to see this thing through and to wipe out the slur that has been cast upon me. It is all very regrettable."

So speaking, Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker, deserted wife of Colonel William F. Tucker, chief paymaster of the department of the lakes, gave a statement tonight of her domestic trouble. At several stages, when relating the more intimate incidents, she showed evidences of tears.

Although Mrs. Tucker has the assistance of the war department in her efforts to regain her husband she made no mention of the fact.

INFATUATED WITH WOMAN

"Many false statements have been published as coming from me, and while I am opposed to publicity, I feel it a duty to myself and my son to have the public get the real facts," began Mrs. Tucker. "Don't let the impression get out that what I say is in a spirit of revenge. The statement that our domestic troubles began 10 years ago is wrong. I am not aware of any serious trouble until it was occasioned by my husband's infatuation for this woman, Myrtle L. Platt, who appears to have complete control over him."

He has behaved scandalously and has lived with the Platt woman almost constantly since the time they first met. How I have prayed that he would realize his acts. He seems to have entirely forgotten his position and name and the duty he owes to me and our son. I have long remained silent in the hope that he would look at these things in a different light, and I have now been forced to bring this suit against him.

WILL PRESS ACTION

"There may still be a chance, even at this late day, that he may change; but it seems impossible for him to free himself from the absolute control of that woman. I availed myself of the opportunity when he passed through Illinois, my home and his home, and believing that he would never return to his home, I had the warrant issued for his arrest."

"His physical condition is the result of his own misbehavior. He has been shown every consideration by myself and family. He has been vainly appealed to, and everything has been done to arrange an amicable settlement of our affairs, but now I have taken action, the only way left open for me to correct this great wrong that has done me so much pain and that I shall not desert from my original purpose."

"My good name is at stake, and that is made so by his conduct. I have been forced to this step to vindicate myself. Just think of it, that woman has lived with him when he was serving. I don't wish to do anything to place his health in jeopardy, but he should remember his position as a husband and a father. This is not revenge; it is justice, and I am here to see the matter through."

ADD FROM WRIGHT

Colonel Tucker will lose the companionship of Mrs. Platt, for whom he risked a court martial on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and who has been acting as his nurse since he left Mount Clemens, Mich., when he was ordered to enter the army and navy hospital. It developed today that Secretary of War Wright ordered the officer to the hospital for "treatment and observation," at the instance of Mrs. John A. Logan, his mother-in-law, in order that he be taken away from the influence that it is alleged Mrs. Platt holds over him.

TAKEN TO HOT SPRINGS

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 14.—Colonel William F. Tucker was taken to Hot Springs, Ark., tonight on an Iron Mountain train. Tucker was carried into a sleeping car at 8:40 o'clock tonight. In constant attendance on him was a middle-aged woman. Members of the party would not say whether she was Mrs. Myrtle Platt, the woman in the case. Another woman with the party was a nurse. Three men also left with Tucker.

Tucker was taken to the station in a carriage. In the vehicle with him were Mrs. Jennie F. Johnson, his sister, and a valet. In another carriage which followed were G. H. Fry and Mr. Fry's sister. They refused to talk to reporters.

Dr. L. H. Behrens of St. Louis, who attended Tucker, said tonight: "Tucker's malady is chronic bright's disease and his condition is dropping. If tomorrow's papers should say he died en route to Hot Springs I would not be surprised."

Tucker had bought tickets for his party to Chicago, but later changed his mind.

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Fusillade of Bullets Fired at Women and Children Playing on Floor

Mothers Gather Youngsters and Flee, While Husband Wounds His Spouse

Crowd Chases Assailant, Who Sends Shot Through His Brain When Caught

OAKLAND, Oct. 14.—After failing by the narrowest margin to murder his wife while she held her baby in her arms, Lorenzo Rogers, a teamster, crazed from the effects of liquor, ran down the street this afternoon, while a crowd of 50 persons followed at his heels, and, stopping at the Park street bridge, sent a bullet through his brain. It was by the merest chance that Mrs. Rogers escaped death, for she was made the target of a fusillade as she sat chatting with a number of friends. Finally her husband seized her with his left hand, and pressing the pistol close to her body, pulled the trigger. His unsteady aim deflected the bullet and it pierced her arm, but set fire to the fur that lay on her shoulder.

The shooting occurred at the home of Mrs. J. Silverfoot, 504 Kennedy street, where Mrs. Rogers was calling. It came as the result of domestic differences, occasioned by Rogers' intemperance habits. As he fired charge after charge from his revolver into the little room where the women were assembled, their children playing on the floor, they gathered their little ones to their arms and at the first opportunity escaped from the dwelling. While his wife was rushing from the room Rogers grasped her and made a last desperate endeavor to kill her.

SHOT AT WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Rogers and his wife had lived apart for some time, and he went yesterday to their home at 523 Kennedy street to demand the custody of their 4-year-old son, Alonzo. Mrs. Rogers had gone to visit her neighbor, Mrs. Silverfoot, and Rogers followed her. In the house were also Mrs. M. Silverfoot and Mrs. R. Thompson of 1014 Hampshire street, San Francisco. The women were chatting pleasantly, when Rogers suddenly appeared in the doorway. He was intoxicated and loudly demanded that Mrs. Rogers give him the child.

Indeed, you can't have my baby," exclaimed the woman after he had repeated his request several times.

"Then you won't live to have him," cried Rogers, and, whipping out his revolver, he opened fire on the group of women and children. Shots tore plaster from the walls and splintered the floor. Amid the rain of bullets the women rushed to the street.

CROWD PURSUES ROGERS

Mrs. Rogers staggered over the threshold, her child in her arms, blood pouring from her wounded arm and the fur about her neck in flames. She made her way to the house of a neighbor, where she was given proper treatment.

Rogers reeled from the house, flourishing his smoking weapon. As passers-by rushed toward him he uttered a wild cry and ran toward the street.

Soon a large crowd, led by J. Perry, was in full chase. Down the street they sped. As they neared the bridge Perry was reaching to seize the fugitive, when Rogers, muzzling his revolver, pressed the muzzle of the revolver against his forehead, clicked the trigger and fell dead.

It was stated late tonight that Mrs. Rogers was resting easily and that her injuries were not dangerous.

SAYS MAN TRIED TO KIDNAP CUDAHY'S SON

Servant Finds a Mysterious Stranger in Packer's Residence Who Escapes

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 14.—A mysterious stranger, wearing a silk hat and frock coat, found lurking by a domestic on the second floor of the home of Edward A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer, when his escape from the alarm was given by leaping through an open window and is now being sought by the police, who say circumstances point to an attempt to kidnap another of the Cudahy children. The man was first seen by the servant just outside the bedroom of Eddie Cudahy Jr., for whom his father paid a ransom of \$25,000 in gold when he was kidnapped by Pat Crowe eight years ago. He brandished a revolver in the girl's face and told her to keep still. Instead she screamed. Members of the family, who were at dinner, rushed upstairs and the man leaped through a window and escaped. The police scout the theory of a burglar saying there was no attempt to kidnap any valuable person, also on account of the clothes the man wore.

LAD KILLS SWEETHEART AND COMMITS SUICIDE

Harley Bright and Miss Esther Cook Believed to Have Quarreled

SHENANDOAH, Va., Oct. 14.—Harley Bright, aged 24, son of a prominent businessman of this place, is dead, and Miss Esther Cook, aged 15, his sweetheart, is fatally wounded as the result of what is believed to have been a quarrel between them. Bright was shot through the head. The shooting occurred late this afternoon at the Bright home, when nobody but the young man and Miss Cook were in the house. Shots were heard by neighbors, who went to the Bright home to investigate. They found a bedroom barricaded and forced the door open. On the floor lay Bright with a bullet hole in his temple and Miss Cook shot through the eye. Near Bright's form was a repeating rifle with two empty shells in the magazine.

What led up to the shooting is not known, but it is stated that the couple had quarreled over Bright's attentions to another girl.

Outlawed!

BISBEE HAS HALF MILLION FIRE LOSS

Dynamite Alone Saves Town From Destruction After the Blaze Reaches Residences

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 14.—A special to the Times from Bisbee, Ariz., says: Fire broke out here at 6 o'clock tonight and in three hours had done up-north of \$500,000 damage. The blaze started in the rear of the Grand hotel, on upper Main street. This large wooden structure burned like tinder and the water pressure being low, the fire department could do nothing to stay its progress.

Immediately adjoining the Grand hotel was a large livery stable, which took fire. The heat was so intense by this time that it was impossible to get the fire apparatus near enough to the adjoining buildings to do effective work.

The flames swept on without check, extending both up and down Main street on the east side for two blocks. They finally stopped at the new brick building of Frankenburg & Newman, which, together with its \$15,000 stock of clothing, was destroyed. From this point the flames jumped across Main street to the large grocery store of J. B. Angius, which was also destroyed. Advancing up Main street in the direction of Castle rock, several small business houses were wiped out, as was the splendid new building of the Elks, which fell a prey to the flames and was a total loss.

Leaving the business section, the fire swept over Clawson hill, one of the best residential parts of the city. Here every dwelling was destroyed with the exception of the Henkle and Clawson residences. When the flames threatened to wipe out the entire city dynamite was resorted to and buildings were blown down in the path of the fire. This in a large measure prevented the destruction of the entire town. The loss is \$500,000; insurance, \$100,000.

LOCAL CAPITALISTS PLAN ROAD IN WASHINGTON

H. G. Platt and A. D. Shepard Inspect Mines to Be Tapped by New Line

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 14.—H. G. Platt of San Francisco, president of the Pacific and Southeastern railroad company, and A. D. Shepard of San Francisco, general manager of the company, today visited the coal mines at Carbonado, owned by the Pacific improvement company, which is owned by their principals.

The Pacific and Southeastern is a new railroad projected from Tacoma to Walla Walla or further east. Platt and Shepard represent George Crocker and Charles Lathrop, who desire to build a new road from tide water here to the Carbonado coal mines as speedily as possible. Surveys for this section are completed. The company has purchased a large area of deep water tide lands for terminals, and is unwilling to improve them until the question of any rights of the Puyallup Indians to these lands is settled by government suits now pending in the federal courts.

COOK USED BUCKLER OF DEAD BEAT

Though Able to Pay, "Push" Judge Squirmed Out of Just Debt

Borrowed From Bank and When Sued Pleaded Statute of Limitations

Creditor Still Holds Note Telling Ugly Story of Judicial "Honor"

Significant Chapter of the "Record" of the Boodlers' Friend

Carroll Cook has been upon the superior court bench in this city since 1897. By virtue of his office he is called "judge." Carroll Cook likes the judge business. In that high office he can and has frequently served the purpose of his friends, the enemies of society, the foes of the law which Carroll Cook is sworn with firmness to uphold and with absolute fairness to administer.

Carroll Cook asks the people of San Francisco to retain him in the office he has disgraced. He asks the people of San Francisco to ratify the nomination given him by the "interests" and the "higher ups." He demands, as a right consequent upon that nomination, the opportunity to protect vice and law breakers, when occasion shall demand, for another six years.

Carroll Cook tells the people of San Francisco that he should be retained upon the superior bench because of his record as a judge. He is measurably modest. He says he has a record. He does not discuss that record. Carroll Cook is discreet as well as modest.

Employment of the "deadbeat" buckler" the statute of limitations, to escape payment of a debt is one of the unsavory incidents in that record which Carroll Cook does not discuss with the people. He is quite willing they should for it.

The statute of limitations, designed to protect the poor debtor and to serve other equally desirable purposes, is salutary law. Invoked to accomplish the ends for which it was designed, that statute has never been condemned. When it is invoked by a tricky, rich debtor to beat a creditor whose good nature or faith in the honor of the debtor has exposed his claim to the penalties of that statute, it is commonly known as the "deadbeat" buckler.

STATUTE SELDOM PLEADED

The statute of limitations is seldom pleaded. Honest poor men abhor it. Few rich men are willing to make the sacrifice of business honor, much less of personal honor, involved in pleading the statute as a protecting cloak over record that any California judge, either rich or poor, ever stooped to its employment until Carroll Cook, the rich judge, so besmirched the bench and established another record.

Among the many unpleasant chapters in Carroll Cook's record are those covering the prostitution of his office to shield unspeakable dens of vice. For months Carroll Cook held the reins of his judiciary as a protecting cloak over the most infamous hell holes ever operated in San Francisco. Until the supreme court bade him desist and roundly scored him for his conduct the superior court of San Francisco, in the person of Carroll Cook, stood between the sinkholes of almost unthinkable vice and the decent people of San Francisco who were trying to wipe out those blot on their city.

INFAMOUS CHAPTERS

Another chapter in Carroll Cook's record is the pitiable story of how the superior court's integrity was saved by the attorney general of California, who, by removing a cause from Carroll Cook's court, prevented Cook from using his office to further the schemes of his friend and political benefactor, Abe Ruef.

There are many infamous chapters in that "record," which Carroll Cook wants to enlarge on the superior bench. None sheds a brighter light upon the character of the man, scuttled by law "judge" than that one in which the "judge" crawled behind the "deadbeat" buckler" to get out of paying a debt evidenced by a promissory note, which is still in the hands of an unpaid creditor.

LEARNED IN THE LAW

Carroll Cook has at least one qualification for a judge. He knows the law. He is equally at home in the application of the law, whether it be in imposing a sentence of 50 years at hard labor upon four miserable thieves convicted of stealing \$15, or pleading the statute of limitations to escape the payment of a personal debt of \$1,000 evidenced by his promissory note. The thieves were unlearned in the law. There were no fine technicalities they could fall back on to save them from the consequences of their thievery. They were poor, and they did not belong to Carroll Cook's select coterie of privileged law breakers. Their crude method of relieving an unfortunate

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SCHELLER VICTIM OF THE "CORTADA?"

San Jose Clubman, However, Strenuously Denies That a Woman Slashed His Face

SAN JOSE, Oct. 14.—Down in Chile when a woman believes that her lover is faithless she often resorts to the "cortada," that is she brands him for life by inflicting some terrible wound upon his face that the world may know of his act. The rumor is current here today that Victor A. Scheller, president of the San Jose chamber of commerce, leader of the local bar association, member of the state democratic central committee, and bachelor clubman, is a victim of this custom, and will always wear a great scar on his handsome countenance as the evidence of the awful act of a jealous woman in whose veins runs the strain of the blood of South American ancestors. The identity of his assailant and the details of the cutting are as carefully guarded today as they were Monday evening, the time of the slashing of the clubman's face from brow to chin.

The police insist that they do not know the full details of the story. Chief Haley stated tonight that he started an investigation, but when he learned from a friend of Scheller's that they did not wish to prosecute Scheller's assailant the case was dropped.

The story is current on the street that a San Francisco woman was Scheller's assailant. Where this story started is not known, nor can the rumor be traced. An employe in the building where Scheller's offices are located stated that he observed a distinguished looking woman of the brunette type enter Scheller's offices during the afternoon shortly before the attack on Scheller. Her description fits that of a woman to whom, it is said, Scheller has shown many attentions during the past eight years, and who is said to be of South American descent. The attack on Scheller undoubtedly occurred in his office. He was attended there by physicians and then hurried away in a hack. The San Francisco woman is said to be the divorced wife of a local sporting man and was formerly a resident of San Jose.

Scheller issued the following signed statement late tonight: "The unfortunate occurrence by which I suffered an injury has caused many wild and unfounded rumors to be circulated. I declined at first to make any statement and did not now if it were not for the distressing fact that the name of Mrs. de Zalido has been brought into the affair. I care not for myself, as the incident is closed. But I can not and will not remain silent permit the name of an innocent woman to be dragged down. Those who know me must understand I would not permit such base slander and crushing libel to go before the people and I remain silent and never so much as offer my protest.

"As little as court publicity in the matter, I must speak now. Therefore, those who know me and respect me will take my word when I assure them that no woman on the face of this earth committed the act. And I ask my friends, one and all, to respect and stand on my statement. That much, I think, should be done.

As to Mrs. de Zalido, she was not in

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LONG FLIGHT MADE BY SWISS BALLOON

Aeronauts Picked Up Near Death in Sea; German Contestant Still Missing

BERLIN, Oct. 14.—Only one of the 23 balloons which started in the race for the international trophy on Sunday from Schmargendorf is unaccounted for. This is the German balloon Bismeyer, under the command of Dr. Niemeyer, with Hans Heidenmann as assistant.

Dispatches received here today from Cuxhaven announced that the Spanish contestant, the Castilla, dropped into the ocean six miles north of Heligoland and that the navigators, Montojo and Robero, were rescued by fishermen.

This evening a dispatch was received from Molde, Norway, telling of the descent of the Swiss balloon Helvetia to the ocean and the rescue of Colonel Schaeck and E. Messner. The dispatch reads as follows:

"Fishing boat this afternoon rescued occupants balloon Helvetia at the last moment as they were sinking, the gas being totally exhausted. The balloon was saved. Schaeck and Messner will remain here over night and proceed to Christiania tomorrow."

Molde is only 32 miles southwest of Christiania and to reach this point the Helvetia must have traveled about 1,250 kilometers, or 775 miles, in a direct line and must have traveled over the Skagerrack, or the still greater body of the North sea.

This is by far the greatest distance reported to the credit of any of the contestants, the majority of whom either took a somewhat circular course or were compelled to descend on account of their proximity to water.

The Helvetia is the fifth balloon among the international contestants to come to grief. The Conqueror and the Montanes burst at a high altitude and the St. Louis and the Castilla were wrecked in the North sea. Although no casualties followed these disasters, the escape of the 10 men who were in the unfortunate balloons was almost miraculous.

THREE HANDCUFFED BOYS LEAP FROM FAST TRAIN

Locked Together, They Jump From Window and Make Way to Los Angeles

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14.—The Los Angeles police arrested three boy burglars today who, on last Monday, handcuffed together, made their escape from a fast train while being taken by an officer from Lompoc to Santa Barbara to serve six months each for their crimes. Their unusual escape has been the marvel of peace officers of southern California, who had been led to believe that men handcuffed together could not get far.

While in charge of the officer the boys, Harry Price, Victor Manwiler and Bigelow, leaped through a car window. They made their way to Los Angeles and were soon caught on the description sent from Santa Barbara. They explained that they had no difficulty in breaking the handcuffs.

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THE manless job and the jobless man—good times begin when they get together. Get them together with a Want Ad in THE CALL—bring it, mail it, or phone it to Kearny 86.

COPYRIGHT CONFERENCE OPENS

BERLIN, Oct. 14.—The international copyright conference was opened in this city today. Foreign Secretary von Schoen welcomed the delegates on behalf of the government, and the Spanish ambassador to Germany, M. de Benabe, replied for the congress.