

It will prepare you for Christmas—Lloyd Osbourne's \$1,500 prize story, "Boy Bright," which will be one of the clever features next Sunday in THE SUNDAY CALL

The letters which trusting children mail to old Santa Claus are just now burdening the mails. Are these letters lost? Read the article in THE SUNDAY CALL

ROOSEVELT NO BUTCHER OF ANIMALS

President Declares His Scientific Fondness for Hunting Is Not Bloodthirsty

Smithsonian Institution Accepts Executive's Offer to Furnish Collection of Animals

Expects to Land in Africa May 1 and Will Strike Nile About New Year

Taxidermists From National Museum Will Accompany Expedition

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The agreement between President Roosevelt and the Smithsonian Institution as to the president's hunting trip in Africa was made public today by Charles D. Wolcott, secretary of the institution. The board of regents of the institution yesterday considered the president's letter and adopted a resolution entering into a contract with the president for certain work. The president wrote to Dr. Wolcott as follows:

"About the first of April next I intend to start for Africa. My plans are, of course, indefinite, but at present I hope they will be something on the following order:

May Day in Mombasa
"By May 1 I shall land at Mombasa and spend the next few months hunting and traveling in British and German East Africa; probably going through or toward Uganda, with the expectation of striking the Nile about the beginning of the new year and then working down it, with side trips after animals and birds, so as to come out at tide water, say about March 1. This would give me 10 months in Africa.

"As you know, I am not in the least a game butcher. I like to do a certain amount of hunting, but my real and main interest is the interest of a faunal naturalist. Now, it seems to me that opens the best chance for the national museum to get a fine collection not only of the big game beasts, but of the smaller mammals and birds of Africa; and, looking at it dispassionately, I believe that the chance ought not to be neglected. I will make arrangements to pay for the expenses of myself and my son. But what I would like to do would be to get one or two professional field taxidermists of the naturalists to go with me, who should prepare and send back the specimens we collect. The collection which would thus go to the national museum would be of unique value. It would, I hope, include specimens of big game, together with the rare smaller animals and birds.

Specimens for the Nation
"I have not the means that would enable me to pay for the field naturalists or the taxidermists and their kit, and the transport of the specimens and curing of same for the national museum. Of course, the actual hunting of the big game I would want to do myself, or have my son do so; but the specimens will all go to the national museum, save a very few personal trophies of little scientific value, which for that reason I might wish to keep.

"Now, can you, in view of getting these specimens for the national museum, arrange for the services of the field taxidermists, and for the care and the transport of the specimens? As ex-president I should feel that the national museum is the museum to which my collection should go."

OUR ALICE NIELSEN OWES MORE THAN SHE CAN PAY

Opera Singer's Bills of \$7,200 Offset by \$75 in Exempt Clothing

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Miss Alice Nielsen, the former comic opera star who is studying for the grand opera stage, today filed a petition in bankruptcy, setting forth that she owes \$7,200 and has only \$75 assets, consisting of clothing, which is exempt.

According to Miss Nielsen, one Max Desel was her teacher about 16 years ago in Kansas City. Desel, she says, claims she owes him \$1,450. Lee Shubert also has a claim for \$1,900 loaned. Miss Nielsen, who is Mrs. Benjamin Wentwig in private life, declares she does not owe Desel this money.

In order to stop the alleged attempts of Desel to make capital out of the matter, Miss Nielsen had the bankruptcy papers filed.

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WILBUR WRIGHT'S AIRSHIP MAKES NOTABLE FLIGHT

Aeroplane Goes Up Like Rocket and Sails Without Engines Working

LEMANS, Dec. 16.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeronaut, made a remarkable flight in his aeroplane today. Instead of rising gradually, the machine shot up like a rocket to a height of 240 feet. The aeronaut then permitted it to drop about 50 feet and then stopped the engine. The machine glided down smoothly and gracefully, landing about three-quarters of a mile from the starting point. Members of the English aero club who were present became wildly enthusiastic over the splendid performance.

SCHWAB OFFERS DOCKS FOR USE OF THE NAVY

Hunters Point Plant to Give Precedence to Work On Warships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Charles M. Schwab, who is allied with interests controlling the Hunters Point docks near San Francisco, has informed Secretary Newberry of his desire to give precedence to the naval establishment in the use of the facilities at that place whenever desired. These docks were used by the battleship fleet while on the Pacific coast. Newberry thanked Mr. Schwab for the offer.

OVERCOME ALL OBJECTIONS TO HETCH HETCHY

Manson and Giannini Present San Francisco's Claims to Committee

Secretary Garfield Favors Passage of Resolution Providing For Reservoir Site

Englebright Raises Points as to Transfer of Lands That Are Quickly Explained

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house committee on public lands today considered the joint resolution introduced by Representative Kahn providing for the acquisition by San Francisco of lands in Hetch Hetchy basin. Secretary Garfield of the interior department was present. He and City Engineer Manson and Supervisor Giannini presented the case in behalf of San Francisco, while objections were made by Representatives Needham and Englebright.

Garfield Urges Transfer
Secretary Garfield went thoroughly into the history of the permit granted by him to San Francisco authorizing the city to impound water at Lake Eleanor and Hetch Hetchy, and explained how the rights of the government and of the Turlock and Modesto irrigation districts had been safeguarded. He urged the passage of the joint resolution which merely authorized the transfer of certain land owned by San Francisco in the Sierra forest reserve for other lands required for reservoir purposes.

Representative Needham suggested that the committee should be very careful in recommending any legislation on the subject, his ground being that the city hereafter might abandon its project at Hetch Hetchy and leave the water open for private speculators to gobble the water rights to the detriment of the Turlock and Modesto districts.

This objection was explained away by Manson and Giannini to the apparent satisfaction of the committee.

Would Offset Tax Loss
Representative Englebright's objection to the resolution was that the lands now owned by San Francisco in Tuolumne county, if transferred to the government, would no longer be subject to taxation, thereby depriving that county of revenue. Manson's reply to this was that the large sum to be expended in construction work and road building would more than offset any loss in taxes.

The committee finally referred the resolution to a subcommittee, consisting of Smith of California, Gaines of West Virginia, Howland of Ohio, Robinson of Arkansas and Hammond of Minnesota. This committee will consider the matter further Friday morning.

As congress will adjourn this week over the holidays it is not expected that the full committee will have the subject before it until January 6. Manson and Giannini will remain here during the interval doing their best to convince members of the committee that the resolution should be adopted.

Telegram From Giannini
The supervisors last night received the following telegram from Dr. Giannini:

"Hearing before committee this morning. Needham and Englebright objected to present form of bill. Needham urging that lands revert to government on failure of city to construct and utilize reservoirs. Others desired to read grant into bill precluding additional privileges from interior department. Garfield appeared in person and made strong appeal for city, sitting through meeting for two hours, an unusual occurrence. Bill referred to subcommittee, of which Smith of California is chairman, for modification as above noted. Submission of bill to subcommittee does not appear to mean delay or pigeonholing, but at present writing appears favorable. Subcommittee meets Friday morning. Request mayor to telephone thanks to Garfield, Kahn and Hayes for assistance thus far rendered and telegraph to Smith of California, bespeaking his favorable consideration for San Francisco's urgent necessity."

BONI'S "HONOR" FORBIDS TAKING EX-WIFE'S GOLD

Withdraws Demand That Court Allow Him \$60,000 Yearly for Children

Plays George Gould, Who Regarded Suit Merely as "Vulgar Affair of Money"

Renunciation of Claim for Big Income Thought to Enlist Sympathy

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The last day of the hearing of the suit brought by Count Boni de Castellane against his former wife, the princess de Sagan, formerly Anna Gould, in which he petitions the court to award the custody of his three

children to his mother, the marquise de Castellane, brought out the fact that the count had withdrawn his demand that the court allow him a yearly income of \$60,000 for keeping the children.

M. Bonnet, speaking for the count, read a letter from his client filled with indignant protests that he should have been charged with instituting the proceedings to obtain money, and in which the count abandoned his claim for the allowance. He insisted that his only object in wanting the children was his solicitude for their moral and physical welfare.

Considered Clever Move
It is evident that the count has recognized that his claim for the large allowance has injured his case in the eyes of the court and the estimation of the public, and his tardy renunciation is considered a clever move to enlist interest in his favor. Nevertheless the public is greatly astonished that the count should go to such an extreme.

The proceedings were filed with allegations from both sides. The public prosecutor will present his conclusions next week and the court will then render its decision. It will either dismiss the count's plea or grant him the custody of the children, or if doubt exists will order the taking of testimony.

The letter of the count is addressed to M. Bonnet and it is couched in an eloquent phraseology of outraged manhood. It begins: "Indignant at the perfidious and lying insinuations of the princess and her family, representing that my only desire is to obtain a large allowance, I now ask for myself and mother only the custody of the children. I renounce with pleasure the request for an allowance."

Continuing, the count calls M. Bonnet to witness with what outraged feelings he rejected the pecuniary offers of the prince and princess de Sagan and George Gould, the princess' brother.

"The new and unexpected attitude of George Gould," De Castellane writes, "who regards this suit simply as a vulgar affair of money and who believes that his golden authority can gild the marriage of his sister with a tarnished man, compels me more strongly than ever to insist in withdrawal of the children from the house of which the prince is the ornament and from surroundings where they will learn only one thing—that honor is nothing and money is everything, that money covers every baseness and that it will buy every conscience."

Denounces Adversaries
"The decision I have taken will show the court the sole purpose which inspires me, my parents and my relatives. We are without fortunes, but upon the question of money we do not hold the same theories as do the Goulds; concerning education of French youths we have other ideas than those of the De Sagan. My parents will aid me to bring up these three innocent victims."

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RICH CORPORATIONS FLAYED BY SAVANT

President Eliot of Harvard Manufacturing Statutes to Protect Law Breakers

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard, speaking at the opening meeting of the Civic forum tonight, defined "lawlessness" in the various shapes it assumes in the United States.

He particularly assailed that form which first secures immunity for itself by manufacturing statutes legalizing reprehensible acts counted morally criminal in every country and clime.

"But a far worse form of lawlessness is the violation of laws by rich corporations," he said. "Many of these violations are not explicit, but implicit. A peculiarly deliberate form of lawlessness is exhibited when corporations or large combinations of men for business purposes, foreseeing that they shall shortly wish to commit illegal acts, procure beforehand protection against prosecution for illegitimate practices by means of legislation apparently innocent, but really designated to trench in their control of trust institutions speculative and immoral officials or to prevent convictions for criminal violence not yet perpetrated, but to be perpetrated."

JERE KNODE COOK ASKS MRS. WHALLEY FOR CASH

Grandmother of Former Pastor's Companion Refuses to Supply Her Needs

(Special Dispatch to The Call)
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Jere Knode Cook, who, when pastor of St. George's church, Hempstead, L. I., eloped two years ago with his ward, Floretta Whalley, today appealed once more to Mrs. Kasiah Whalley, the girl's grandmother, for funds.

Mrs. Whalley was inexorable, even though Lawyer William Emerson of Hartford pleaded eloquently with her, saying her granddaughter was practically destitute.

Mrs. Whalley said she would not give a cent toward supporting Cook, but that if the young woman wished to return from California to her Hempstead home she would be welcomed.

THREE PARTIES MAROONED IN RIVER AT PHOENIX

Rains in Arizona Cause Flood to Overflow Dam at Roosevelt

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 16.—Two days of rain all over Arizona has swollen most of the rivers to alarming proportions. The Salt and Verde rivers are particularly high.

The river at Phoenix is booming, but the crest of the flood is not expected until tomorrow. Three parties are now marooned on islands in the river bed. The rain has stopped.

The Verde rose 16 feet early this morning. During the afternoon water began flowing over the storage dam under construction at Roosevelt. This evening water was within two feet of the highest point and was still rising, being seven feet over the dam at the intake power canal at the head of the Roosevelt basin.

SIGNOR ADMITS FORGING FOUR LARGE NOTES

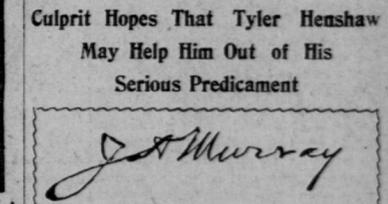
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James A. Murray's Signature

F. B. SIGNOR, who for more than a week has been resting under the suspicion that he knew more than he was willing to admit about the forgery of the name of Millionaire James A. Murray of Monterey to four \$100,000 notes held by Banker William G. Henshaw of Oakland, has confessed that he was the author of the spurious paper.

Realizing that it would be useless for him to carry on the deception that he had been practicing, Signor late Tuesday afternoon admitted to Banker Henshaw that he had put Murray's signature to the four notes. He could give no reason for committing the forgeries other than that it was part of a plan to mislead Banker Henshaw's brother, Tyler Henshaw, with whom he was associated in several schemes, in the belief that he, Signor, would be able to obtain for the Henshaws a buyer for the bonds of their cement project in southern California.

Denounces Signor to Murray
William G. Henshaw denounced Signor yesterday to Millionaire Murray as a crook. The banker frankly admitted to Murray that he had in his possession the four bogus notes. He said that he had received them from Signor in the supposed furtherance of the deal for the sale of the bonds of the Henshaw cement plant in southern California, but when Murray, with a sagacity for which he is noted, asked the Oakland banker how it was that Henshaw had received the supposed genuine notes before making any arrangements for the transfer of the bonds, Henshaw was at a loss apparently for an answer.

Beseches Tyler Henshaw
The fact that Signor had confessed the forgery of the four notes and that they were still in the possession of Banker Henshaw developed at a meeting of Murray and Henshaw yesterday at the Oakland office of William G. Henshaw. The latter told Murray that Signor and Tyler Henshaw were in San Jose, but it was learned later in the day that Signor was in Oakland beseeching Tyler Henshaw, who remains loyal to him, to come to this side of the bay and take up the other two notes bearing the forged signature of Murray, which Signor gave to two local banks to secure them against loss on two checks indorsed by Mrs. Abbie Krebs, which Signor unlawfully indorsed and cashed after he had been removed from the position of manager of the Interurban motor express company.

Faces Double Prosecution
As a result of yesterday's development Murray, through his attorney, Harry Creswell, purposes to present the matter to the district attorney of Alameda county with a view of having the grand jury of that county indict Signor for forgery. In the meantime the banks on this side of the bay are preparing to have Signor arrested for embezzlement, and between the two criminal proceedings it is expected that there will be developed one of the most sensational cases of its character in the criminal history of California.

Signor is still under surveillance, but strangely he is as hopeful as he was several days ago when the forgeries were first exposed that Tyler Henshaw will come to his rescue and get him out of his serious predicament. All he would say yesterday when confronted with the fact that his confession was known and that William Henshaw had denounced him was that he expected that Tyler Henshaw would help him out of his scrape in a few days. Tyler Henshaw would not talk, and his brother, William, was equally reticent.

Murray Denounces Swindle
"During my experience as a banker in Seattle and Salt Lake City," said Millionaire Murray at the St. Francis hotel last night, "I have heard and read a great deal about swindlers and their methods, but I must confess that from what I was able to learn during the progress of my investigation of this case it is one of the most dastardly attempts at wholesale swindling that I ever knew of. I regard Signor in the light of a miserable fellow who has been the tool of men in the higher stations of life, who had hoped to use my signature to better their condition in the future. I have come to San Francisco to ferret out this matter to the end and I will do so if it cost me the better part of the money the bogus notes held by William G. Henshaw of Oakland call for."

"I was surprised yesterday when Henshaw admitted that he had four notes for \$100,000 each bearing my forged signature, but I was equally surprised at the audacity of that fellow Signor when I found that he had used my name also to insure himself against prosecution by the banks of this city. The only theory in this whole affair that I am willing to accept at present is that some one expected that I had only a short-time to live and that after my death the notes to which my name had been forged would be put in as claims against my estate. When I first learned that notes bearing my name were in the possession of the Henshaws I promptly pronounced the signatures forgeries. I have not signed a note for 24 years. Then I gave former United States Senator Clark a note for \$500 and paid it when it fell due."

Signature an Old One
"Fortunately the signature that is forged to the notes held by Banker Henshaw is not the one I sign now. It is an old one. My writing has changed in the last few years, and noticeably so. The man who forged those notes apparently did not know my style of penmanship had changed. He forged my signature as I wrote it years ago, which has convinced me that got hold of an old document or letter bearing my name and used it."

"How many more notes bearing my forged signature are in circulation I have not been able to learn, but I did hear today through a very reliable source that in addition to the two that Signor gave to two banks in this city he has used other forged paper with other San Francisco banks. I have