



FORMER SOCIETY BELLE, INSANE, SENT TO ASYLUM

Mrs. Ada Long McCormick, Who Stabbed Husband, is Committed to Napa

Unhappy Woman Begs to See Wounded Spouse, but Permission Is Refused

Relatives May Remove Her From State Institution After a Conference

Adjudget to be insane, Mrs. Ada Long McCormick, daughter of James M. Long, millionaire, and one time society belle, left a cell in the detention hospital yesterday afternoon under commitment to the state asylum for the insane at Napa.

RELATIVES TELL PAST Dr. Charles Wadsworth and Dr. Daniel D. Lustig examined Mrs. McCormick at the hospital Friday afternoon and yesterday morning.

Before leaving the hospital Mrs. McCormick requested that she be allowed to see her husband, but permission was denied.

FAMILY WILL CONFER James M. Long, father of the unfortunate woman, stated last evening that a family conference would be held to decide what would be the best thing to do in regard to Mrs. McCormick.

The physicians pronounced Mrs. McCormick insane, and Superior Judge Edward O. Mogan yesterday signed the papers committing her to the Napa asylum.

Mrs. McCormick was committed to the Napa asylum for the insane at Napa, California, after a conference with her relatives and the physicians.

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Woman's Wild Career Leads Her to Madhouse



Woman who was once reigning society belle adjudged insane and sent to Napa asylum.

DARING GANG LOOTS BANKS IN NEBRASKA

Demolish Vault of Institution at Ceres, Get \$3,000, Bind Boy and Escape

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19.—Robbers raided the State Bank of Ceres, 18 miles north of this city, early today, overpowered a boy who surprised them at work, demolished the vault, secured \$3,000 and escaped.

The bank was attacked at 1:30 a. m. Clarence Boyle, who was passing in front of the building, was seized, blindfolded and gagged.

Wednesday night a bank in Chase, Chase county, was robbed. Thursday night banks at Keene and Gibbons were looted, the robbers getting \$5,000.

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BURLINGTON BUYS OUTLET TO GULF

Colorado Southern Railroad Is Sold to Hill Lines for a Secret Figure

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Leading interests in the Colorado and Southern railway company, including Edwin Harley, who is said to be the largest individual stock holder, and Frank Trumbull, president of the road, announced today the sale of the road to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad company.

The acquisition of the road by the Burlington gives the Hill system, the Burlington being owned by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroad companies, its long desired outlet to the coast of Texas.

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EXPERTS WILL EXAMINE BOOKS AND FINANCES

Mayor and Supervisors Likely to Employ Accountants Who Traced Shortages

Modern Business Methods Desired in Office of the Board of Public Works

Conference Causes Discussion as to Probable Appointments of Commissioners

Mayor Taylor and Supervisors Jennings, Murphy and Pollok of the finance committee held a long conference yesterday. While all were somewhat reserved as to the object of the meeting, it is known that the conduct of several departments of the city government was scrutinized and suggestions made looking to greater efficiency.

For one thing, Lester Herrick & Herrick, or some other accountants probably will be engaged to overhaul the financial affairs of the municipality. The mayor and the supervisors were well satisfied with the work done by the Herricks in tracing down the shortages in the treasurer's office which have resulted in the indictment of former cashier Tomalty, and while no suspicion of dishonest practices attaches to any of the present departments, the finance committee and the mayor have agreed that severe auditing of accounts and scrutiny of methods would serve to cut away a lot of dead wood and leave matters in better running shape.

OFFICE REFORM NEEDED It is not improbable that a good office man will be chosen works board commissioner instead of a practical builder, engineer or businessman to succeed Thomas Eagan, who will retire January 8.

Whether the mayor will indorse this view in his appointment of Eagan's successor is a matter of which the officials profess ignorance. The mayor, they affirm, has taken no one into his confidence in regard to the commissionerships he will fill by the new year. One supervisor recently said: "Why, you can't even talk to the mayor on the subject."

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MRS. MARTIN MUST SERVE A LIFE TERM

Woman Convicted of Dynamiting Judge Ogden's Home Had Planned to Take Poison

Search Made After Passing of Judgment Discloses Deadly Powders in Cell

Attorneys Fail to Have Foster Mother of "Baby John" Examined as to Her Sanity

OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—Life imprisonment in the penitentiary at San Quentin was the sentence imposed upon Mrs. Isabella J. Martin by Superior Judge William S. Wells today. The penalty followed her conviction for having instigated an attempt which she made to kill Superior Judge F. B. Ogden by dynamiting his home at 1175 Alice street March 19, 1907.

A large quantity of powdered glass was found in Mrs. Martin's cell today in addition to a white powder thought to be strychnia or morphine. Mrs. Martin admitted that she had planned suicide with the stuff, but not at present. She hoped to keep them in reserve until her case had been passed on by the supreme court. If decided adversely Mrs. Martin said that she would have taken the glass or the powder in an attempt to end her own life.

Her admissions regarding the poisons were made in spells of hysteria which she suffered after sentence had been passed. "For a long time after leaving the courtroom Mrs. Martin was wildly hysterical and certain of her symptoms caused Dr. C. E. Curdts, jail physician, to demand a search of her effects."

POISON IS FOUND It was then that the powdered glass was found and also the white powders. Mrs. Martin admitted that she had powdered the glass herself, having secured a bottle which she pulverized. She claimed that she secured the powders when a woman prisoner who was afterward deported was confined in the same cell with her. Mrs. Martin hoped that the powder was poison and planned to take it whether she was sure or not. Dr. Curdts said that she had taken none of the poison today and concluded that her malady was entirely of a nervous nature. Mrs. Martin was calmed and spent the afternoon in bed, an attendant being in the cell. The powders were taken to a chemist by District Attorney Donahue and their nature will be learned Tuesday.

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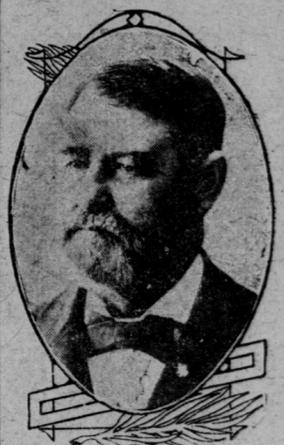
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Late Eugene F. Loud, Former Congressman



DEATH SUMMONS EUGENE F. LOUD Former Congressman, Stricken by Apoplexy, Passes Away at Son in Law's Home

Former Congressman Eugene F. Loud died at 11:25 last night at the home of his son in law, Captain J. J. Callahan, 1938 Post street, after having been an invalid for many months. On Monday last he was attacked with a stroke of apoplexy, and since then had lain in a moribund condition. He was attended at the end by his physicians, Dr. Beverly MacMonagle and Dr. Rosenthal.

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PLUNGER CALLS CHARGE OF WIFE DESERTION JOKE

Laughs at Threats of Brother in Law to Drag Him Back to New York

"I'll Go When I Get Ready, With Marital Bonds Just On or Off," He Says

Tries to Shield From Notoriety Handsome Widow Who Came West With Him

Quite a joke to W. H. Rudolph, the New York plunger, is the suggestion that detectives are on his trail and are about to take him back to New York to face a charge of wife desertion. He says that he is going back to Gotham soon, and either with marital bonds freshly off or freshly on.

WIDOW FINEST DRESSER Mrs. Collins, the handsome brunet widow, who came from New York with her 10 year old son at the time Rudolph did, is still at the St. Francis and still enjoys the fair fame of being the best dressed woman in the hotel.

CHILDREN ARE PROBLEM A question which has disturbed the Rudolph family seriously since the turban came to this city is that of the education of the two little boys, their sons. Rudolph is perfectly willing to educate the youngsters in the best possible schools, but he and his wife disagree on the place of instruction. Rudolph would put the lads in a military school at Peekskill, N. Y., but the mother desires a different training for the youngsters. As she at present has them in her custody the lads are not now cadets. The father says that he desires to relieve his wife of all responsibility in connection with the education of the children.

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Look on page 44. The Rebus contest offers \$800 in prizes and cash free.