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OUTRAGE IN SANCTUARY BY VANDAL

Sacrilegious Fanatic Destroys Vestments and Profanes Altar in St. Dominic's

Rips Costly Raiment, Slashes Silks and Laces and Pens Obscenities on Walls

Police Hunt High and Low for Criminal Who Held Wild Orgy of Blasphemy

Priest Stunned by Discovery of Havoc Wrought by Marauder

SAN FRANCISCO harbors a fanatic who has carried depraved criminality to the last imaginable excess of blasphemy and sacrilege. Aroused by an outrage which has desecrated St. Dominic's church the police are hunting high and low for the vandal who has insulted the local Catholic community by profaning the sanctuary of the Dominican fathers with unspeakable obscenities.

Enters St. Dominic's
The sacrilegious wretch, who has so far eluded detection, entered St. Dominic's church, at Pierce and Pine streets, early yesterday morning. Priestly vestments valued at more than \$1,000 were slashed beyond repair; the altar linen and laces were torn to shreds; the blessed candles were tossed about the sanctuary; the furnishings of the sacristy were destroyed.

Blasphemous and indecent sentences were scrawled in the holy places. The Catholic religion, the communicants of the faith and the priesthood were assailed with vile abuse that spoke eloquently of the rabid fanatic venting his perversity with almost insane hatred.

The hands were torn from the sacristy clock and the pendulum was carried away. The book in which the masses and other daily services are recorded was slashed and torn.

Priest Is Stunned
The desecration of the church was first discovered shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday morning, when Father Rice, one of the Dominican fathers, entered the sacristy to robe for early mass. Dozens of sacerdotal garments were heaped in disorder on the floor. The drawers of a large cabinet in which the vestments were kept had been pulled open and their contents despoiled. Linen and silken albs, silk and gold threaded maniples, cinctures, amices, stoles, chasubles, copes and surplices had been destroyed with a knife or other keen edged instrument. So shocked was Father Rice that it was some time before he regained sufficient composure to report the outrages and to have the altar prepared for mass.

Father Murphy, the superior of the church, notified the police, and Acting Chief of Police Cutler detailed detectives to the case, ordering them to leave no stone unturned in the search for the criminal. It is possible that two men were concerned in the sacrilege, on account of the difficulty one man would have had in effecting an entrance to the church.

Entered With Ladder
The culprit or culprits entered by means of a ladder which was found leaning against a window in the rear of the church. Entering through the priory loft, the sacristy was reached by a flight of steps, and from the sacristy it was easy to reach the sanctuary. Because one man would have found it difficult to upright the ladder and train it against the window, the police are inclined to think that there were two of the depraved fanatics.

Father Murphy and the detectives think that the wretch was frightened away before he completed his sacrilege. Robes valued at more than \$2,000 were found undisturbed. These vestments will be used in the Christmas ceremonies. The exact amount of the damage has not yet been estimated, but it exceeds \$1,000.

GERMAN SAMOA CHIEFS THREATENING TROUBLE
Natives Will Appeal to United States and Great Britain to Decide

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Dec. 21.—Chiefs of the native tribes in German Samoa are threatening trouble. They are preparing to hoist an independent Samoan flag when the parliament of the islands reassembles and contemplate appealing to the United States and Great Britain to decide whether this action is justified.

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International Concern Organized by Big Financial Interests to Oppose Trust

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 21.—The International smelting and refining company, with an authorized capital of \$50,000,000, was incorporated here today. The company is to engage in the business of mining, milling and smelting ores. The incorporators are Frederick Hoff, Richard C. Hunt and Nelson W. Reunnon, New York. This is the company organized by big financial interests to oppose the American smelting and refining company, which latter company includes the Guggenheim interests.

CORONER'S JURY DECIDES ON THE DEATH OF CHIEF

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Keil and Cutler Testify That Head of Department Feared "Shadows"

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VERDICT OF THE CORONER'S JURY IN THE CASE OF WILLIAM J. BIGGY

We, the jury, find that William J. Biggy, male, white, married, age 49 years, nativity California, occupation chief of police, residence Hotel Nordhoff, Sutter and Larkin streets, San Francisco, California, whose body was removed from San Francisco bay December 15, 1908, came to his death from asphyxia from submersion, and we further find that he came to his death by accidental drowning while on the police launch Patrol on the night of November 30, 1908, about 10:45.

THAT Chief of Police Biggy lost his life by accidentally falling from the police launch Patrol was the verdict returned yesterday by a coroner's jury that had thoroughly investigated the death of the official and his actions and state of mind preceding the bay tragedy of November 30.

During the investigation carried on by Coroner Leland it developed from the testimony of Police Commissioner Hugo D. Keil, acting Chief of Police A. D. Cutler and Captain of Police James K. Kelly that Biggy believed that he was being closely shadowed and felt that he was in danger of personal attack. Kelly and Keil said that Biggy told them that he was being followed by men in the employ of Special Agent Burns, but when pressed both officials said that there was no proof that Burns' men had followed the chief. It developed from the testimony of Policeman Martin that Biggy considered two longshoremen, whom Martin knew, to be "detectives."

Cutler Taken to Task
Police Commissioner and acting Chief of Police Cutler declared that Biggy had told him of threats made against him and that he believed he knew the persons involved, but he refused to divulge the information.

G. H. Weymouth, one of the jurors, took Cutler to task for his silence. "Do you think that is the right position for a police official to take?" he asked. Cutler protected his insinuations under the plea that the information he had was a secret of the police department. In its verdict the jury did not consider the commissioner's insinuations.

It came out at the inquest that on the night of his death Biggy had gone to Belvedere to offer his resignation to Commissioner Keil, saying that he did not wish to embarrass the mayor and the commissioners by remaining as head of the department. This resignation was refused by Keil, who persuaded Biggy not to present it.

Longshoremen as Sleuths
It developed that on the night of his death Biggy was particularly obsessed with the idea that he was followed, and presumed that two longshoremen, who were standing on the wharf near the spot where the Patrol was tied, were sleuths on his trail. As if burdened with a true presentiment, Biggy on that evening frequently discussed the loss of five boys who some time before had been drowned in their boat through the overturning of their boat and whose bodies had not been discovered. Within 20 minutes of the approximate time of his death Biggy had discussed the case with William Murphy, engineer of the Patrol, and tried to trace the bodies as they might have been borne by the currents of the bay. It also developed from Murphy's testimony that Biggy wanted to go to Belvedere with the greatest secrecy.

Jurors Show Zeal
Members of the coroner's jury showed great zeal in their endeavor to get at the circumstances surrounding the close of Biggy's life. In particular did G. H. Weymouth, 617 Mission street; A. A. Chamberlain, 674 Mission, and A. S. Lennell, 638 Mission, direct inquiries at the witnesses.

"Did Biggy ever express to you his belief that his life was threatened?" asked Juror Weymouth of Cutler. "He did," replied the present acting chief of police. "He knew that they would go to any length to get rid of him."
"How did he know that?" asked Weymouth.
"What parties were referred to?" Coroner Leland joined in.
"I decline to answer," replied Cutler.

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Find Verdict That Biggy Was Accidentally Drowned

The coroner's jury inspecting the police boat Patrol, and Foreman A. A. Chamberlain, experimenting to discover how Chief Biggy might have lost his footing and fallen into the bay when the boat was tossing in rough water. Below are portraits of the two principal witnesses.



FATAL SHOOTING FOLLOWS QUARREL

Lorenzo Shiman, Son of San Lorenzo Pioneer, Dying From Brother's Shot

OAKLAND, Dec. 21.—Lorenzo Shiman, elder son of the late J. Lorenzo Shiman, a pioneer of San Lorenzo, was shot three times and fatally wounded tonight by his younger brother, William J. Shiman, in the Eagle saloon at that place. William after the shooting went to the old family ranch to bid his mother good-bye; then left, saying he would give himself up to the sheriff. The wounded brother was taken to the county infirmary near San Leandro, where it was announced he could not recover. He refused to make a dying statement to Sheriff Barnett.

Though lacking Shiman's testimony, Clarke said the shooting was a cold blooded crime growing out of a dispute over money matters.

William J. Shiman is the proprietor of the Eagle saloon and is said to have part of his inheritance invested in the business. He and his brother had frequent disputes over financial affairs and the tragedy of tonight was the outcome of ill feeling engendered in their differences.

Soon after the shooting, and while the wounded man was being taken to the infirmary to be operated on, Sheriff Barnett and Deputy District Attorney Clarke went to San Lorenzo. The only witness to the homicide was James O'Connor, a bar tender, whose version of the shooting appeared to bear out the theory of premeditated crime.

Mrs. William Shiman, O'Connor and another man rushed into the saloon when they heard the shots. Lorenzo was stretched upon the floor, still conscious, and his brother was leaning over him with the pistol clamped in his right hand. The stranger disarmed the two remaining cartridges into the floor.

FIND DEADLY GERMS IN BEEF SERVED BY COHN
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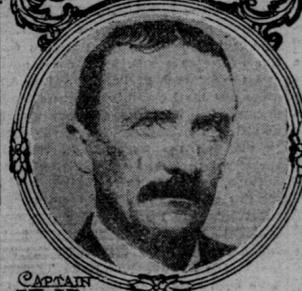
A discovery was made at Mare island yesterday which may throw additional light on the cause of the wholesale poisoning which followed the Promethean luncheon. George Wildason, a marine hospital steward, discovered yesterday at a bacteriological examination of specimens of the beef served at the luncheon that the meat contained germs common to decomposed beef.

Dr. Frank Anderson says that Wildason's work will prove helpful at the coroner's inquest that is to be held in this city by Coroner T. B. W. Leland tomorrow.

The following witnesses have been subpoenaed to appear before the coroner's jury at the inquest into the death of James Reynolds, a waiter who was employed by Leo Cohn, the caterer, and who succumbed to ptomaine poisoning: Medical Inspector Frank Anderson, U. S. N.; Dr. J. J. Hogan of Vallejo; Mayor J. J. Madigan of Vallejo; Chief Carpenter W. W. Toles, U. S. N.; Government Chemist S. A. Triebel; D. M. Fletcher, and I. Dannenbaum of Vallejo.

GETS ART TREASURES BY PAYING BIG DUTY
Mrs. Emily Crane Chadburne Adds \$82,411 to \$70,409 Already Paid

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Emily Crane Chadburne today obtained possession of her art treasures, seized last summer by the government, by paying into court \$82,411 in addition to the \$70,409 previously paid by her for duties and penalties on the property.



COUSIN OF PRESIDENT ELECT TAFT MISSING
Police Scour in Vain for Prominent Oakland Dentist and Walter J. Watson

BERKELEY, Dec. 21.—Dr. Frederick D. Taft, a third cousin of President elect William H. Taft, and a prominent dentist of this city and Oakland, is missing with Walter J. Watson, his cousin, an electrical engineer of Sebastopol, Sonoma county. Taft and Watson left Friday night for Bouldin island on a two days' hunting trip, intending to return last evening. Their absence today led to reports to the police.

The Stockton and Antioch authorities have searched the island and San Joaquin river vicinity, without finding a trace of the men. They left San Francisco Friday afternoon on a Stockton boat, landing at Antioch, where Watson and Taft obtained a small boat, and it is supposed, rowed over to Bouldin island, taking with them a black English setter hunting dog, their guns and outfit.

Both men were skilled hunters and knew the island and the surrounding country well. Taft's failure to return has caused great anxiety at his home, 2582 Regent street, where he lived with his mother and Miss Mabel H. Taft, his sister. Marshal Vollmer got into communication with Stockton and Antioch. From the latter place parties went out, but without result. Taft's relatives are prostrated, fearing that he and his cousin have lost their lives.

Dr. Taft had offices at 1219 Broadway, Oakland. He is 32 years old, unmarried, 5 feet tall, weighs 170 pounds, smooth shaven, with dark brown hair. He wore a canvas hunting jacket and khaki trousers. Watson is 22 years of age, 150 pounds in weight, light bushy hair and smooth shaven. He also wore a hunting suit.

Marshal Shine of Antioch telephoned to Marshal Vollmer at 11:30 o'clock tonight that he and his men had patrolled the river around the island without finding a trace of the missing men, their boat, dog or equipment.

PLANS LAW AGAINST STAGE DOOR "JOHNNY"
New York Legislator Would Impose Restrictions on the "Deah Boys"

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Suppression by state legislation of the stage door "Johnny," so familiar in this city, will be urged again in the New York legislature this year by a local assemblyman who is prepared to bring it up before the state law makers for passage. All male patrons of a theater, according to the bill, must register if they desire to communicate with an actress. In doing so they must give their full name and address and state whether married or single. False registration is to be made punishable by fine or imprisonment.



COMBINE OF SAILING SHIP OWNERS ENDS
Association Which Made Rates for Windjammers All Over World Is Dissolved

The International Association of Sailing Ship Owners, controlling three-fourths of the sailing vessels on the seas, and representing a combined capital of many millions of dollars, has been dissolved. Word to this effect was received yesterday by Page Brothers, ship brokers of 310 California street, in a cablegram from London. The export business of the port of San Francisco will be directly affected by the change. Heretofore the shipping companies in the association have maintained a minimum rate, but henceforth every concern will operate on an independent basis.

The effect has already manifested itself in a decline in charter rates. Rates on barley and flour cargoes have fallen from 23 shillings 9 pence to 20 shillings. This will be reflected further, it is predicted, in a more active movement of grain from coast points.

The International Ship Owners' association embraces in its membership the leading companies of Great Britain, France, Germany, Norway and Sweden and includes many companies of Italy and other countries. An agreement was entered into seven years ago in which minimum rates were established for the business from Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and San Francisco on the coast of the United States, from points on the west coast of South America and from Australian ports.

This agreement remained in full force until recently, when the financial panic began to cut into the business. Then the large number of tramp vessels and the ships which followed the fleet around the Horn interfered seriously with the regular shipping traffic and a unique system of rate cutting came into existence. Special allowances would be made on insurance and fictitious sales of wheat and other commodities made in a manner that amounted to rebating. This practice continued until the agreement remained an agreement in name only. A decision was thereupon reached to dissolve. Every company will now seek business independently and establish its own rates.

Freight to Warehouses
The freight could be distributed to advantage through the tube connecting with the wholesale section of the city. It would practically enable the Southern Pacific to deliver freight in warehouse for the big firms of that district.

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HARRIMAN TUBES MAY PIERCE CITY

Two Tunnels, Two Big Terminals and Traffic Changes in Prodigious Plan

Purchase of Fort Mason Water Blocks First Move in Big Undertaking

Passenger Station at Van Ness and Market Included in the Project

Hole Under Russian and Telegraph Hills to Land Freight in Wholesale Section

WITH the favorable action of the house of representatives upon the application of the Southern Pacific to tunnel under Fort Mason have come reports of a vast Harriman project to obtain adequate terminal facilities in San Francisco. It is known that one of the big problems now before the Harriman lines is that of a freight and passenger depot in this city. Several plans have been considered and rejected. It is now learned that Harriman's engineers have been figuring on an entirely new and ambitious scheme.

Big Property Bought
The new project, as explained by men high up in the Harriman councils, calls first of all for the acquisition of the Maurice Dore water blocks near Fort Mason. The Southern Pacific has sought this property openly and it forms the basis for the greatest engineering undertaking the city has known. It is stated that these lots will cost Harriman about \$800,000.

The purchase of the water blocks, which lie near the foot of Van Ness avenue, will be followed, according to these same reports, by the erection of a system of docks and slips intended to accommodate a vast traffic.

Two Tunnels Under City
The rest of the plan includes two tunnels under the city, one running the length of Van Ness avenue to Market street, where it is understood a terminal depot will be constructed in conjunction with the Ocean Shore railroad, and the other tube extending diagonally under Russian and Telegraph hills, emerging at Sansome street in the heart of the wholesale district, where a big freight terminal is contemplated.

The docks at the foot of Van Ness avenue, according to the scheme now under consideration, will be used in conjunction with another water base at Sausalito, to which trains will be deflected over the new Napa route.

Trains to Sausalito
It is stated that it is the intention to run passenger trains from the upper Sacramento and possibly the overland traffic to the Sausalito shore and from there operate a line of ferry boats to the proposed depot at the foot of Van Ness avenue.

With an entrance into the city at the foot of Van Ness avenue the Southern Pacific would be in a position to duplicate the work that has been done by other large lines in eastern cities. The double tunnel, as proposed in the tentative scheme, calls for the separation of the freight and passenger business. It is admitted that the Ocean Shore at Market and Eleventh streets holds the most desirable position for a passenger depot. The plans drawn for Harriman call for a tube under Van Ness avenue for its entire length. This would bring the Southern Pacific passenger trains to the junction of Van Ness avenue and Market street and give Harriman the Market street depot for which he has long struggled.

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