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Weaving has come into vogue as a fashionable accomplishment for young girls. It is not difficult when a loom is at hand. Read about it on the "Page for Misses" in The Sunday Call.

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S. P. BRIDGE TORN AWAY BY FLOOD

Loss of Span Over the American River at Elvas Stops Traffic Over Mountains

Rivers Tributary to Sacramento Are on Rampage and Cause Much Damage

Break in Levee Near Wheatland Inundates Vast Area of Lowlands

Approach to Northern Electric Bridge at Oroville and Track at Marysville Destroyed

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, Jan. 14.—A 160 foot span of the Southern Pacific railroad bridge over the American river at Elvas station, three miles northeast of this city, was washed out late tonight. Traffic over the mountains will be tied up for an indefinite period.

The bridge was used for all northern travel by way of Roseville and without its use the service between this city and northern points will be cut off. The bridge is not a total loss, but the railroad officials have adjudged it too unsafe for service at the present time.

Two of the six spans of the Northwestern Pacific railway company's bridge at Nineteenth street were washed away late tonight and one man was drowned.

As a result of heavy rains today throughout the entire Sacramento valley and the foothills, accompanied by warm weather, which is melting the snow in the mountains, rivers tributary to the Sacramento are tonight on the rampage and much damage is being done at points above this city.

Warned to Watch Levees
As yet the Sacramento river has not reached the flood stage of two years ago, but warning notices have been sent out by the local weather bureau to all points below here to keep a close watch on the levees.

The American river, which empties into the Sacramento just above Sacramento, is tonight causing most worry. At Folsom the river has gone up 12 feet in 24 hours and low lands on both sides of the river above this city are flooded.

At Brighton several houses are under water and at Perkins some damage has been done.

At Orangeville Bluffs a gold dredger worth \$150,000, the property of the Armstrong-Gerber interests, was wrecked by high water and will be an almost total loss.

Near Stage of Floods
The Feather and Yuba rivers farther up the valley are dangerously near the flood stage. In many places lowlands are already covered.

A break in the levee along the Bear river near Wheatland has flooded a vast area. Men left Wheatland in small boats this afternoon in an attempt to rescue a family that was marooned on a raft in the middle of the overflow.

The approach to the Northern electric bridge over the Feather river at Oroville went out this afternoon. Another section of the Northern electric track has been washed out south of Marysville and traffic is blocked.

Sacramento is safe and it appears that there is no immediate danger of levees giving away either above or below the city.

Railroad Traffic Stopped
The heaviest damage is to railroads. No steam trains are leaving Sacramento for the east or for the north. The break in the bridge at Elvas stops traffic over the mountains and also prevents sending trains north by way of Roseville. The track between Lincoln and Wheatland is under water from the Bear river. The approach to the Yuba river bridge at Marysville is impassable, water covering it nearly two feet.

Two breaks are reported in the Cosumnes river district 18 miles east from here, and a vast tract of land is under water.

Word has just been received that the north end of the new Western Pacific bridge north of this city has gone out.

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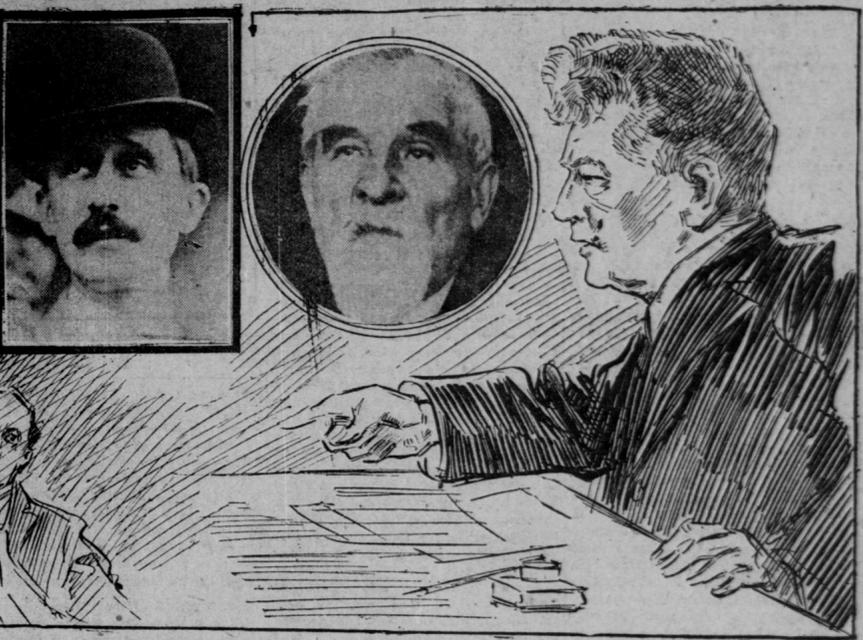
EXPLOSION IN COLLIERY ENTOMBS 240 WORKERS
Forty-five bodies recovered from mine in Austria.

VESEPERIM, Austria, Jan. 14.—Two hundred and forty men were entombed in an explosion of fire-damp in the Auca coal mine here today, which was followed later by a dust explosion and fire.

Sixteen living miners and the bodies of 45 dead persons thus far have been brought from the pit.

Two Jurors Temporarily Passed in Calhoun Trial, Which Is Enlivened by Bitter Clashes Between Opposing Attorneys

THREE days of continued effort toward the impanelment of a jury to try Patrick Calhoun on the charge of offering a bribe to former Supervisor Fred P. Nicholas have been almost barren of results. One hundred and fifty talesmen were summoned into court Tuesday morning, but 102 of this number presented excuses which disqualified them from service. Of the remaining 48 there have been examined 27. These examinations have occupied all of two days and a part of a third, and but two men have been passed temporarily. These two are Joseph Dixon and Peter Anthus Sr., both of whom were accepted yesterday, but who still may be removed through the exercise of peremptory challenges. Six men remain in the jury box, sworn for examination, while 15 other names still remain to be drawn.



Sketch shows Judge Lawlor, on right, administering rebuke to Stanley Moore (lower left); Joseph Dixon and Peter Anthus Sr. (upper left), the two jurors passed.

GRAND JURY WILL HIRE PROSECUTOR

Will Probe Alleged Irregularities in Conduct of Various County Officials

REDWOOD CITY, Jan. 14.—When the San Mateo grand jury, which has been in session for several months, meets tomorrow morning steps will be taken to have a special county prosecutor appointed to assist the grand jury in probing alleged irregularities in the conduct of various county officials. Before adjournment is taken Superior Judge Buck will be asked to appoint a special prosecutor.

Members of the grand jury declared tonight that the conduct of District Attorney Joseph J. Bullock, during the present grand jury's term, has been effectual only in handicapping the work of the inquisitors. It developed, according to a grand juror, that certain interrelations and changes made in the building specifications for the new county courthouse in this city were made by Bullock, which, it is claimed, were without proper authority and contrary to the law. County Clerk J. H. Nash, who appeared before the grand jury, asserted that he did not make the changes. Bullock, upon the witness stand, admitted making the changes, which, although irregular, were not explained by the county's prosecutor.

A secret investigation into the alleged irregularities in connection with the courthouse contracts, has been under way for some time, under the direction of P. H. McEvoy, newly elected chairman of the board of supervisors. Disclosures of a sensational nature were made during this investigation and at the next meeting of the board of supervisors the investigation in open chambers will begin.

Among the contractors who have been summoned to appear before the supervisors are J. J. O'Brien & Co., Rainey & Phillips, Glen Allen, an architect, and County Auditor W. H. Underhill.

LOST AUTOIST RESCUED FROM THE DESERT

D. V. Williams of Randsburg Without Food Seven Days

RANDBURG, Cal., Jan. 14.—The last one of the lost automobile party, D. V. Williams of Randsburg, has been found and brought in. He is in good condition, considering his terrible experiences. He was found near Leaches Point by Searchers McComber and Flanigan, who went out from Ballarat Tuesday morning. Williams says he was without food for seven days, and without water for three. Williams suffered agonies from cold, wet and hunger.

EMPEROR OF KOREA RETURNS FROM TRIP

Departure Gave Rise to Rumors of Japanese Kidnaping

SEOUL, Korea, Jan. 14.—The emperor of Korea has returned from his visit to Fusan, which he made with Prince Ito, the Japanese resident general. Fusan is about 200 miles from Seoul, and the departure of the emperor from the capital in company with Prince Ito and a strong escort gave rise to rumors throughout the country that the Japanese would kidnap him to Japan. It became necessary for the Japanese constabulary to disperse crowds of Koreans who attempted to intercept the party at various places along the route.

JUDGE REBUKES CALHOUN LAWYER

Stanley Moore Is Threatened With Contempt for Objectionable Tactics Employed

LIKE runners who have fenced for position through the first laps of a race and who, having put the mettle of their opponents to the test, lead out suddenly with all their strength, the attorneys in the Calhoun case yesterday found their stride. It was the day of the real beginning of the battle, for where the trial had drifted tediously for two days it went yesterday with the smash and bang of bitter contest.

There was no veneer of assumed politeness or good will to cover in the open the underlying intensity of feeling, but an all day skirmish which no effort was made to hide. There was clash after clash which held the courtroom crowd breathless; there was determined effort pitted against equally determined effort; there was eager contest over every point to be won or lost; there was a tension that reached even beyond the attorneys' tables to the spectators who thronged the room. A few times the thermometer dropped from the fighting fever point and peace reigned in the place of strenuous action, but these lull moments came seldom and lasted over but brief spaces.

Heny and Moore Aggressors
Francis J. Heny and Stanley Moore were the aggressors, respectively, for the prosecution and defense. They carried the brunt of the day's fighting, and though Assistant District Attorney O'Gara and A. A. Moore of Calhoun's counsel jumped into the fray at times, it was Heny and the younger Moore who struggled and fought for every point that developed during the two sessions of the court.

As the fighting stirred the courtroom crowd into alert wakefulness, so it resulted in the first real progress of the trial. Nearly a score of talesmen passed—some scathed and others not—under the grilling fire of examination, and when adjournment was ordered at 5 o'clock it was with two men accepted, subject only to peremptory challenge, to serve as jurors. It proved no light undertaking for a talesman yesterday to subject himself to the questioning of the contending attorneys, and it was only after severe ordeals that Joseph Dixon and Peter Anthus Sr. were passed for cause and became the first two temporarily accepted jurors for the noted trial.

Calhoun Is Least Conspicuous
Calhoun was the least conspicuous figure yesterday among all the principals who have an active part in the trial. As merely the defendant, he was driven from the center of the stage by the stress of action in which the lawyers played their parts, and the interest that could attach to him only through personality was dwarfed in comparison to that which turned on the constantly unfolding panorama of various incidents.

It may be that Francis J. Heny waxes to his full strength, as did Samson, only with luxuriant hirsute growth. Yesterday he missed his morning shave and his jaw looked a little squarer, the set of his mouth a little firmer, for the adornment of stubble beard. Be that as it may, he was in his best of fighting trim. He was alert to every question propounded by counsel for the defense and to every answer given by a witness; he followed every turn and twist of the proceedings with quick grasp of each situation that developed, and he flung challenge after challenge at his opponents when the occasion demanded.

Court Session Lively Throughout
From the very beginning of the morning session, when a potential sensation threatened to burst into being and then died out as suddenly as it had flared forth, there were few dull minutes. Even the search to bring to light the ideas which various talesmen had stowed away in burglar proof chambers of their minds, and which in several cases they guarded with persistent jealousy, lost its usual tedium and became a lively occupation. The courtroom crowd felt the interest, too. It was a smaller crowd than on previous days, but it changed little in its makeup, for those who came stayed.

Joseph Dixon, who gained the distinction of being the first talesman to pass examination without challenge, touched off the early morning pyrotechnics immediately after the jury roll was called. He approached Judge Lawlor, talked to him for a minute in an undertone, and then stood away at a respectful distance while the bomb was exploded. Judge Lawlor announced that the juror had just made known to him what he considered an attempt to approach him concerning the trial and stated that an immediate investigation was in order. The first thrill had not died out before Calhoun and the elder Moore had their heads together in earnest conversation, while O'Gara and Heny also turned to consult. It was O'Gara who asked for a statement by the juror, and then the story came out.

While Dixon was in court Wednesday morning a man called at his home at 2000 Steiner street and made inquiries of his wife which the talesman deemed of sufficient import to warrant a report to Judge Lawlor. The visitor's ostensible purpose was to inquire about the sale of a lot, but he followed this up with inquiries relative to Dixon's ideas on the graft situation, and Dixon confided to the court that he thought the unknown's real business did not concern real estate. Repeating his wife's description, Dixon said that the caller was a slender, short man, with dark, curly hair. A. A. Moore was quick with an attempt to identify the man in question as one of Special Agent Burns' assistants, asking Dixon if he thought it could have been the man who sat with Heny and O'Gara at the counsel table for a time Tuesday. R. C. Schindler, the man referred to, was absolved by Dixon, who was positive that the description did not fit.

That was all there was to the sensation. Judge Lawlor thanked Dixon for bringing the matter to the attention of the court, and instructed all other talesmen to take similar action in the event that they or any members of their family were approached by any person. Dixon returned to his place in the jury box, answered a number of questions propounded by Heny to the latter's satisfaction, and was passed. The examination was not resumed by

RELINQUISHES CLAIM TO BUDD'S ESTATE

Mrs. Dumouriez Sends Deed From Self and Daughter to Ex-Governor's Widow

The threatened contest over the estate of James H. Budd, ex-governor of California, has been averted and the mystery of his friendship for Mrs. Daisy Zilla Dumouriez may never be explained. As strangely as she entered into the life of the late governor has Mrs. Dumouriez relinquished her claim to any share in his property.

For some time before the death of Governor Budd it was known among his friends that a strong attachment existed between him and the beautiful Mrs. Dumouriez. In fact, it is even known to the members of Budd's family and to his wife, Mrs. Inez A. Budd. But the public was in ignorance of this secret in the life of the former executive and learned of it only after he had passed away.

The knowledge reached the public through the conflicting claims of Mrs. Budd and Mrs. Dumouriez to portions of his estate, July 31, 1908, the day after Budd's death in Stockton, there was recorded in this city a deed transferring city property from Mrs. Daisy Zilla Dumouriez to her daughter, Lina A. Dumouriez. Four days later Mrs. Inez A. Budd, the governor's widow, recorded a deed of prior date transferring the same property from Mrs. Dumouriez to James H. Budd.

The property in dispute consisted of two lots in San Francisco, one on the south side of Oak street near Fillmore, and the other on the north side of Filbert street west of Hyde.

All difficulties were adjusted yesterday with a suddenness that has marked the course of all the proceedings in this case. A quitclaim deed was duly recorded by which Mrs. Dumouriez and her daughter transferred to the estate their full interest in the property in dispute. The consideration was named as \$10.

The surrender by Mrs. Dumouriez of her claim was made by mail from Mojave. She sent the quit claim deeds to Mrs. Budd's attorneys, and with them she inclosed a note saying that, inasmuch as Budd had treated his brother John with so much consideration in his will, Mrs. Dumouriez relinquished her claim to the property in controversy.

SURPRISE BURGLAR AT WORK IN BANK

Patrolman Balzer Causes Capture of Man Fumbling With Safe

Through the vigilance of W. Balzer, a Morse patrolman, A. Lawrence, a burglar who had broken into the Swiss-American bank at 622 Montgomery street last night, was frightened from his work of fumbling with the safe, and after a chase in the dark, arrested by Policeman Springett.

Balzer saw the man crouching near the large safe in the rear of the bank about 8 o'clock. He unlocked the door and entered the counting room when the man heard him and sprang to his feet, drawing a revolver, which he had stolen from a drawer in the desk.

The thief covered Balzer with the weapon until he had backed to the side door and escaped in the darkness. The patrolman was unarmed, but gave chase down Merchant street, blowing his whistle. At the corner of Merchant and Sansome the burglar fell, but immediately sprang to his feet and again pointed the pistol at Balzer and started north in Sansome.

Balzer again pursued the thief, who turned up Washington street, and at the corner of Montgomery Policeman Springett succeeded in arresting the fugitive.

Beyond the revolver which the man took from the drawer of a desk nothing had been disturbed. At the city prison he claimed to be an electrician.

CIRCUIT JUDGE KEPOIKAI ASKED FOR RESIGNATION

Charged With Having Borrowed \$1,000 From Ward of Court

HONOLULU, Jan. 14.—United States Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte has asked Circuit Judge A. N. Kepoikai of Maui for his resignation. This action follows the investigation of the charges filed against the jurist by Governor Frear of Hawaii to the effect that Kepoikai had borrowed \$1,000 from the funds belonging to a ward of the court, giving in exchange his own note unsecured, which, at the time the charges were made, was overdue and unpaid.

The ward in question was a Japanese minor, whose father had died, leaving an estate of \$2,500. Judge Kepoikai appointed a guardian, who converted the entire estate into cash, when it is alleged, the judge borrowed the \$1,000. Since the charges were preferred he has repaid that amount with interest at the legal rate.