

PIERRE LAFON STILL EVADES THE WARRANT

Police Unable to Find the Man Accused of Trying to Poison Two Women

Mrs. Coffman Explains Delay in Securing Warrant, and Dr. Armstrong is Silent

Pierre Lafon, the French nobleman for whose arrest a warrant was sworn to Saturday morning by Dr. Sarah B. Armstrong and Mrs. Gertrude Coffman on a charge that he had attempted to poison them last December, is a fugitive from justice.

After an unsuccessful attempt had been made Saturday to find Lafon and place him under arrest the warrant remained in the central station, while the accused man appeared at his home, 983 Golden Gate avenue, stayed there three hours, settling up his affairs, and then disappeared for parts unknown.

LAFON WRITES OF HIS LOVE Several love letters sent by Lafon to Mrs. Coffman, which she declares went through the mail, or were tucked under her door by the infatuated man, were found yesterday. One typical one runs: "My Gertrude darling, I am dying of love for you and I thought that everything was settled and you could afford me a little affection. Why do you reject me as though I am a serpent when you have no reason to do so? I love you more and more and I am suffering martyrdom. Accept my love on paper if you reject them in reality."

Lafon sent a warm note to Dr. Armstrong, telling her to leave his house and never return. The note was couched in no unceremonious terms, but was not followed by Miss Armstrong until her friend, Mrs. Coffman, had received the \$200 they asked for the half interest in the lodging house.

REASON OF THE DELAY It was given out yesterday that the reason for the lapse of more than two months between the date of the alleged attempted murder and the issuance of the warrant for Lafon's arrest on the charge was the fact that a friend of Mrs. Coffman held a mortgage on the lodging house at 983 Golden Gate avenue, belonging to Lafon, and that the days were allowed to pass in the hope that the mortgage might be paid before the arrest was made.

Mrs. Coffman said yesterday that, though she continued to live at the Golden Gate avenue lodging house for 26 days after the alleged poisoning was attempted December 4 by Lafon placing iodine of arsenic in the teapot, yet she did so in the greatest fear, in hourly terror lest Lafon repeat his deed, and succeed in trying through success. When she received the promised payment of \$200 December 26 she left the place within an hour.

MISS ARMSTRONG RETICENT Dr. Sarah B. Armstrong, who swears that she saw Lafon place the drug in the teapot while the two women were present, remained secluded in her room yesterday. Miss Armstrong has maintained a strange reticence regarding the affair and her continued silence, as to the reasons for the issuance of the warrant, which was procured at her request, was regarded as a peculiar phase of the case.

BURGLARY SUSPECTS ARE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS Policeman Identifies One Prisoner as Reformatory Fugitive

In the arrest of J. W. Burns, William Manning and Harry Williams, who were captured early Sunday morning after a running fight, on a suspicion of having planned to rob the jewelry store of Hammersmith & Co., Grant avenue and Stockton street, the police believe that they have gathered in three desperate men.

Personal Mention A. C. Hansen of Salinas is at the Fairmont. Dr. H. L. Deimel of Brussels is staying at the St. Francis.

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A Four Day Outing Avail yourself of the low railroad rates in effect via Southern Pacific over Washington's birthday. Enjoy an outing at Paso Robles Hot Springs, Byron Hot Springs, Del Monte Santa Cruz, etc. Tickets sold February 20, 21 and 22; return by 23d. Ticket offices: 284 Market street, 14 Powell street, Market street, ferry depot, Third and Townsend streets, and Thirteenth and Franklin streets, Oakland.

"Merry Widow" Waltz Will Be Pretty Feature of Kirmess



Dress Rehearsal of Dancers Will Be Tonight

Blended with the national dance of its native land, the "Merry Widow" waltz will be a feature of the kirmess. Miss Kathleen Yvonne de Young and her brother, Charles de Young, are the "merry widow" and her prince lover, and the waltz appears as a specialty in connection with the Slavonian peasant dance. Miss Ella Stewart has arranged the waltz as an exact duplicate of its New York presentation.



Some of those who will participate in the kirmess to be given in aid of the children's hospital and San Francisco maternity home

MURDERS WOMAN AND SHOOTS SELF

Children See Mother Slain by Their Uncle, Who Puts Bullets in Own Head

In the presence of her two children, John, aged 7, and Anna, aged 17, Mrs. Amelia Lande, a widow living in a refugee cottage at 444 Larkin place, was shot and killed last night by Louis Lande, her brother in law, who had become madly infatuated with her. Turning the revolver upon himself, Lande fired two bullets into his brain and at midnight lay dying on a cot at the central emergency hospital.

MAN DRAWS REVOLVER Accompanied by her children Mrs. Lande went to a theater last night and at 10:15 returned to her home. When they entered the house Lande, who was seated by a stove, stirred suddenly from a sleeping posture and from his coat pocket drew a revolver, saying, as he produced the weapon, "Well, I might as well end all of you right here."

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LABORER SLASHES HIMSELF Oakland, Feb. 14.—Tom Bell, a laborer living at 1812 Fifth street, cut his foot with a hunting knife at Seventh and Pine streets this afternoon and also spread a report that he had been stabbed in a fray.

TWO MEN MEET DEATH IN BAY

Henry Fritz, Seaman on the Buffalo, Falls From Launch and Drowns

Two men were drowned near the ferry building last night, one a sailor aboard the United States ship Buffalo and the other of unknown identity. The body of the sailor was recovered by the crew of the Buffalo's launch and the work was directed by Engineer Larkin of the police patrol launch.

RESERVE SEASON TICKETS The following have reserved season seats: Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Miss Dapforth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Slack; Mr. and Mrs. Baker; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Wheeler; Mrs. Eugene Lent; Mrs. George Grant; Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Stieplmann; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. King; Mr. and Mrs. Van Slick; Judge and Mrs. J. A. Dr. and Mrs. J. Stowe Ballard.

PIONEER WOMEN TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Association of Pioneer Women of California will give a social entertainment at the conclusion of their regular meeting, February 19, at Pioneer hall. The program for the occasion has been arranged as follows: Musical selection, Imperial trio; song, Miss C. Scroovich; poem, James V. Fowler; piano solo, Miss Ruth Thompson; Spanish song and dance, Miss Emma Miller; address, "Travels in the Holy Land," Mrs. North Whitcomb; cello solo, Miss Estelle Randolph; recitation, Miss C. Scroovich; piano solo, Miss Annie Serenky.

Suburban Brevities

CAPITALIST ARRESTED FOR AUTO SPEEDING Oakland, Feb. 14.—L. McDermet, a young capitalist of this city, was arrested at East Fourteenth street and Twentieth street at 5 o'clock today on a charge of violating the automobile speed limit. He gave \$25 bail, as did C. M. Smith, an auto agent, whom Patrolman Flynn and Keefe also caught.

SUSPECT PIA MAY ESTABLISH ALIBI

Man Accused by San Rafael Girl Says He Was in Hotel at Time of Assault

Several Witnesses Ready to Testify and Italian Consul Asked for Assistance

SAN RAFAEL, Feb. 14.—Joe Pia, the gardener, who was identified by Miss Elizabeth Grapes as the man who brutally assaulted her on the night of February 6, is attempting to establish an alibi, and his statements are corroborated by several of his acquaintances. Pia says that he was in the Cosmopolitan hotel in San Rafael on the night of the assault until long after 9 o'clock, talking to friends, who are now in San Francisco.

WITNESSES FOR ALIBI California says that Pia was in the Cosmopolitan hotel on the night of the assault from 7:15 until nearly 10 o'clock. Antonio Magnoni, another resident of the Italian quarter, said today that he talked with Pia on the night of February 6 at different intervals from 7:15 to 10 o'clock.

NEGRO SUSPECT REARRESTED Considerable excitement was caused early today when Sheriff Taylor rearrested John Mills, the negro who was first suspected of the crime and who was released after the incarceration of Pia. Mills told the sheriff today that he was with Pia at the Cosmopolitan hotel on the night of the assault, but this conflicts with his previous statement, in which he said he was at the Lyric theater with a negro woman.

QUESTION OF IDENTITY They give as reasons for their belief that Pia wears the same style of necktie as the one found at the scene of the assault; that he carried the same kind of handkerchiefs; that his lips are badly scratched; and that his shoe fits the impression of the footprints on the soil in the vacant lot where the assault was committed.

MONTANA RACETRACK BILL TO BECOME LAW Helena, Mont., Feb. 14.—With the signing of the racetrack bill by Governor Norris the state will be without any form of licensed gambling except during fair weeks, which are to be held throughout the state. The bill has passed both houses of the legislature and will be transmitted to the governor early this week. The new law is satisfactory to the anti-racing element of the state.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 14.—With the wind blowing a gale and driving sleet in their faces, firemen early today carried 15 women down ladders to safety when a blaze routed out the tenants in a four story apartment house.

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PROTEST AGAINST BLASTING Property owners and residents in the vicinity of Castro, Twentieth, Diamond and Alvarado streets, who have entered a protest against the granting of a blasting permit to C. H. Marney, will appear before the board of supervisors at a meeting this afternoon to make further protest against the granting of a permit.

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