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MESSENGER BOY BECOMES HEIR TO A FORTUNE

Telegram Given to Willie Robinson Proves Notice of His Own Inheritance

Father Dies in Los Angeles and Left \$90,000 Estate for His Three Sons

Youth Refuses to Commence Course of Expensive Living, but Wants Rest

GIVEN a message to deliver last night, Willie Robinson, a messenger boy in the employ of the Western Union telegraph company, saw that it was addressed to himself and, on tearing it open, learned that he had fallen heir to \$90,000.

The telegram came from Los Angeles stating that by the will of his father, who died there Saturday, he was named as one of the three heirs to an estate of \$90,000, the other two being his brothers. The message was addressed to the boy in care of the telegraph office here, and the operator receiving it chuckled as he placed it in an envelope.

"Willie," he called, and Willie rose from the benches of the boys' waiting room and reached out for the envelope.

Willie read and gasped. "Deliver this," said the operator. Willie's eyes glanced over the address and on his face there appeared a look of astonishment.

"It—it's for me," said Willie. "Sure thing," said the operator. Willie read and gasped. Then he broke into a chuckle of wisdom. "It's a josh," said he; but he knew the operator was not one given to "joshes."

Then somebody slapped him on the back and somebody else shook his hand and wished him luck, and Willie walked back to his unformed companions in the waiting room and, in one breath, gave out the good news.

"Watcher going to do, Willie?" asked one boy. Willie drew himself up to his full height.

"Tis Mister Robinson Now

"Mister Robinson," said he, "Mister Robinson is going to take a two day lay off. He has to attend to his business interests." And, so saying, he drifted out of the office to the sidewalk and, under the moonlight, danced a jig of great glee. To his friend, the policeman on the beat, who eyed him with stern and scandalized eyes, he shouted the happy news and then walked up the street, whistling a shrill melody to the stars.

"But what are you really going to do?" he was asked when he had sobered down.

Two Day Lay Off Wanted

"That two day layoff goes," responded Willie. "I want that much time to turn around in and think and then—then—why, you see, there's a girl, maybe two, or say three, but all of them nice." He paused and screwed up his face in contemplation. Then he went on with a rush.

"Don't you see, a messenger boy is always seeing—other fellows have a good time—and that's all. Now, I like to take out a girl and buy a couple of theater tickets and hand out the carfare without getting worried. That's what I like and that's what I am going to have."

"Some of them behind there," he jerked a thumb in the direction of the boys' waiting room, "some of them spoke casual of a special train and a banquet in the Fairmont—a feed for messenger boys. Pretty fine? No?"

Going to Move Along Simply

He dropped his eyelid against his cheek and looked the unutterable worldly wisdom of his kind. "Thirty thousand solid dollars is a heap of money," he added, "but I know it won't travel in the same class with Death Valley Scotty."

"No, sir; doing messenger boy service at night teaches a fellow some things and while I'd like to have the big feeds and the special trains and all that, I'm going to move along simply."

"But those girls—of course I can keep up my end now, and I am going to. My job? I am holding that until I feel a bank book lying in my pocket."

The boy's father was a loan agent in Los Angeles, and while young Robinson knew he was well off he had no knowledge of the value of his estate.

MODJESKA STILL LIVES, BUT DEATH NEAR AT HAND

Unconscious for Hours and Life Sustained by Artificial Aid

SANTA ANA, April 4.—Except that she is becoming gradually weaker there is no change in the condition of Mme. Helena Modjeska.

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WASHINGTON, April 4.—Indications are that diplomatic relations between this country and Nicaragua are nearing a crisis, resulting from the failure of President Yelaya to adjust the Emery claim.

The reticence at the state department in regard to the case indicates that the situation is grave and that there is little probability of any settlement on the basis proposed by Secretary Knox.

A significant fact is that J. M. Gregory, the American charge d'affaires, who recently reached here from Nicaragua, is not expected to return to the Central American republic.

EDNA CLARK, IN BOSTON, TAKES UP ART STUDIES

Chooses Home Town of Payson Young's Wife in Which to "Forget Past"

Expects to Open Studio in San Francisco After Leaving School

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
BOSTON, April 4.—Miss Edna Clark, the pretty Berkeley art student whose friendship with "Rev." Payson Young, formerly a Boston fish clerk, brought forth a storm of scandal some months ago, is now living in Boston, and is pursuing her art work here.

"I have come to Boston to forget the past," she said today. "The past is dead; I shall not revive it. I have no other purpose here than to study art. I am enthusiastic over it, you know. I won't say how long I am going to remain in Boston and it is not at all likely that I would come way across the continent to stay but a short time. I like Boston, and my studies should be pleasant."

Miss Clark arrived here last week, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Anita Y. Mack. They took lodgings in Columbus avenue, and the next day the young woman enrolled in the school of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. At the lodging house she is known as "Miss Mack."

When seen by the reporter she defiantly admitted her identity. "I am Edna Clark," she declared. "Yes, I will later return to Alameda, where my relatives live," she replied to questions. "After I complete my studies I shall probably open a studio in San Francisco."

She would make to answer to queries as to why she should choose Boston as a retreat in the face of the fact that it is the home of Payson Young's wife and three children.

Dressed in the height of fashion and dainty in appearance, Miss Clark is a striking figure as she walks to and from her studies at the art school.

PARENTS AND BROTHERS PROSECUTING WITNESSES

Young Woman to Face Jury on Charge of Killing Husband

LYONS, N. Y., April 4.—An unusual case of a young woman facing a jury on a charge of murder with her parents and brothers called as principal witnesses for the prosecution will be developed before Justice Rich in the supreme court tomorrow, when Mrs. Georgia Allyn Sampson will go on trial charged with the shooting and killing of her husband, Harry Sampson, nephew of the late Admiral Sampson.

VANADIUM TESTED AS CURE FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Experiments of French Scientist to Be Continued

PITTSBURG, April 4.—Following successful experiments which have been made in France by Professor Helois, Pittsburg will now become the scene of continued experiments in the use of vanadium for the cure of tuberculosis and cancer. Vanadium is used at present in the manufacture of certain kinds of steel, giving it resiliency.

PRINCETON STUDENTS THREATEN TO RESIGN

More Modern Curriculum Demanded as Alternative

NEW YORK, April 4.—The differences which have existed between Dr. Francis L. Patton, president of the Princeton theological seminary, and the undergraduates culminated today. Resolutions were adopted by the student in which the ultimatum is set forth that either Doctor Patton is to be made to provide a more modern curriculum or else the entire student body will resign.

DISOBLIGING BURGLAR DISAPPOINTED MAIER

Surrendered to House Officer, but Would Not Wait for Officer

"I surrender," said a burglar to John A. Maier last night in the latter's home, 1533 Clay street.

"Well, don't surrender to me," replied Maier. "Wait here until I get a policeman."

So Maier hastened forth into the night to find an officer of the law, and after a search met Policeman J. P. Maloney. Back to the house hastened Maier and Maloney. In the meantime the intruder had departed.

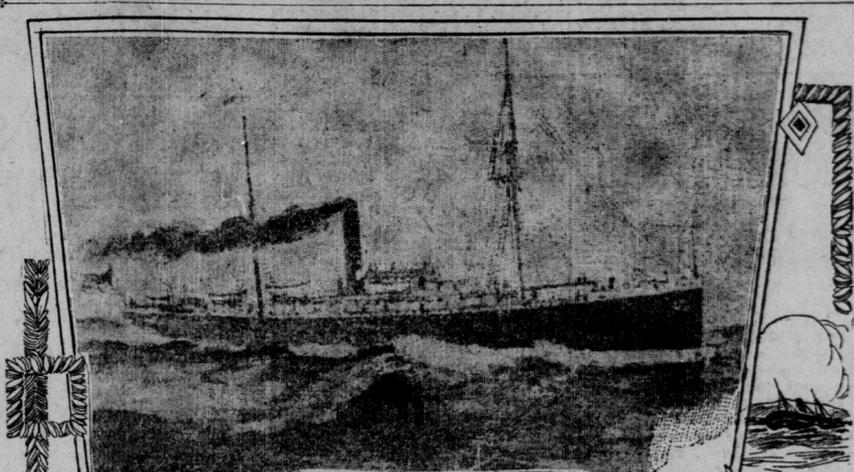
AMERICAN TEACHER TELLS PERSIANS HOW TO FIGHT

Assists Other Foreigners in Tabriz in Instructing Soldiers

ST. PETERSBURG, April 4.—Dispatches received here say that several of the foreigners at Tabriz are helping to instruct the troops how to defend the city. Among them is a teacher of the American school at Tabriz and a correspondent of one of the London papers.

Liner Indiana Crashes on Rocks Off Magdalena Bay

The Pacific Mail steamship Indiana that went on the rocks on the southern coast of Santa Margarita island Saturday evening, her captain, J. F. Robinson, and a map showing the location of the disaster. The arrow points to the scene of the wreck.



RACE WITH DEATH IS WON AND LOST

Young Wife Enables Husband to Die at Home by Flying Cross Continent Trip

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
PITTSBURG, April 4.—An exciting race with death, from Los Angeles, Cal., to Pittsburg, has been won by the young wife, yet lost by the husband.

Harry C. Van Norman, aged 29 years, Pacific coast manager of the Yawman & Erbe company of Rochester, N. Y., with headquarters at Los Angeles, was carried home by his young wife yesterday, and 12 hours later he died.

Van Norman, five years ago, married one of the most beautiful girls in Pittsburg, Miss Jenks, daughter of Frank Jenks, editor of the Gazette-Times. He was sent into the southwest by his firm, and worked his way up from New Mexico and Arizona posts to the best post in the gift of the eastern firm. Some months ago he began to fail, and one week ago tonight the couple left Los Angeles for their Pittsburg home, it having been told the young husband that he could not live. He wanted to die at home.

A few miles out of Pittsburg Van Norman became unconscious, but revived somewhat on reaching Pittsburg. He declared that when once at home he would soon get well. He was taken to the home of his father in law yesterday morning. Pneumonia had set in on his way from the coast, and the physicians declared that he could not survive this attack, added to tuberculosis.

The man, already dying, appeared to have overheard the remark and calling for his wife, who had tenderly cared for him during the journey of 3,000 miles, he was dead a moment later in her arms.

YOUNG WOMAN DESTROYED WHEN HOME IS BURNED

Historic House Where George Washington Once Was Guest

WINCHESTER, Va., April 4.—Miss Virginia Carter, young daughter of Jesse B. Carter, was burned to death today in a fire which destroyed her home, Yellow House, at Rest, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter were badly burned in an effort to save their daughter. Yellow House was more than 200 years old, and was the scene of many notable events during the revolutionary and civil war times.

General George Washington stayed there while on his way to Braddock's relief at Fort du Queens, and during the conflict between the states it was the home of Miss Rachel Wright, whose information to General Sheridan was of such value to the federal army during his campaign that congress voted her a gold medal.

KING ALFONSO WILL WASH FEET OF MAIER

Marches With Grandees of Spain in Palm Sunday Parade

MADRID, April 4.—The royal family has returned to the capital for holy week, which will be celebrated with the traditional religious solemnity by the Spanish court.

Today the king, accompanied by the grandees of Spain and the entire court, carrying palm branches, marched in the Palm Sunday celebration through the galleries of the palace to the royal chapel.

Thursday King Alfonso, assisted by the grandees, will wash the feet of 12 poor men in imitation of Christ, and will subsequently set before them with his own hands a mammoth feast.



GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH SENDS MESSAGE TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

NEW YORK, April 4.—General William Booth, whose eightieth birthday is to be celebrated throughout the world next Saturday, has replied to the score of congratulatory cablegrams with a message to the American people. It follows:

"After passing 30 years in this world, with almost countless opportunities for observing the purposes for which men generally live, and the disappointment they so commonly suffer, it seems reasonable that I should have formed some opinion as to the course they

ought to follow if they are to have any real success.

"So on this, my eightieth birthday, I tell the American people this: If they will seek the honor of God, the reign of righteousness, the welfare of the friendless poor, the riches that endure forever with the same self-sacrificing activity with which they seek the wealth and pleasures of this world, they will have a good chance of finding that life of satisfaction which now so often eludes them, and of building up a pattern nation for the world to imitate.

"WILLIAM BOOTH, General."

SHUBERT PROMISES GOOD SHOWS HERE

Theater Will Be Leased or Built in San Francisco Despite Opposition

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
LOS ANGELES, April 4.—The Shuberts will lease or build a theater in San Francisco. This statement was made by J. J. Shubert at the Alexandria hotel tonight. It is known that the Cort interests have been making every effort to block the Shuberts' invasion of the west and the Novelty theater is said to be the only house which the latter may secure.

Shubert declined to discuss his San Francisco plans further than to make the definite statement that the house will be opened. He also refused to discuss the attack of Klaw & Erlanger on Faversham, but gave his unqualified indorsement to the article in Collier's Weekly defending that actor and attacking the syndicate.

"We will come into the west," said Shubert, "to gain a foothold in the theatrical business and that is exactly what we are going to do, whether we have to buy, build or lease theaters in the cities which we desire to enter. We will bring our attractions direct from Denver without subjecting them to the exhausting intervals of one night stands and will give brighter and better productions than ever seen before in the west."

The Shuberts will begin the construction of a theater in Los Angeles in the near future, their attempts to lease a theater in this city having failed.

500 CONVICTS JOIN GOLDEN RULE CLUB

Prisoners at San Quentin Take Pledge "to Do Good, Be Good and Make Good"

Five hundred convicts in San Quentin joined the Golden Rule club yesterday, pledging themselves "to do good, be good and make good," and thereby inaugurating what promises to be the greatest reform movement among convicts ever begun in this state. Z. P. Smith of Berkeley, founder of the Golden Rule club, welcomed the prisoners into the organization.

Smith urged his hearers to apply the golden rule in their prison life. The response from the convicts led a "lifer" to remark that the address had made a deeper impression upon his fellow prisoners than any previous address or sermon he had ever heard in San Quentin.

The official insignia of the Golden Rule club, small pins, were given to the prisoners.

"I love my wife," said one prisoner to Professor Smith, "but she is suing for a divorce in San Francisco. Won't you please find her and ask her not to press the suit. I intend to care for her and my four children when I am freed six months from now, and if you speak to her I am sure she won't get a divorce."

EDWARD TO BE GODFATHER OF REID'S GRANDSON

British Monarch Will Extend Honor to Ambassador

LONDON, April 4.—King Edward will be godfather to the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hubert Ward, who was born on March 24 last. Mrs. Ward was Miss Jean Reid, daughter of the American ambassador.

WARSHIPS SAVE ALL ON BOARD

Summoned by Wireless When Big Vessel Goes Ashore in the Fog

Passengers Are Transferred to Cruisers, but Captain Remains by Vessel

Ship and Cargo Expected to Be Total Loss, Approximating \$500,000

Pacific Mail S. S. Co. Has Addition to Long List of Marine Disasters

PURSUED by the same fate which has sent numerous other vessels of the Pacific Mail steamship company to their doom in the last half a century, the steamship Indiana, Captain J. F. Robinson, is grinding to pieces on the rocks of Point Tosco, off the coast of Mexico.

The ill fated ship, bound for San Francisco from Panama, with 40 passengers and a full cargo, has been on the rocks for more than 36 hours. All of the passengers have been rescued by the ships of Admiral Swinburne's fleet, which were in rendezvous in Magdalena bay, and were summoned hurriedly by wireless to the scene of the disaster. The ship and cargo, valued at more than \$500,000, may be a total loss.

Wireless Brings Aid

Wireless telegraphy, which played such an important part in the saving of hundreds of lives on the Atlantic coast, when the famous "C Q D" message was flashed from the French liner Republic after she had been rammed and was in a sinking condition, was the means of summoning aid to the ill fated Indiana. While the ship was pounding on the rocks, the cruiser West Virginia, Admiral Swinburne's flagship, saw the distress signals which were sent up, and immediately summoned by wireless the cruiser Albany, with the tugs Fortune and Navajo, which were in Magdalena bay.

The ships of lighter draft were able to close to the wreck and take off all of the passengers and are now standing by ready to lend assistance to the captain and crew, who will stay with the vessel as long as she holds together. The news of the wreck was flashed to San Francisco yesterday by wireless.

The Indiana, loaded with 2,500 tons of cargo and carrying 40 passengers, left Mazatlan, Mex., Thursday to make the run to San Francisco. Rounding Point Tosco, the southern extremity of Santa Margarita island, in a dense fog, the ship was carried out of her course by the strong currents and on Saturday evening went crashing on the rocks.

Distress Signals Sent Up

Distress signals were sent up and after several hours an answer was received from the West Virginia, which was cruising along the coast. The battleship stood by and immediately flashed wireless messages across Santa Margarita island to the cruiser Albany in Magdalena bay. The sea was calm and the Indiana was lying in a protected position, but her hold began flooding soon after she struck.

The Albany, accompanied by the tugs Fortune and Navajo, arrived on the scene early yesterday morning and the two small vessels were able to run almost alongside of the liner. The passengers, mail and purser were transferred to the battleships, where all are being cared for. Captain Robinson announced his decision to stay with his ship as long as she held together. The battleships and tenders are standing close by, ready to pick up the master and crew should it be necessary for them to leave the ship.

Early yesterday morning the wireless station at Goats Island picked up the news of the Indiana disaster, which had been relayed from Point Loma. The messages, which were sent by the West Virginia, stated that all of the passengers were safe, but that the ship would probably be a total loss. At the time the message was sent there were 16 feet of water in the hold, and the engine rooms were flooded.

Orders Sydney to Scene

H. A. Frye, acting general manager of the Pacific Mail company, was notified of the disaster and immediately wired to Acapulco, Mexico, orders for the steamer City of Sydney, which is due there tomorrow, to proceed at once to Point Tosco, where she will take the passengers from the battleships and bring them to San Francisco.

"There is not the slightest reason for any uneasiness on the part of rel-