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LOS ANGELES AT THE MERCY OF SYNDICATE

Owens River Water Supply May Not Be Available Except by Enormous Tribute

Harriman, Huntington, Otis and Other Capitalists Said to Have Acquired Needed Lands

Charges Filed With Mayor Alexander Are of Sensational and Disquieting Character

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

LOS ANGELES, April 20.—Charging that a syndicate of which E. H. Harriman, H. E. Huntington, Harrison Gray Otis, E. T. Earl and other local capitalists are members has by the purchase of the Porter ranch shut off the city from bringing the water from Owens river to the city, the Democratic league today asked the council how, without paying an immense tribute to the syndicate, the consummation of the gigantic water system is to be obtained.

The league in its communication contends that these capitalists by purchase nearly two years ago under the name of the San Fernando ex mission land company of a portion of the Porter ranch can prevent the city from acquiring a right of way for the aqueduct.

City officials say the municipality owns rights of way and declare it will be impossible for the land company to profit except by buying water from the city for irrigation. However, the city attorney has been instructed to investigate and make an early report.

In its communications, which were sent both to the mayor and to the city council, the league asserts that all of the lands surrounding the San Fernando reservoirs are owned by the San Fernando ex mission land company, which was incorporated about the same time the board of water commissioners in 1904 had secretly decided on the Owens river proposition.

In order to bring the water from the San Fernando reservoirs to this city, negotiations must be conducted with that company. The following were some of its incorporators: E. H. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific railway company, etc.; H. E. Huntington, president Huntington system car lines; H. G. Otis, owner Los Angeles Times; E. T. Earl, owner Los Angeles Express; J. F. Sartori, president Security savings bank; W. G. Kerckhoff, president Los Angeles light and power company; L. C. Brand, president Title guarantee and trust company.

All of them are mutually interested in a number of financial corporations and are business associates.

One of the water commissioners was in 1904, and since that time has been and now is, a member of the board of water commissioners of this city.

The commissioner referred to is General M. H. Sherman, who is declared to be agent for some of the capitalists in the syndicate.

JEALOUS WOMAN KILLS PROSPECTIVE BRIDEGROOM

Actor Shot Dead When Announcing Intention to Marry

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 20.—"I'm going to marry Elizabeth Bagley," today announced Earl P. Adams, an actor, to Miss Jessie Brown, a prominent young woman here.

"I'll kill you then," she exclaimed. Drawing a revolver Miss Brown then shot Adams dead. She was arrested.

Miss Brown is the sister of May Brown, who was killed here in 1905 by her fiance, who at the same time shot her mother, Mrs. Freeman and Detective Cahoon.

SAN FRANCISCO ACTRESS SECRETLY WEDS IN EAST

Retta M. Spelley Now Wife of Harvard Graduate

[Special Dispatch to The Call] CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 20.—Frank H. Grey, Harvard, 1906, secretly married Miss Retta M. Spelley a few days ago at Pinehurst, N. C. Until recently she was leading woman of one of the Henry W. Savage companies playing "The Devil." Her home is in San Francisco. The couple are now spending their honeymoon in New York. Grey has achieved considerable reputation as a composer.

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HARRIMAN WILL VISIT EUROPE THIS SUMMER

Railway Magnate Denies That He Is Sick and Under Medical Orders

Declares He Is Going Abroad Simply Because He Wants to Do So

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, April 20.—E. H. Harriman has decided to pass his summer vacation in Europe. Announcement of such intention started reports downtown today that his western trip had not been restful and that he was now to go away by order of his physician. Harriman denied that story as soon as he heard it.

Denies He Is Sick "I am going to Europe," he said, "simply because I want to go. If I were under medical orders for rest I would not be spending the entire day at my office, where I am a pretty busy man. I came to the office today because there have been things to do which required my personal attention. On days when I do not come down town I am busy with conferences at my house. That isn't the way a sick man would act, is it?"

"As to the need of rest, I am in the habit of taking a summer vacation. I shall take it as usual this year, regardless of my recent return from a trip in which there was a good deal of rest. In the three weeks I spent in Texas I gave practically no attention to business. That time was all rest."

Shifting Some Burdens "It is well enough known that I am shifting some of my burdens. That may account for the extra time that I shall have at my disposal. All the same, I go away every summer, and the coming summer will furnish no exception. I have not been to Europe for five years and I feel like going again. That is as far as plans have advanced. When I shall go, where I shall go in Europe, or how long I shall stay away will be worked out as the time approaches for the trip. I have not yet bothered with definite arrangements."

"This is not an affair of the doctors. It means simply that instead of going out to California as I did last year I shall get a vacation this season on the other side of the ocean."

Mr. Harriman has spent very little time in New York in the present year. Coincident with his arrival from California the statement was issued that he had arranged to relieve himself of many of the responsibilities formerly borne by himself alone. The shift has apparently left him with abundance of occupation.

Wall Street Is Bubbly Opinion in the financial district is habitually skeptical toward statements of Harriman's good health as issued by himself, and it has accustomed itself to credit reports of his illness, and in view of his habits of strenuous application belief is common that his health must have become impaired.

The fact that he now keeps at high tension despite his announcement that he had arranged to unload a large share of his responsibility is regarded as proof that habit has become nature with him and that the only means of relief is to separate himself abruptly from the work, according to the mandates of his physicians.

GIVING MUCH ATTENTION TO THE ASTEROID EROS

International Congress Making Photographic Map of Skies

PARIS, April 20.—The international congress that is making a photographic map of the skies is devoting much attention to the planet or asteroid Eros, which plays an important role in the measurement of stellar distances. The map is expected eventually to show between 30,000,000 and 40,000,000 stars. The French astronomer M. Renaudat says the results already attained prove great activity in the stellar world.

"Ultimately," he continues, "we have the right to believe that we gradually will reach an exact knowledge of the mystery of the constitution of the universe."

TROUBLE FEARED OVER GASOLINE MOTOR CAR

Santa Fe Conductors and Engineers Present Grievances

SAN BERNARDINO, April 20.—Members of the order of railway conductors and engineers on the Santa Fe are greatly exercised over the advent of a gasoline motor car for this division. The grievance committee has demanded that the company place none but organization men in charge of the car. Conferences have been held in Los Angeles, but it is supposed the committee has not received satisfaction, as C. F. Rench of the grievance committee has left here for San Francisco to line up the organizations on that division.

The men say that their fear is that the company will place cheap men in charge of the car and ultimately the innovation will prove a serious menace to railroad brotherhoods.

SWORN WORD OF ATTORNEY IS STAMPED FALSE

Will Bogus, Rules Supreme Court, Contradicting Testimony of San Jose Lawyer

W. A. Bowden Testified Man Who Died Under Suspicious Circumstances Signed

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAN JOSE, April 20.—By a decision handed down today by the supreme court the sworn word of William A. Bowden, a prominent attorney of this city, has been stamped as untrue. Bowden had testified that he drew the will of the late John W. Thomas and that



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Thomas signed it. The court decided that the will was not genuine.

The higher court sustained the verdict of the lower tribunal in the case which grew out of a contest of Thomas' will. Thomas was found dead in his bed at his home in South First street three years ago. He was an aged resident of this city and the circumstances attending his death were mysterious. A will was procured and offered for public probate. The heirs contested.

In the hearing Attorney Bowden declared that he drew the will at his office, that Thomas signed it, and that besides himself Angus Young was present as a witness. A jury in the lower court decided for the heirs and the latest decision holds that the will is bogus.

The heirs, who have won their case, were represented by Attorneys Sullivan and Roche of San Francisco.

RESOLUTION SUGGESTS ANNEXATION OF CUBA

Kentucky Representative Offers Proposal in House

WASHINGTON, April 20.—A step looking toward the ultimate annexation of Cuba is embodied in a resolution introduced in the house yesterday by Representative Helm of Kentucky. It provides that whenever a majority of the voters of the island shall vote in favor of annexation to the United States the territory of the island shall be annexed on such terms and conditions as the proper authorities of both countries may agree upon.

In explanation of the resolution Mr. Helm said:

"The resolution, if adopted, is simply the extending of an invitation and an expression of welcome to the people of the Cuban republic."

"It simply addresses itself to the approved judgment of a majority of the legal voters as to whether their best welfare will be best conserved by their becoming a useful, integral part, rather than a ward, of this government."

SMALL FINE FOR EDITOR HARDEN OF BERLIN PAPER

Retrial of Famous Von Moltke Libel Suit

BERLIN, April 20.—Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft, was fined \$150 today on the charge of having libeled General Count Kuno von Moltke, former military governor of Berlin, in connection with the Prince zu Eulenberg affair and the "round table" scandals of 1907.

The case was first heard last year, when Harden was sentenced to four months' imprisonment. The supreme court, however, ordered a retrial and Von Moltke declared his readiness to drop the charges if Harden would withdraw his sensational accusations.

Harden did this, but the state's attorney would not consent to have the case withdrawn.

FIVE JURORS SECURED TO TRY CAPTAIN HAINS

Annis' Slayer May Not Be Placed on Stand

FLUSHING, N. Y., April 20.—After two days of tedious grinding to get a jury to try Captain Peter C. Hains Jr. for the murder of William E. Annis, court adjourned today with five men in the jury box. Three jurymen were secured today.

Young Turks Envelop Capitol and Sultan Calmly Awaits Fate

Abdul Hamid, sultan of Turkey; his sons, and the man who may be his successor.



THE FIVE SONS OF THE SULTAN

PUNCH BOWL HATS BARRED FROM PEWS

Women's Circle of Palo Alto Presbyterian Church Decides Against All Headgear

PALO ALTO, April 20.—The inverted punchbowl hat has been driven from the local Presbyterian church. It has been banished for good and aye by the women's circle. There was no special prejudice against the suggestive shape nor against the Bacchanalian clusters with which they were trimmed. In themselves the hats might have been tolerated, but then, say the women, there is no telling what might have followed. The decree was more of an act of caution for the future than of special antagonism to the prevailing modes. Anyway, the edict has gone forth that women must hereafter sit hatless in their pews at the Presbyterian church.

The movement began more than a year ago. It was inspired by the sky sweeping feathers that in the fashions of that time formed a protecting foliage for the weary worshiper.

Then came the space filling Merry Widows that seriously curtailed the few capacities, only to be superseded by a varied assortment of bread baskets, dippers, funnels and other kitchen utensils. In fear of what might come next, the women's circle decided to meet the issue at once.

The changed order of things has not been received with full approval. The owners of new Easter bonnets are not inclined to forego the special joy of the Sunday exhibition. The elders are in full sympathy with the new movement. The issue will come next Sunday, when a test will be made.

VAST AMOUNT OF GOODS SMUGGLED

Government Defrauded of \$600,000 Annually

NEW YORK, April 20.—Further investigation of the systematic smuggling of Paris gowns into this port led the custom house officials today to declare the syndicate has probably smuggled in \$1,000,000 worth of goods each year for the last 10 years, thus defrauding the government of \$600,000 annually in customs duties.

Efforts to avoid criminal prosecution and to shield from publicity the prominent women for whom the \$55,000 worth of recently seized goods were intended resulted in the offer by reputable attorneys representing anonymous clients of \$260,000 to the government to drop the investigation.

The federal grand jury is investigating the case, and it is estimated that the identity of the smugglers will be revealed.

TUNNEL FOUR BUILDINGS TO REACH BANK VAULT

Robbers Get but \$1,500 for Their Laborious Effort

SUFFOLK, Va., April 20.—Tunneling their way under four other buildings to reach the vaults, robbers gained admittance to the Bank of Suffolk and escaped with \$1,500.

It is thought the robbers must have worked at least 10 days before they reached the bank by their underground course.

Inside the tunnel were found empty bottles, cigar stumps and bits of food. Apparently they lived in the tunnel until the work was completed.

AMERICAN FISHING VESSEL SEIZED IN THE NORTH

Captured by Canadian Revenue Steamer Near Vancouver

VICTORIA, B. C., April 20.—The government steamer Kestrel passed Cape Lazo this afternoon with an American fishing schooner supposed to be the Levy Woodbury in tow. The vessel is considered to be a seized fishing vessel captured by the Kestrel, which will arrive at Vancouver late tonight.

Soldiers Given Leave

Strangely enough a large part of the garrison was given leave of absence today, only about 5,000 troops being kept in the barracks. The principal suburban railway services ran special

INVADERS ARE IN FULL CONTROL

Salonikans Meet No Resistance and May Enter City Today

Protection for Population and Foreigners Assured by Leaders of Revolt

Massacres of Christians in Interior Unchecked by Authorities

United States Cruisers Ordered to Scene to Protect Americans

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 20.—Abdul Hamid is waiting in his palace for whatever may befall. His grand vizier, Tewfik Pasha, has announced that without fear the sultan will remain with his family and accept resignedly the fate prepared for him and his country.

Tewfik Pasha and the minister of war, Edhim Pasha, who sent their resignations late last night, decided to withdraw them today, and the grand vizier is passing most of the time with the sultan.

Nazim Pasha is still in command of the garrison, but no preparations have been made to resist the advance of the Saloniki troops. The constitutionalist lines now envelop this city, but the commander in chief, General Husni Pasha, is still at Hademkoi, and it is not likely that the invaders will enter the city before tomorrow night or the following day.

Salonikans Give Orders It is understood that the Salonikans have submitted to the government a list of persons whose punishment is demanded for complicity in the recent mutiny. This list includes deputies, journalists and theologians. But apparently there is the utmost good feeling between the invaders and the residents of the city, many of whom today visited the camps of the Saloniki troops and were received hospitably.

Two proclamations signed by the commanding general of the army of investment and addressed, respectively, to the citizens of Constantinople and garrison were issued today. They have had a reassuring effect.

Denounces Sultan's Crimes That sent to the garrison denounces as "criminal and monstrous the acts committed under the cover of demanding that the Sheriff law supersede the constitution, by bands of executioners, vile consciousness agitators and partisans of absolutism, who deluded the soldiers and populace so that the parliament was stained with blood, the nation plunged in mourning and a blot made on the Ottoman army, whose honor had remained intact for the last 600 years."

After explaining that the Saloniki army had come to remove the stain the proclamation formulates two demands: First, full reinstatement of the army and navy officers, and that the soldiers take an oath in the presence of the Sheikh ul Islam to obey their superiors and not mix in politics.

Second—That the garrison undertake not to interfere with the punishment of the guilty persons and that the spies and others who provoked the disorders be denounced. Finally if both demands are accepted by the land and sea forces and they show real obedience nothing will befall the garrison.

Punishment of Traitors

The proclamation to the populace explains that the object of the investing army is the re-establishment of the constitution, which is in accordance with the shariat, and the punishment of the traitors. It assures complete safety to the innocent and oppressed population and to foreigners.

Tewfik Pasha, commenting to one of the ambassadors on the rumors that the sultan had taken flight Sunday, said the sultan was not physically timid and would remain.

The Constantinople garrison is deserting to the side of the constitutionalists. The capital troops have been leaving the city since early Sunday, but the outward flow set in heavily today. It is estimated that about 4,000 men have gone over to the invading army without opposition from their officers or comrades. One party took a battery of machine guns with horses and full ammunition wagons.

Soldiers Given Leave

Strangely enough a large part of the garrison was given leave of absence today, only about 5,000 troops being kept in the barracks. The principal suburban railway services ran special