

## STATE WITNESS AGAINST GLASS QUILTS COUNTRY

William J. Kennedy, Telephone Company's Cashier, Goes to Victoria "on Business"

Absence of Official May Serve Employers Best, but Handicaps Larkspur

Deadlock in Affairs of the Town Caused by Absence of the Mayor

WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, cashier of the Pacific telephone and telegraph company, an important witness in the Glass and Halsey bribery cases and mayor of Larkspur, has gone to Victoria on "a business trip," and his absence at this time has not only caused apprehension at the district attorney's office, but has created a civic deadlock in Larkspur.

Kennedy departed May 17, leaving a mass of uncompleted matters to his colleagues of the city government across the bay. There was no explanation beyond the statement that he had gone to look into a fire in which some of the company's property had been destroyed.

With the retrial of Louis Glass close at hand and the Halsey hearing not far away, Kennedy could serve the interests of the company better by his absence than by his presence in the state.

Needed as State Witness

As soon as the appellate court rendered its decision nullifying Glass' conviction, unusual activity was displayed by T. J. Daley, the detective who was retained by Attorney Delmas as soon as the trial of Glass began. Daley has been in the employ of the telephone company ever since. He established his headquarters at the St. Francis hotel and has made frequent trips to New York.

Daley's exact duties are not known, but he has been, according to his own statements, a regular on the Glass payroll. He does not like to be called a detective, preferring to be known as "an investigator and adjuster."

In the retrial of Glass the testimony of Kennedy will be essential. He had charge of the funds of the company, and although vouchers were required for every expenditure, none was given for the boodle payments made by order of Glass and Halsey and thence to the supervisors.

Troubles in Larkspur

Kennedy's absence has occasioned far greater concern in Larkspur than in San Francisco. The board of trustees there is divided against itself. Ranged on one side are Frank Craig and John Foley Jr., generally recognized as the representatives of the good government forces. Opposed to them are Kennedy, the mayor of the town, William von Meyerlnck, a book keeper employed by the State savings and commercial bank of San Francisco, and A. C. Woods. There have been bitter factional fights, and it is stated that the contentions may yet reach the grand jury.

In the absence of Kennedy, his allies on the board, Von Meyerlnck and Woods, have refused to attend meetings. It has been impossible, therefore, to obtain a quorum and the affairs of Larkspur have been allowed to fall into a state of great neglect. Craig has endeavored to force action, but has been unsuccessful.

Difficulty Over Saloons

The main difficulty at the present time centers about an ordinance extending the time that saloons may remain open from 11 o'clock at night until midnight. The present statutes require that they close at 11 o'clock. An ordinance now pending places the hour at midnight. In case a meeting is held, the vote will stand two to two and the ordinance will be killed. Von Meyerlnck and Woods, therefore, refuse to attend the sessions, desiring to wait for Kennedy, when their combined votes will put the ordinance through.

Craig is outspoken in his denunciation of Kennedy's methods. He is connected with the Columbia coffee and spice company of this city and has a home and large property interests in Larkspur.

"Kennedy should be on hand at this time," said Craig. "If he cannot be here he should resign. The law requires that before June 1 each year we fix the water rates. The time is at hand, but nothing has been done. We have called two meetings, but only Foley and I have been present."

Beside the water rates, we should have before this provided for street sprinkling and there are bills to the amount of \$650 that should be acted upon."

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**Insane Youth Dying; Deputy Sheriff Crippled**

FREMONT, Neb., May 27.—Frank Kent, a Fremont youth, is dying at the hospital here, and Deputy Sheriff W. P. Condit is lying in the same hospital with his left leg gone as the result of a desperate struggle in which the deputy tried to prevent Kent from throwing himself under the wheels of a moving train. Kent had been adjudged insane and was being taken to the state hospital at Lincoln.

## MAYOR'S TACTFUL SPEECH BLASTS REDDING'S SHOPES

United Railroads Special Envoy Sees Air Castles Crumble as Taylor Talks

Confidence in Supervisors Theme of City Executive's Speech at Banquet

"I do not intend to enter into any controversy with my friends Mr. Redding and Mr. Scott on the question of street railroads. That is a matter of grave concern of very grave concern, and for that reason I will say nothing on the subject. If I may speak personally, I have always looked on this office as a great office, and I have always held that I should not speak either in private or in public on any topic without proper consideration and due deliberation. I want, though, to add that knowing this board of supervisors as I do I can not sit down without saying that they deserve the very best of this city. They are not narrow men. They are men of wide views and worthy of all praise and regard. I say this—and I say it the more freely as I am soon to retire from office—that this city will be fortunate, even above other cities, if it

## PHONE CABLES CUT BY ORDER OF COUNCILMEN

Gangs in City Employ Start Destroying Sunset Telephone Company's Lines

Pasadena to Put Corporation Out of Business for Failure to Get Franchise

PASADENA, May 27.—Several squads of men under guard of city police started late today cutting the wires and cables of the Sunset telephone company in this city, and according to the statement of Mayor Early the men will continue until the Sunset company is put completely out of business in every part of the city. Already so much damage to the lines of the company has been done that weeks will be required to bring the system back to what it was this morning.

The action followed a meeting of the city council today, when a resolution empowering the city to cut the wires was passed. This was the result of the opinion by Judge Bordwell in the superior court to the effect that an ordinance passed by the city council requiring the Sunset company to secure a franchise from the city and to pay a license to the city is valid. The 20 year



can keep as its legislative body such a board as you now have."—From speech of Mayor Taylor.

It was with these words, spoken with highly dramatic effect, that Mayor Taylor, at the conclusion of the Merchants' association banquet last night, replied by indirection to the speeches of A. W. Scott Jr. and Joseph D. Redding, who had urged a different attitude toward the United Railroads. Scott had spoken along general lines, proclaiming, however, "that it is certainly to the interests of this community to stand in with the United Railroads." Redding, who is in the employ of the United Railroads, had made a plea for liberal concessions to the corporation in its desire to extend its system.

The mayor's speech was an unexpected number on the program. He had not been expected to talk, but during the evening A. M. Davis, who presided, asked Dr. Taylor if he would say a few words. After the prepared addresses had been delivered the mayor and F. W. Dohrmann were called upon.

**Mayor Arouses Enthusiasm**

Mayor Taylor aroused the 600 guests to a high pitch of enthusiasm. He called for a loftier civic spirit, one guided rather by the light of morality and religion than by the rule of pad and pencil "in sunless den." He pleaded vigorously for the civic center and expressed the hope that it would not only be constructed but that it would be adorned with a statue of St. Francis, the patron saint of the city.

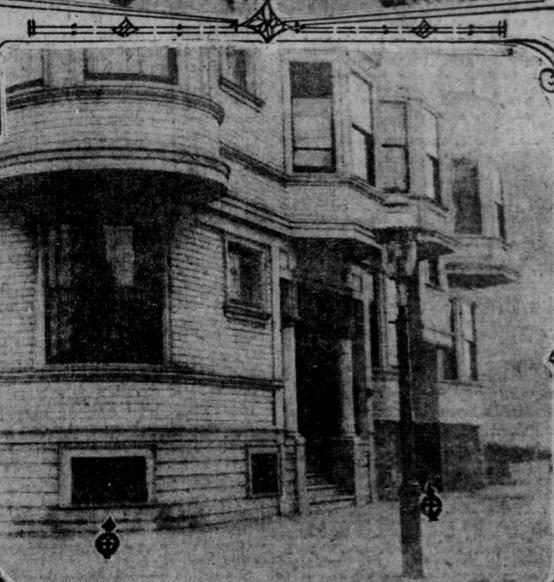
The banquet was one of the most successful that the Merchants' association has ever given. It was held in the colonial ballroom of the St. Francis hotel, and an artistic arrangement of tables gave a most picturesque effect. In the gallery sat a number of women from the California club, who had come chiefly to hear the discussion of the civic center. This topic was assigned to Willis Polk and Thomas Magee. The former discussed the benefits to such a plan to the city and Magee dwelt upon the financial aspects of the proposal, reaching the conclusion that San Francisco could well afford the investment.

The civic center and the street railroad question were the subject under

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## Little Girl Is Victim of Fiend

The upper portrait is of Myrtle Langueton, 5 years old, who was assaulted. Below it is the scene of the attack, the cross on the left showing window of the basement in which the child was enticed, and that on the right where she was playing when the man met her. The picture on the left is that of little Myrtle and her playmate, Francis Storms, on the steps where the fiend found them.



## PRETTY TOT ASSAULTED BY BRUTE

Myrtle Langueton, 5 Years Old, Enticed From Home to Basement of Flat

News of Attack Spreads and Alibion Avenue People Join in the Hunt

Degenerate Escapes While the Indignant Citizens Talk of Lynching

Little Lad Gives Description of Fiend That May Lead to His Arrest

WANTED FOR ASSAULTING LITTLE CHILD

Following is a description of the man who made the brutal assault on Myrtle Langueton, five years old, yesterday:  
HEIGHT—5 FEET 6 INCHES.  
WEIGHT—ABOUT 145 POUNDS.  
FACE—SMOOTH SHAVEN, UN-KEMPT.  
CLOTHING—BLUE OVERALLS WITH RED, BLACK DERBY HAT, NO COAT.  
General appearance, slovenly and unclean.

ENTICED from the doorstep of her home in 132 Alibion avenue, Myrtle Langueton, the pretty 5 year old daughter of Mrs. D. Langueton, was led yesterday morning to the basement of a flat a few doors away and there brutally assaulted by a strange man, who immediately afterward fled, leaving his tiny victim a shrieking, hysterical wreck.

The news of the attack spread like wildfire. Within five minutes after the fact had become known the neighborhood was out in force scouring the streets in a hunt for the fiend. The anger was intense. Men, bringing to mind the horrible details of the murder of little Anna Poltera in Los Angeles, stormed out of their houses and stores, business was suspended, and from every side there went up a cry for the life of the man who had done this thing.

**Talk of Lynching**

Talk of lynching was rampant. The police were hastily summoned, but should the brute have fallen into the hands of the mob at that moment all the police in the world would not have been able to save him. Women called to each other from their doorways. The children playing in the street were hurried into the shelter of their homes. Every minute added to the crowd which gathered around the spot, its murmur of indignation growing louder as the horrible story became known. And the child, nervous, white faced, broken down and trembling from fright and shock, was picked up and put in the arms of her frantic mother.

**Fiend Makes Escape**

But the few minutes' advantage of time the man gained was sufficient for his escape. In the hubbub he succeeded in getting to a hiding place, from which he undoubtedly fled when the excitement began to fade.

The police took up the case without a moment's delay, and in the afternoon arrested one man, who was, however, not the one wanted. He was released and the hunt taken up again, there being a fear that with such a man at liberty San Francisco may have to bear a repetition of the recent Los Angeles murder.

Myrtle, accompanied by her playmate, Francis Storms, 4 years old and living at 144 Alibion avenue, was playing on the steps leading to her mother's flat, 132 Alibion avenue, at about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. As the children played a strange man, unkempt, dirty and objectionable in appearance, walked up and asked the girl whether she wanted a pretty card. In his hand he held advertising literature which had that morning been distributed along the doorsteps of the various residences.

"Come to me and you can have them," said he, holding the cards up on high.

"Bring them to me," said the girl.

The man made no answer, but, purs-

## SYMINGTON WILL WED FAIR WIDOW

Mrs. M. McGrouther, Former Sweetheart of Calhoun Juror, Is to Be His Bride

The secret is out.

The fair source of all the self-conscious blushes that have mantled the cheeks of Robert B. Symington, dean among members of the Calhoun jury, is disclosed. The author of the flood of letters the patriarchal jurymen has received is Mrs. Margaret McGrouther of 625 Fillmore street. She is a widow, aged 53 years, and the mother of four grown children, some of whom have children of their own in the grammar school. The grandchildren of each of the engaged pair are overjoyed at news of the impatient wedding bells.

The flutter of interest caused by the exclusive report in The Call yesterday that Juror Symington, gray beard and senior among the jurors though he be, was receiving daily love letters, which, at his palpitating request, and Judge Lawlor's magnanimous order, are not opened by gross deputy sheriffs, as all letters received by other jurymen are, threatened to disturb the course of the trial yesterday, and the identity of the fair author of the letters will cause equal interest today. All yesterday Symington was busy exchanging sheepish winks with facetious members of

## TAILOR MAY SUE FAIR HOTEL GUEST

Insists That Fashionable Mrs. Joseph Citron Owes Him \$85 for Gown

Mrs. Joseph Citron, one of the most stylish guests at the St. Francis hotel, is having trouble with her tailor. He is insisting that she pay him \$85 for a suit made for her just before she left for Paris last summer. Gus Flamm of 2202 California street is the tailor.

He has placed the matter in the hands of his attorney, S. C. Wright, who has his offices in The Call building. The attorney has made his demand on the fair guest of the St. Francis, and unless a settlement is made at once he says he will invoke the aid of the law.

Just before she went abroad last year Mrs. Citron commissioned Flamm to design a suit for her. The suit was completed in due time and adorned Mrs. Citron during her jaunt to Paris.

The Citrons formerly resided in Los Angeles, but since the visit abroad they have registered at the St. Francis and from New York. Mrs. Citron owns considerable property in this city. Her husband is said to be connected with a local real estate firm.

## PRESIDENT TAFT'S SON FOLLOWS FATHER'S STEPS

Yale Students Select Members for Senior Societies

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 27.—Not in years has the interest in "tap day" at Yale been so keen as it was today in the selections for the three senior societies.

Robert A. Taft, son of President Taft, went to Skull and Bones, as did his father and his grandfather.

After the other societies were filled Carroll Cooney, the football player, declined an election to Wolf's Head.

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