

GIRL RUINED BY BAIT TURNS ON BE TRAYER, LAYS BARE DESPERADO'S BLOODY CAREER

Chiften Is Accused of Three Murders and Innumerable Robberies by His Feminine Companion

Young Woman Led Astray by Thug Tells Terrible Tale of Crime and Degradation to Police Detectives

In addition to the murders there is a long list of smaller robberies and crimes which the fellow committed. No crime was too petty for him nor too daring to baffle his determination.

Just after he met the girl he broke the window of a store in Broadway, Oakland, and stole a suit for her. Later he stole under garments and lingerie, silk stockings and dainty skirts for her from shop windows. He robbed a barber shop at Highland near Fruitvale, a store and a lumber yard at San Mateo. He would snatch the purses of women in the street; he robbed a San Francisco bakery, a saloon at Fitchburg, Alameda county; he held up a woman at Twenty-third avenue and East Fifteenth street, Oakland; he held up men in Oakland, using drugs to effect his robberies, and he committed other crimes in Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

IDENTIFIES CHIFTEN AS MURDERER

After the girl's story was told, which implicated Chiften in the Lindquist murder, Chief of Police Haley and Sheriff Arthur Langford communicated with Sheriff Barnett of Alameda county. Barnett and Tony Miller, proprietor of the saloon in which the deputy sheriff was killed, came immediately to San Jose.

Out of a group of ten men of Chiften's age and general appearance, Miller picked Chiften as the man who came into his saloon at Albany on the night of January 1 and shot Lindquist. Barnett had a long conference with the Bell girl and heard her whole story.

The late Deputy Sheriff Andrew W. Lindquist, who was murdered at Albany, Contra Costa county, January 12. Chiften is charged by the Bell woman with having committed the crime. The smaller portrait is a photograph of City Detective Ray Starbird of San Jose, who secured the confession.



MUSSEL CULTURE RECEIVING STUDY

Fisheries Bureau Declares Bivalve Particularly Nourishing for Weak Digestion

The possibilities of the mussel as an article of food are receiving attention, and there is official testimony to the effect that the mussels, which are extremely abundant in the bays and estuaries of the Atlantic coast from North Carolina northward and along the Pacific coast from San Francisco to Alaska, are particularly nourishing and good for a weak digestion. The Saturday Evening Post has an article showing that the fisheries bureau tested the question by practical experiments. Mussels in various stages were served on the tables of the mess of the marine biological station at Woods Hole, Mass., and received unanimous approval. Scores of other persons, after the mussel had been paved by the biological station, were persuaded to try them roasted, steamed and fried, and they report that the flavor is superior to claims and quite equal to oysters. The American Indians, long before the arrival of Columbus, while eating great quantities of oysters and clams, never touched mussels because of a superstitious notion that they were harmful. This idea they communicated to the whites, to whom it has clung ever since. It is for this reason that few people believe that the mussel is of any value.

The fisheries bureau, as a result of its experiments, now asserts that mussel farms, properly managed, ought to yield 10 times the money profit usually obtainable from good agricultural land, and indeed this has already been demonstrated in the waters, where the average annual production is 108 tons of the mollusks an acre, salable in the market for \$262.

In Europe the mussel is highly regarded as an article of food, while clams are practically neglected. There the mussel is farmed on an extensive scale. The general method is to collect the young shells when they are in favorable localities, usually in estuaries, where the water is brackish, and other conditions tend to hasten the growth and accelerate the fattening. In such places yields of 100 tons and more to the acre are common, says the Indianapolis News.

The French give the mussel much attention. For instance, in one fishing village, in the bay of Alguillon, last year the shipments represented a value in excess of \$112,000. There wooden structures are prepared for culture purposes. Within a year the mussels are sufficiently grown to be ready for the market. The plan of culture followed is not of recent origin, because it dates back to 1025 A. D., and was introduced to the French by an Irish man who was shipwrecked on their coast and who returned the kindness of the fishermen by teaching them how to make the mussel profitable.

FREAKS FOUND IN MEMORY OF AGED

Centenarians Recall Vividly the Events of Youth; Middle Life a Blank

The memories of centenarians are not always trustworthy, for in extreme old age there may arise confusion between their experiences and those of others. Observers of senility, however, have noted this interesting fact, that there are long gaps in memories. An extremely old person, for instance, will recall accurately events witnessed in childhood or in youth, while middle life is blank, says the Boston Transcript.

The late James B. McGregor, who died in Newport, R. I., a few days ago at the score years mark, but well attested age of 108 years, 6 months and 17 days, was gifted with a strength of mind and body that invested his recollection with peculiar force. At the age of 105 he was still capable of going into the hay field, and his interest in the current events often caused him to travel back nearly a century to their sources. In these mental tours into the past Mr. McGregor occasionally made statements that challenged acceptance, but was able to prove his assertions. For example, he mentioned that at one time more than four score years ago, when he was a schoolmaster in northern New Hampshire, he boarded with a woman who had been some time previously arrested as a witch. Nothing came of the prosecution, which was a case of persecution. He gave names, dates and places, and to the incredulous he remarked that in northern New Hampshire, when he was in his twenties, the belief in witchcraft was still strong enough to be exceedingly annoying or trying to old women who, for any reason, had incurred the dislike of the community. Possibly Mr. McGregor was disposed to fortify himself against further challenge he might have said with perfect truth in Europe for more than 40 years after the time when he knew of a witch being taken into custody in northern New Hampshire. Incredible as it may seem, an old man was ducked as a wizard at Castle Hedingham, in England, in 1582, and died from the consequent shock and exposure. The last person who is supposed to have perished as a witch was an old woman who was killed by a half insane man at Long Compton, Warwickshire, Eng., in 1875. Her assailant believing that she had cast a spell upon him. Witchcraft may still linger in some backward woods for removal from the lines of transportation and intelligence, even among white people. With the Aleutian Indians in Alaska, it still has such hold that revenue cutter officers within a comparatively few years past were compelled to act promptly to prevent a witch being burned by her tribespeople.

MINISTER'S SON JAILED FOR ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Lad on Probation Commits New Offense

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA ROSA, April 20.—Kenneth Scudder, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Scudder of Petaluma, who is under probation as the result of numerous infractions of the law, including the holding up of a man near Bodega recently, has been arrested and returned to jail here as the result of an attempt to break into a house in Sonoma.

Scudder is the son of a prominent Congregational minister of Rio Vista, who owns a ranch near Petaluma, where the family reside. Rev. Dr. Scudder has filled pulpits in Lorin and Francisco and has a large family of children.

At the time of his last escapade Kenneth was placed under probation and taken to San Francisco, where an operation was performed on his head, as he was believed to be suffering from pressure of a bone on the brain.

This appears to have been of no benefit and it is possible that he will now be sent to a reform school.

FERRY BUILDING AGAIN VISITED BY BURGLARS

Safe in Dr. Edwards' Office Is Looted of Papers

Following the burglary of a valuable trophy from the exhibits of the California development board a short time ago, sneak thieves pried open a small safe in the office of Ocoor Edwards yesterday, but all they got for their pains was a collection of vouchers of the old California promotion committee.

Edwards kept the vouchers and receipts in a portable safe in his office and on returning from lunch yesterday discovered it had been stolen. A search resulted in it being found in a neglected part of the building, pried open and robbed of its contents.

Edwards would like to see that burglar's face when he finds his haul worth at the most about 2 cents," said Edwards.

Jack Johnson and Party Leave for the Coast

CHICAGO, April 20.—There will be nine people in Jack Johnson's party, which leaves for the Pacific coast tomorrow night. Besides Johnson and his wife there will be Manager George Little and wife, Sig Hart and wife, George "Kid" Cotton, Barney Fuhrer, and Monte Cutler. Tom Flanagan, the Canadian trainer, who will take charge of Johnson's road work, will report on the coast about the middle of May.

COLUMB MAN BARRICKUT—John U. Bird of Colma, San Mateo county, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday in the United States district court. His liabilities are \$534,957; no assets.

OBJECT TO LANDING OF EAST INDIANS

Inquiry Will Be Demanded Regarding the Action of Local Immigration Officials

Leaders in Asiatic Movement Insist That Orders Have Been Disregarded

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named Boswell, who was furnishing labor for the California Northwestern extension.

Attack on Hart North

The leaders of the exclusion league say that North's action resulted in the reversal of the ruling in these cases and the landing of the aliens who had been adjudged undesirable.

That the admission of these aliens and others within the last two weeks was in violation of instructions which were communicated to all the immigration stations on the Pacific coast by a personal representative of Commissioner General Daniel J. Keefe is what the league insists.

The league will ask for the resolutions of protest. It has been an open secret for some time that the denial of entrance to all Hindus regardless of physical condition or financial resources was the program adopted by the department in answer to petitions from California for the enforcement of the exclusion laws.

Aliens Admitted Freely

This attitude was adopted by the local immigration authorities during the stay of the commissioner general's representative here, it is said, but it is also asserted that after his departure Hindus gained admittance easily, regardless of any provision for their future.

The exclusion league has received assurances that every member of the California delegation in congress will support the plea for legislation necessary to make still more specific the statute directing the denial of entrance to "undesirable" aliens of different types. A bill with this object is now on the files of the house of representatives.

President Tveitmo and A. E. Yoell, secretary-treasurer of the exclusion league, declared yesterday that Hindus had been landed indiscriminately from both the Siberia and Manchuria during the last two weeks and that many of the aliens wandered about the city helplessly, the victims of unscrupulous labor buyers. Many of them, the league officials said, were without means and did not have any idea of how they were going to support themselves.

BILL WOULD KILL ORAL BETTING

New York State Assembly Aims Death Blow at All Book Making

ALBANY, N. Y., April 20.—Two of Assemblyman Perkins' racing bills, one designated to prohibit oral book making and the other repealing that section of the Percy-Gray law which exempts officials of racing associations from personal liability for violations of the anti-gambling laws, passed the assembly today by votes of 91 to 25 and 94 to 20, respectively.

While the assembly was battling over these measures similar bills were being discussed behind locked doors by the senate codes committee, which later voted to report them to the senate.

The senate committee has been endeavoring to amend the anti-oral book making bill to permit friendly wagers between individuals and at the same time to prohibit professional book making. The bill as finally reported substitutes for the words "orally or otherwise" the words "with or without writing." Assemblyman Perkins said tonight in his opinion this amendment would not materially affect the bill.

The senate committee on codes also reported the Perkins bill amending the penal law by making keepers of gaming and betting establishments responsible for gambling carried on in their establishments with their knowledge or consent, which passed the assembly last week, and the Agnew bill prohibiting advertisements and publications facilitating pool selling, book making and gambling. All these bills are intended to strengthen the Agnew-Hart laws.

ATHLETES JOIN EXPOSITION BOOST

Pacific Association Offers Services to Panama-Pacific

The board of managers of the Pacific athletic association met last night and endorsed the movement for the Panama-Pacific exposition and as the governing body of amateur athletics on this coast offered its services to the exposition authorities for the promotion of the various athletic features that will come under its control.

Applications for membership were received from the San Francisco letter-carriers association and the bay counties soccer league, both of which were referred to the membership committee for action.

The basket ball committee announced the awarding of the following championships for 1910:

Midwest class, not over 110 pounds average, to the Oakland high school.

Intermediate class, not over 120 pounds average, to the Oakland high school.

Junior class, not over 130 pounds average, won by the Swastikas.

Senior class, not over 145 pounds average, won by the Ponies.

Unlimited class, won by the Stockton All Stars.

President Sidney S. Peixotto announced the appointment of Lorrin Andrews of Honolulu as commissioner of athletics for the Hawaiian islands.

The following attended the meeting: S. S. Peixotto, Alfred Katchinski, A. J. Cloud, Frank Beck, Frank I. Guilford, Joseph R. Hickey, Edward J. Lynch, A. Phillips, Charles Minto, Herbert Hauser, C. L. Medlicott, Alfred Skaffe, Harry McKenzie and Robert W. Dodd.

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SELL OIL LANDS FOR \$2,500,000

British Syndicate Purchases Imperial and 33 Properties in Kern District

Announcement was made yesterday of the sale of the famous Imperial and Thirty-three oil properties in the Kern river field to a British syndicate for \$2,500,000.

The territory embraces two sections of land in the very heart of the district. The two companies are controlled by a small group of men. The great majority of the stock is held by J. J. Mack, J. M. Keith and L. Guggenheim of San Francisco. The two concerns are among the pioneers in the petroleum fields of California and during their 10 years of operation have returned to their owners \$2,670,000 in dividends.

The Imperial and Thirty-three will retain their properties in other parts of the state and it is understood that they will continue to operate. The transaction will be completed in a few days and the Englishmen will then take over the acreage in the Kern river district under the name of the Kern River oil fields of California, Ltd.

At the offices of the two companies in the Mills building it was stated yesterday that the transfer would be the date of April 1, although there are some details yet to be arranged. The negotiations have been extended over a long period of time. The terms are practically cash.

No independent oil companies in the state are better known than the two which are better known than the two thus acquired by foreign interests. They have been among the most prolific and consistent producers and have been cited as examples of successful operation.

The Thirty-three company's holdings in Kern river consist of 160 acres, from which dividends amounting to \$370,000 have been derived. The Imperial's Kern river tract extends over 1,120 acres. This concern has paid out \$2,000,000 in dividends. It is understood that in arranging the deal the Imperial property was figured at \$2,000,000, or \$20 a share, and the Thirty-three at \$500,000, or \$5 a share.

The land that proved so rich in oil was purchased from the Southern Pacific railroad company for \$250 an acre. The developed portion has already paid \$4,000 and acre and the present sale will make a total of practically \$8,000 an acre, or a profit of 320,000 per cent on the original investment.

There are 188 wells on the land, of which 127 are working. The companies have for many years sold their oil under contract to the Southern Pacific. It has been used in the locomotives of the company on a good part of their runs in California. These contracts are still in existence, and will be taken over by the British syndicate. The contract save particularly attractive, as they were made at a figure above the present market price. The direct sale, moreover, from producer to consumer, has enabled the company to derive a better price.

Some two years ago the affairs of the Imperial and Thirty-three were not regarded as so satisfactory. For a time dividends were suspended while extensive changes were made. Rotary drills and other improved appliances were installed. When operations were resumed the wells proved more productive than before.

The names of the capitalists comprising the English corporation have not been disclosed. It is stated, however, that they are in no way connected with the British group of financiers that operate under the name of the California Oil Fields, limited, nor with the other group of Englishmen interested in the California petroleum refineries, limited. It is rumored that the Rothschilds are interested in the new syndicate. With this sale the foreign ownership of California oil properties will be greatly extended.

Reports were received from Bakersfield yesterday to the effect that the gas pressure had been greatly reduced in the Lakeview gusher and that the well had been reduced to almost a normal flow. It has been producing at the rate of about 40,000 barrels a day for the last 40 days.

Y. M. C. A. SECURES A THIRD OF FUND

Big Cash Register Shows That \$24,903.50 Has Been Given to Furnish Building

Amount required to furnish the new Y. M. C. A. building, \$75,000.

Amount of subscriptions received at the close of the second day of the campaign, \$24,903.50.

Amount yet to be subscribed by 10 o'clock Saturday evening, \$50,096.50.

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Strangers in the vicinity of Third and Market streets might have searched for hours yesterday to locate the shooting gallery. Some of them might have marveled at the accuracy of the man handling the rifle—for he hit a bulseye every time—but had they watched the giant cash register as the donations to the "furnishing fund campaign" of the Young Men's Christian association were rung up they would have marveled more.

The register certainly had a busy time. Donations piled in so quickly that before one set of figures settled in place it was time to ring up another donation. They were all acceptable. At closing time the total was \$24,903.50, about one-third of the amount necessary to furnish the new Y. M. C. A. building. Every one at headquarters emitted a joyful yell when the total was announced.

There are two committees working for donations, the citizens' campaign committee and the young businessmen's committee. They are rivals and each committee has developed to see which committee shall secure the most donations. State Secretary Burton B. Wilcox and General Secretary H. J. McCoy are both working hard. They suggest as they tally the contributions that as conducted by the census enumerators. The committees have issued a call to the citizens of San Francisco and to the business houses to assist in the work as much as possible. Many are considering a uniform subscription to the fund.

In speaking of the campaign yesterday, McCoy said:

"Our force of workers is large, but San Francisco is a large city and we need more men and more automobiles. It is not fair to go to a certain few to support this movement and we propose to go into every nook and corner. We want to enlist the services of every man who has the moral welfare of the youth of the city at heart. If he can not donate, then we want him to devote a few hours of his time to the work. That building must be furnished by local capital."

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