PLIGHT OF THE WAIFS TOUCHES MANY HEARTS

Contributions From Sympathizers Are Added to The Call's Fund

Anonymous Gifts and Checks Are Not Barred and Will Aid Homeless Ones

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to risk her life in obedience to the "little mother" instinct. Her beloved doll, her inseparable companion, was left behind.

The other children remember that as they filed from the rear dormitory Lola Simmons left them and went back.

When the great bell clanged out the warning of fire and the children were aroused from soundest sleep, bewildered and terrified, her first coherent thought was evidently, after the immediate obedience accorded the directions of the sisters, to save the childish treasure.

The maternal instinct, so strong even at her tender age, which led her to solace the loneliest hours of her motherless childhood with the doll, would not permit her to desert it.

Remains Are Found

Yesterday the tiny bones and the fragments of the doll were found in the ruins of the building side by side.

Lola Simmons was the only one of the children not definitely accounted for, but it was believed that she was among those sent to one of the southern cities.

She was 10 years old, the daughter of Christopher Simmons, a carpenter of Reno, Nev., and had been in the orphanage only about two weeks.

Money is coming in to The Call fund for the orphans with most encouraging generosity.

Send Check Today

Besides a number of larger sums which are now being collected, the smaller gifts which show the general sentiment of tenderness and sympathy for the helpless children are being brought in daily, each with some expression of approval for the work of The Call.

Remember, oh ye money men and women, that even if you are too modest to wish to herald your good works, your money will be just as useful if sent to The Call fund, with or without a name. And each sum subscribed serves as an incentive to some one else to give. Don't delay another day. Send your check as soon as you read this.

Benefit Is Planned

Genevieve parlor No. 132, Native Daughters of the Golden West of this city, has voted to give an entertainment on Thanksgiving eve in aid of the fund for the orphans.

The citizens of San Francisco have promised to co-operate with the Daughters, who expect to realize about $1,000 for the noble cause. The parlor has among its members professional and amateur talent, and a first class program will be presented. After the entertainment there will be a ball. This affair is being arranged by Agnes M. Troy, Dora Fauser, Annie Ayers, Bernice Peguillan, Emma Stewart, Mamie Callen, Mamie Murphy, Frances Randall and Mary Walthers.

SCORES OF ORPHANS TO REVEL AT CHUTES

Mrs. William H. Crocker Buys Tickets for Waifs

One hundred little tots in each orphan asylum of this city will be made happy today, for through the generosity of Mrs. William H. Crocker they will go in a body to the Chutes this afternoon. A clinic benefit will be given there for the completion of a home for tubercular patients.

Several hundred tickets in all have been purchased by Mrs. Crocker and sent to the different institutions. The regular Chutes program, as well as an Irish sketch and monologue by Judge Thomas Graham and a touch of grand opera by the Bevani opera company will also add to their entertainment.

Mrs. William Crocker is chairman of the affair and she is assisted by the following:

Mrs. Laurence Irving Scott	Mrs. Charles Josselyn
Mrs. George Pope	Mrs. Richard Girwin
Mrs. Mountford Wilson	Mrs. John P. Merrill
Mrs. Walter Martin	Mrs. George Pinckard

Working with them is a committee composed of:

Mrs. R. G. Broderick	Mrs. Walter Scott Franklin
Mrs. J. Wilson Shiels	Mrs. W. C. Voorsanger
Mrs. John Loosley	Mrs. T. A. Rotanzi
Mrs. A. D. Shepard	

TRADESMAN INDICTED UNDER PURE FOOD LAW

Bill Found by Federal Jury Is Placed on Secret File

The federal grand jury returned three indictments yesterday. One against alleged violators of the pure food laws was placed on the secret file.

J. S. Wiley was accused of using the mails to defraud Paul Holsinger, in Maryland, of $150 by representing himself, in a letter, to be a son of Holsinger.

Captain John C. H. Pringle, formerly master of steamboats about the bay, was indicted for impersonating a revenue officer.

AUTHORESS CAN'T RAISE $1,000 TO OBTAIN RELEASE

Julia W. Gibson Remains in Jail on Assault Charge

LONG BEACH, Oct. 14.—The preliminary hearing of Miss Julia Ward Gibson, the young authoress charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Al D. Myers, the wealthy mining man of Goldfield, Nev., because he would not marry her, was postponed today at the request of the girl's counsel until next Tuesday. Miss Gibson is still in jail at Los Angeles, unable to furnish the $1,000 bail required in her case.

Seats Going Fast For Big Benefit

Regina Vicarino, who will sing soprano roles in "Love Tales of Hoffmann" at Orphanage Benefit.

"Love Tales of Hoffmann" Will Be Feature of Garrick Theater Entertainment

Enthusiasm grows daily for the benefit to be tendered next Monday evening at the Garrick theater by Morris Meyerfeld, president of the Orpheum circuit, and the management of the Bevani grand opera company, when "The Love Tales of Hoffmann" will be sung by the members of the Bevani company. As this is the last week of the company's engagement here, and the program for the week is announced, there is no possibility that another opportunity of hearing the Offenbach opera will be given.

From 9 to 5 daily the seats are on sale at Sherman, Clay & Co.'s, and it must be remembered that no telephone orders are received for seats for this benefit performance. Plenty of good seats are left, but early application for these is necessary, as the demand grows greater each day.

Box seats are for sale as well, at the regular rates of $2.50 a seat. Among the singers heard on this occasion will be Regina Vicarino, who will sing the soprano roles in the three love tales; Umberto Sachetti as Hoffmann and Alberti, whose splendid barytone will be heard to the greatest advantage in the three tales also.

PUBLIC TAXED FOR RAILWAYS' PRIDE

New York Central Head Says Prestige Must Be Maintained Through Increased Rates

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—President W. C. Brown of the New York Central lines was on the witness stand throughout the day in the investigation by the interstate commerce commission into the proposed advance in freight rates in the eastern trunk line territory. The case of the railroads is practically complete, although J. C. Stewart, vice president of the Erie, is to be heard.

Under the law it is incumbent upon railroads to make a prima facie case of the reasonableness of any proposed general advances in rates considered by the commission. The railroad officials express confidence that they have established their case.

WANTS FAIR RETURN

President Brown's testimony frankly set out the industrial and financial operations of the lines under his direction. He was cross examined particularly as to the financial operations of the roads, and adhered to his view that they were entitled to a fair return upon the investments.

The presidents of the three great railway systems maintain that it is not only the ambition of the railway officials, but the desire of the traveling and shipping public that the railroads of the United States should continue to be the best in the world.

PUBLIC MUST PAY, THOUGH

In order to maintain this prestige for America it is the opinion of Brown that the freight income of the roads should be greater than it is now.

In discussing the capitalization of the New York Central President Brown said:

"The New York Central stock, every dollar of it, has been paid for at $100 a share, except such as was paid for at the rate of $125 to $158 a share, and the New York Central can not be reproduced today for 200 per cent of its total stock and bonds."

Louis D. Brandeis of counsel for the shippers elicited the information that J. Pierpont Morgan was a member of the executive board of the New York Central and that the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. was among the financial advisers of the road.

"The demand for increased wages was pending at the time, I believe," replied President Brown.

"Is it not a fact," persisted Brandeis, "that you disabled yourself to the extent of $1,786,000 a year from meeting the increased liabilities for wages?"

DIVIDEND WAS RAISED

"We increased the dividend less than the men who held the securities of the New York Central could have got on first class mortgages," was his reply.

Brandeis indicated his purpose to show that if railroads in the eastern territory were managed with the highest degree of efficiency it would be possible for them to earn dividends and make desired improvements without increasing rates.

CONSPIRACY BARED IN DIVORCE CASE

Annie Lowenberg and Husband Sent to Jail for Fleecing a Rancher

Daughter of Matrimonial Agent Denounced as Blackmailer and Locked Up

OAKLAND, Oct. 14.—Evidence of bigamy and strong indications of what Judge Ogden termed blackmail and conspiracy was discovered today in the conduct of Annie Lowenberg, known also as Kohler, Wallace and Beck, who was locked up in the county jail at the close of an afternoon of startling and incriminating testimony. Louis Kohler, one of her husbands, who is under suspicion of helping her in a career of fleecing susceptible men, also is in the county jail.

The woman is the daughter of Amelia Lowenberg, who conducts a matrimonial agency in San Francisco. John Beck, a wealthy Pleasanton rancher, was the cause of the proceedings in Judge Ogden's court today by asking to have his marriage to her annulled on the ground that she had another husband living. He married her in December of last year, since which time she has obtained $2,800 from him. That she married Beck with the deliberate intention of fleecing him was the conclusion of Judge Ogden before he ordered the woman into custody.

PLANNED TO ENTRAP MEN

"From what I have heard here," said the judge, "I think it is evident that this woman and her mother deliberately planned to entrap men; that they planned to and did lure men to her for the purpose of fleecing them; and that, in fact, they conducted what might in the vernacular be termed a bunko game."

The woman admitted on witness stand that she had married Kohler and was not divorced from him when she married Beck. She was trying to excause herself on the ground of ignorance of the fact that Kohler had not secured a divorce against her, when Attorney A. L. Frick, representing Beck, caused her to collapse by asking her if she had not married a man named Wallace in Los Angeles three years ago, also while Kohler was still living.

"I have heard enough," said Judge Ogden, and ordered her to be locked up.

District Attorney Donahue will confer with District Attorney Fickert of San Francisco as to the course to be taken in punishing the woman. She was married to Beck in San Francisco and her trial on a bigamy charge would have to take place there. A charge of conspiracy to defraud would also probably lie against her, according to Donahue, and on this charge Kohler probably will be prosecuted. He is accused of knowing of his wife's actions, and to have acquiesced and aided her in marrying other men to fleece them.

RANCHER IS SUSPICIOUS

The revelations today came out in consequence of a divorce suit brought against Beck by the woman. They were married as a result of Mrs. Kohler's activities in conducting the matrimonial agency in San Francisco, but did not live long together. Beck was sued on the ground of extreme cruelty and his wife asked for alimony.

The rancher became suspicious of the woman he had married soon after the wedding. He found that she had a way of going to San Francisco and staying there for days at a time. He told District Attorney Donahue of his troubles, and an investigation was made. It led to the discovery that she lived with Beck as his wife part of the time, and part of the time with Kohler. Other discoveries of her matrimonial experiences were made, and a short time ago Beck filed a cross complaint, in which he denied his wife's charges of cruelty and told the story of her double life.

The proceedings began today with the hearing of a motion for alimony and counsel fees made by Mrs. Kohler or Beck. Frick put Kohler on the stand to show that Beck was not legally married to her, and therefore under no liability to support her. Kohler was taken into court on a warrant and he was locked up for contempt in failing to obey a subpena to be present. Judge Ogden gave him five days in jail for contempt, with the purpose of holding him there until a formal charge of a more serious nature can be laid at his door.

Kohler admitted that he had married the woman 11 years ago in San Francisco and had never been divorced from her. He is a jewelr, living at 714 Cole street, San Francisco. He denied knowing anything about his wife's marriage to Beck.

Mother in Trouble

The difficulties of Mrs. Annie Lowenberg in Oakland recall those of her mother, Mrs. Amelia Lowenberg, in this city last December. At that time Mrs. Amelia Lowenberg was accused of conducting a fake matrimonial agency under the name of Mrs. Solomon Lowenberg at 1753 Geary street by Bernard Deppe, an aged German. Deppe claimed that Mrs. Lowenberg fleeced him out of $775, aided by Mrs. George P. Martin, the "wife." It developed in the case that the two women inveigled Deppe to withdraw the money from the German savings bank and invest it in a lodging house. On April 1 Mrs. Lowenberg was acquitted by a jury in Judge Cabaniss' court. At that time Deppe was an inmate of the city almshouse.

UNDERWOOD FUNERAL TODAY — Berkeley, Oct. 14.—The funeral of the late James Garrett Underwood, who was killed by a streetcar in Albany early yesterday morning, will be held tomorrow from a local undertaking company and the remains will be cremated.

OIL STRUCK IN HUNT FOR WATER

Homesteader's Claim Jumped, but Uncle Sam's Ruling Will Protect Him

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

BAKERSFIELD, Oct. 14.—Homesteading 120 acres in the Lost hills and expecting to find water at a reasonable depth, Arthur Townsend finds himself within the new oil zone. Others found him there, too, and two parties are alleged to have jumped his claim with heavily armed men. But the government's latest withdrawal order takes the land out of dispute so far as oil is concerned, and restores it to him for homestead purposes.

Secretary Burke of the local board of trade today received a telegram from Assistant Secretary Pierce of the interior department stating that Pierce expected to visit the oil fields the latter part of next week, probably Thursday. Pierce's visit is for the purpose of gathering data in relation to the claims of hardship and justice imposed upon the industry by the withdrawal by the government of large tracts of oil land from entry.

News of the government's withdrawal order of oil lands in the Lost hills district has put a stop to a great share of projected development work on government land, but work on patented land is proceeding without interruption. The wells being drilled in the district will prove a strip of territory 15 miles long and six miles wide which is larger than the Kern river field.

It has been announced upon the authority of a high official of the Associated oil company that the Southern Pacific would extend its branch road now running to McKittrick into the Lost Hills district.

The Associated oil company, it is said, has $3,500,000 invested in land in the Lost Hills, and now has a force of 15 to 20 men on section 14, and is building a standard rig on the south half of that section. General Superintendent Bruce expects to reach oil within 900 feet, but is preparing to go 3,000 feet, if necessary. The materials are being hauled out for a two inch water pipe line to be laid from the well, about six miles distant.

Capitalists identified with the Berkeley national bank are preparing to incorporate the Bank of Wasco, with a capital of $25,000. W. G. Griffiths is the prime mover in the enterprise.

The production of crude oil in California during September amounted to 6,601,960 barrels, of which the valley fields contributed 4,980,860 barrels, coast fields 780,300 and the southern field 840,800 barrels.

Hereafter the independent agency will pay on the 20th of each month for oil sold during the preceding month. Payment will be made on the basis of the last payment, and any discrepancy between the disbursement and the actual receipts will be equalized the following month. Those consumers of fuel oil who have held off making contracts for their supply to cover a period of years, confident in the belief that the market would go much lower and thereby enable them to make a contract at their own figure, are now seeking the marketers and talking contract. The marketers do not manifest much eagerness to meet them.

The consumers appear to have suddenly reached the conclusion that they have no more time to lose.

That the agency members will now be enabled to get loans on storage oil with greater ease by reason of the agreement of the Associated and Union independents is already evident. A prominent member of the agency says that a well known broker has made an offer to make such advances whenever the proper application is made. The opinion of financial men is that this agreement places the oil industry on a more substantial and certain business basis.

DICKINSON PRAISES THE JESUIT FATHERS

War Secretary Pleased With Their Manila Work

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—According to information received here, Secretary of War Dickinson, who recently visited the Philippines on his round the world trip, highly commended the work being done by the Jesuit fathers at the Manila observatory.

He expressed his own appreciation and that of his government of the services of these men, who gave up their Spanish citizenship to serve the United States as its official weather forecasters in the Philippines.

At the time of American assumption of the reins of government there the Jesuit fathers were the only men in the islands capable of carrying on scientific weather investigations.

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES CHOOSE COAST CITY

Convention to Be Held in Portland Next Year

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 14.—The next annual meeting of the national convention of Christian churches will be held at Portland, Ore., in October, 1911.

R. A. Long of Kansas City smoothed over the dissensions occasioned by his offer of the $129,000 of stock in the Christian publishing company of St. Louis by formally offering the stock to the church and requesting that no decision be made at present.

Action on the Philput resolution, providing for a central organization, was postponed until next year.

Rev. H. D. Smith of Hopkinsville, Ky., was elected president of the American Christian missionary society.

CHARLTON PLACED IN FEDERAL CARE

New Jersey Supreme Justice Refuses to Release Confessed Wife Murderer

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Porter Charlton, the confessed murderer of his wife, Mrs. Mary Scott Castle Charlton, was today ordered turned over to the federal authorities in proceedings which have been instituted for his extradition to Italy. Judge Blair of the New Jersey supreme court declined to release Charlton and issued the order for him to be placed in charge of the federal authorities.

A hearing in his case was had on September 21, when Justice Blair refused to hear testimony concerning Charlton's sanity. Charlton's alleged irresponsible mental condition was urged as a reason which he should not be taken to Italy for trial. His counsel also argued that Italy, by enacting a law that no Italian citizen should be extradited had abrogated all obligations of this country to extradite its citizens on Italy's demand. By his decision today Justice Blair overruled this last contention so far as the state court had to deal with it, and the whole matter, it now appears, will be put in the hands of the federal authorities.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—It is customary for the state department to await the final determination of court proceedings before acting in extradition cases; therefore, it may be many months before the United States government decides whether it will grant the application of the Italian government for the extradition of Charlton.

'WELCHERS' MUST PAY FIRE LOSSES

Jury Decides Two Companies Shall Pay Miller Big Sum for Loss of Mansion

After deliberating from noon last Wednesday until 9 o'clock yesterday morning, the jury in the United States circuit court brought in a verdict against the Alliance insurance company and the Commercial assurance company in favor of Henry Miller for $20,654 against each company for the loss by fire of the Miller mansion at Essex and Harrison streets at the time of the disaster in 1906.

The same jury brought in a verdict Thursday in favor of A. Schilling & Co. for $96,477 for the burning of the property at Second and Folsom streets in 1906.

These are the last of the cases at present in the United States courts against insurance companies which attempted to avoid payment because of the so called earthquake clauses in their policies.

DAVIS' GRANDDAUGHTER TO WED—Colorado Springs, Oct. 14.—Miss Lucy Hayes, daughter of J. Addison Hayes, and whose mother, Mrs. Margaret Howell Jefferson Davis Hayes, was the daughter of Jefferson Davis, is to wed George Bowyer Young, son of the late Harvey Young, the famous painter of western landscapes.

WATER RATE TALK NEAR CONCLUSION

Judge Farrington Does Not Seem to Favor Spring Valley's Contentions

Arguments on the question of the legality of the water rates fixed by the board of supervisors will be concluded before United States District Judge Farrington today.

The argument of Edward J. McCutchen, attorney for the Spring Valley water company, was often interrupted yesterday by Judge Farrington, who did not seem to favor the contentions urged by the company.

McCutchen said that the valuation to be given the properties of the company as a basis for fixing rates was "the rule of eminent domain—"the highest value for its highest use at the time of valuation."

Speaking on the valuation contended for by the company, McCutchen said: "The company is entitled to have considered the increase in the value of the land from the time it was bought until the present time. The public has a right to control the use of the property, but no right to the property itself."

A discussion between McCutchen and Judge Farrington ensued, which resulted in it being inferred that the Spring Valley water company was only entitled to have its lands valued for the purpose for which they are used—water sheds—and not because of their value for homes.

Judge Farrington will leave for his home in Nevada tonight and will render the decision in the case, probably, in a few weeks.

STUDENTS TO FEAST NIGHT BEFORE RUGBY

Stanford Alumni Plans Gay Time in City

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Oct. 14.—The Stanford alumni are planning a rousing time in San Francisco for the night before the intercollegiate Rugby game with California. According to word received officially from the Alumni association the graduates of the university will entertain lavishly at a big jinks to be held at some downtown restaurant. A committee active in college alumni affairs in San Francisco has been appointed by the executive committee of the Alumni association.

The committee is headed by L. W. Cutler '06, a former football player.

Other members of the committee are C. A. Narramore '03, a point winner in the hurdles during his undergraduate days; B. Ball '03; H. I. Cuzan '06, permanent class secretary, and D. H. Walker '09, former editor of the Daily Palo Alto.

HUMANE ASSOCIATION RE-ELECTS STILLMAN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—For the sixth successive time Dr. William O. Stillman of Albany, N. Y., was today elected president of the American humane association. It was decided to hold the convention of 1911 in San Francisco.

STOCKTON LABORER BANKRUPT—As he owes $948 and has no assets, V. W. Herman, a Stockton laborer, yesterday petitioned the United States district court to declare him a voluntary bankrupt. Other petitions were by Charles Norling of Fitchburg, liabilities $3,544 and assets $1,835, and Arthur Robinson, a tailor, of Oakland, liabilities $1,824 and assets $87.

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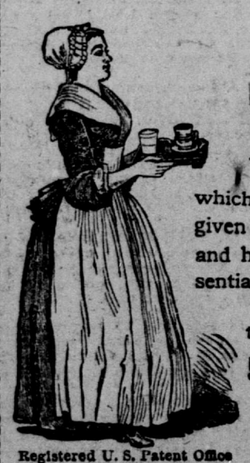

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