

WOMAN SHUNKS
FROM THE SCENE
OF THE MURDER

Rogers Puts Mrs. Belle Lavin
Through Trying Ordeal in
Los Angeles

Police Here Learn That Missing
Peddler Caplan Had a
Partner

ployment in an effort to support her-
self and family.
Her statement of yesterday is impor-
tant in that it indicates that Caplan
must know the police desire his
presence in this city and that he is
making every endeavor to avoid them
somewhere in the interior or on the
north coast. She has been submitted
to the sweating process by three sets
of detectives, and it is generally be-
lieved that she has been telling the
truth, but actually knows little of her
husband's activities. Yesterday her
husband's announced itinerary through
the states was told by herself, but
though the police have wired along
the entire route, no trace of him has
been found, and Burns is convinced that
his man is in the Oregon city.

According to the statement made
yesterday by Mrs. Caplan, her hus-
band and a man named Robinson, who
was in Chicago and married, in-
vested in a stock of billiard table cloth,
of which flag pennants are made by
vendors. They left the city together
after October 2, as the purchase of
stock occupied them for about
four days from that date. At that time
the Caplans and Lawtons were living
together at the Grove street address,
and goods were arranged for shipment
for the trip discussed on the 24
and the actual purchases made after
that time. Caplan left his wife October
4, and since that time has not been
seen by her.

LONG TOUR PLANNED
Caplan and Robinson, who is also a
native of Russia, and a Jew, planned to
go direct to the Watsonville apple
annual from October 10 to 15, and after
peddling their pennants at that place,
move on through the San Joaquin val-
ley and across Arizona, New Mexico,
Texas and through the cities and towns
of the Mississippi valley, completing
the tour about January 1. Just how
much stock was purchased, or what
capital was invested, is not known.
Mrs. Caplan said she has no idea
of the plans of the party, but she
contemplated an investment not
only in wares, but in transportation,
it being the first venture on a large
scale of its kind. Caplan was
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While giving out the statement Mrs.
Caplan made the reservation that if
she should be asked to identify the
man who purchased the dynamite,
she would not do so, as she was not
conscious of the object for which it
was being used, and was being im-
posed upon and used by Bryce and
Perry as a tool. She does not deny
that it is possible Caplan has been
the "Mexican" in the case. She
admits that she associated with a
number of friends of Bryce, Perry
and Smith, while they were living
at the 17th street address, but she
denies that she ever saw them
through Mortan.

THE failure to locate either of the
men along the route indicated by Mrs.
Caplan has contributed to work great-
ly against the missing vendor. Instead
of going south, as the party was
thought to do, it went north as soon as
it was learned that Burns, Rogers and
the others were on his trail. Evidence
of this move was seen in the hands
of the police yesterday, and after
enlisting the assistance of the
police detectives and assuring himself
that he was right, he left the local
theater of action for Portland.

The man known as J. W. Fox, who
Mrs. Caplan said was the man who
apartments and whom the janitor of
the neighborhood with a mysterious
death, was seen yesterday, and was
traced by the police yesterday. As
matter of fact, a number of volun-
teers are made by persons living
in the apartments regarding the move-
ment of the case since Friday. A
headquarters yesterday.

WARRANTS ARE READY
With the grand jury meeting in Los
Angeles tomorrow and Rogers and
Burns expected back on the scene this
week, the local authorities are watch-
ing developments with heightened in-
terest, ready to serve any warrants
that Rogers may order issued. Specu-
lation has been rife regarding the pos-
sibilities of trial, it being conceded
that a change of venue would be
granted a defendant from either Los
Angeles, or from this city. Burns is
expected back from the north during
the week, but if he should decide to
follow the lead afforded in Portland,
telegraphic information is awaited.
Chief Seymour, when seen yesterday,
said that he had given little attention
to the case since Friday, since a
headquarters yesterday.

DO COUNTRY'S FORESTS
INFLUENCE RAINFALL?
Investigations Being Made to
Secure Data

Do forests influence rainfall? The
question has been answered both ways
but there are no reliable statistics on
the matter. The recognition of this
fact has led the United States weather
bureau and the United States forest
service to undertake jointly a series
of investigations to supply the data
needed. A very complete study of the
effects of forest cover upon streamflow,
erosion, disposition of silt and the like,
as well as their possible meteorological
relations, will be carried out on two
watersheds of similar topography near
Wagon Wheel gap, Colo., in the Rio
Grande national forest. The dams and
instruments of the measurement of
streamflow will be installed at about
3,500 feet elevation above sea level.
The streams drain an area that extends
to about 10,500 feet elevation.

It is intended to measure the flow of
the two streams for a period of eight
or 10 years, which should be long
enough to show that with similar for-
est cover the behavior of the two
streams is the same. One of the water-
sheds will then be cleared and the
measurements will be continued for a
further period of eight or ten years,
so that the effects of denudation may
be perfectly determined by comparing
the results of observations in the two
tracts.

The instruments and the observers
are already on the ground, and this
important investigation will proceed
without delay.
If there is anything nice to say
about a man it is always said at his
funeral.

\$15,000,000 STOLEN FROM
NICARAGUA BY FUGITIVES

Confession Obtained From Man Charged With Coun-
terfeiting Who Implicates Madriz and His Staff

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—H. N. Secrest,
who, with George B. Williams, and
Richard J. Trumbull, is under arrest
charged with counterfeiting Nicaragu-
an 5 peso notes, made a confession to
United States secret service opera-
tives today in which he said that for-
mer high officials of Nicaragua knew
he had arranged to have the counter-
feits made.
The names of former Presidents
Jose Zelaya and Don Jose Madriz and
Generals Toledo, Holes, Vasquez and
Martinas were mentioned by Secrest as
being among his acquaintances.
"I left Managua, Nicaragua, August
21, on the steamer with Madriz and
about 40 of his staff," Secrest said.
"That was the day after the insurgent
forces under command of General Juan
J. Estrada had overthrown the Madriz
regime and proclaimed a new presi-
dent."
"On the steamer was about \$15,000,000
in Nicaraguan money, which was
divided between the officials, and they
left the boat at various points along
the coast and exchanged it for Span-
ish and Mexican gold into the
hands of the deposed leaders.
"I have no friends in the United
States," he continued, "but as soon as
word of this trouble reaches the ears
of friends in Nicaragua I will have
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SHOOTING CONTEST
PLANNED FOR 1915
OSCULATION SHOCKS
PACIFIC STREET

Panama-Pacific Exposition to
Have Biggest Bundesfest in
History of World

Confident that San Francisco will se-
cure the Panama-Pacific exposition, the
San Francisco schuetzen Verein, one of
the richest and most powerful organi-
zations in coast shooting circles, is
preparing to hold the biggest bundesfest
in the world's history at the Shell
Mound targets in 1915.
Speaking for the San Francisco
schuetzen Verein yesterday Captain J.
D. Heise said:
"Of course we want the exposition to
be held in San Francisco, and if we are
granted the big show the shooters of
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COIT CLUBS TO COMBINE
"Our society is anxious to subscribe
a substantial amount for prizes and, in
conjunction with the directors of the
other California shooting clubs, I have
discovered that there is a unanimous
feeling that we should offer sufficient
prizes to attract the best marksmen
of the world to participate.
"It will not be the affair of one club
only, but the entire shooting fraternity
of the Pacific coast will combine to
make the tournament a grand success."

WORK FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
At meetings of the board of educa-
tion and the campaign committee of
the Panama-Pacific international expo-
sition company today plans will be
completed for making the youngsters
of the Pacific coast active campaigners to
the half of the two constitutional amend-
ments by means of which San Fran-
cisco will be enabled to go before con-
gress in December with a subscribed
capital of \$1,500,000.
The board of education has promised
to inaugurate a course of civic study
during the next few weeks which will
give the students of the upper schools
a thorough knowledge of the subject.
After studying the amendments the
scholars will hold an election, at which
the consensus of opinion in the schools
will be obtained.
On election day the boys of the
schools will be stationed near the elec-
tion booths to impress upon the voters
the vital importance to San Francisco
of gaining the 1915 exposition. The
preliminary arrangements for this
campaign will be made by the board
of education today.

NEW RIFLE SILENCER
USEFUL AS BAYONET
Attachment Removes Objection
of Army Officers

The latest contribution to the gentle
art of murdering your unoffending
neighbors without the guilt of war is a
combination of the Maxim silencer and
the regulation sword bayonet.
Objection is made to the silencer
for military purposes because of its
added weight and the fact that the
bayonet had to be removed in order to
attach it to the gun. The new scheme
overcomes this defect.
The bayonet is made hollow, allow-
ing the bullet in passing from the
gun barrel to pass through it. The
inside of the bayonet is surrounded by
a series of spiral fins which retard the
gas as it leaves the barrel, thus doing
away with most of the noise of the
explosion.

PARLIAMENT PROHIBITS
INSURANCE GAMBLING
The Britisher's favorite gambling
insurance gambling. He will take out
a policy against anything from the
death of the king to the loss of a horse
race by a thoroughbred. Marine in-
surance gambling by those who have
no direct interest in the safety of a
ship or its cargo grew into such abuses
that parliament has been compelled to
pass a law to prevent such gam-
bling on marine accidents and losses
by those not otherwise concerned.

LOW MUSIC HATH NO
CHARM FOR SERPENTS
Only Sounds of High Pitch At-
tract Cobra's Curiosity

Barnard concludes from his per-
sonal observation of cobras in Ceylon,
says the Scientific American; that the
serpent's traditional love for music is
a pure fable, and that the only effect
of music is to arouse the reptile's
curiosity, which is excited by any loud
and acute sound. The cobra protrudes
its head from its burrow alike on
hearing the snake charmer's flute, the
rattling of a chain or the sounds made
by beating the ground with a switch.
It appears to perceive only sounds of
high pitch, for it pays no attention to
the low notes of the flute or the beat-
ing of a drum. Barnard also con-
firmed, in Ceylon, the results of ob-
servations made in the London zoolo-
gical garden on the supposed power of
fascination exerted by serpents upon
birds, and he concludes that this power
of fascination is also purely imaginary.

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RAILWAY MAY FIGHT
CUT IN RENO RATE

William R. Wheeler, Head of
Merchants' Traffic Bureau,
Predicts a Contest

Interstate Commerce Order
Makes No Material Differ-
ence to San Francisco

The cut in railroad rates from east-
ern points to Reno, Nev., which will go
into effect December 1, under an order
issued by the Interstate Commerce
commission Saturday, will make no ma-
terial difference to the shippers and job-
bers of San Francisco according to
William R. Wheeler, head of the traf-
fic bureau of the Merchants' exchange
of this city.
"At the time this Reno rate goes into
effect," said Wheeler, "another, from
Sacramento to Reno, will be put into
operation. When the Reno merchants
asked for a cut in rates from eastern
points the traffic bureau of the Mer-
chants' exchange of San Francisco
asked for a reduction from Sacramento
to Reno in proportion to the other."

"Inasmuch as most of the shipments
here are made on commodity rates and
would not be influenced by Reno's
bains, our reason for getting into the
fight was more for the principle in-
volved than anything else, for we did
not wish to see this rate made a basis
for future rates from San Francisco."
"We were partly successful. The rate
from Sacramento to Reno was reduced
to 35 cents from \$1.29 a hundred pounds
on first class shipments, and the other
shipments were graded in proportion.
However, even with this reduction the
rate from east to west is only one-
fourth of that from west to east. On
this account we are protesting, and we
should the railroad enjoin the com-
mission—as it undoubtedly will—we
will intervene in the suit."
"As I have said, there will be no ma-
terial change in business conditions by
the proposed Reno rate. The danger
lies in another of Reno's demand for a
reduction in the commodity rate. This
later rate is based on sea competition,
and hitherto, on account of its geo-
graphical position it is em-
phatically just and fair that San Fran-
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PROBATION OFFICER
ATTACKED BY HOODLUMS
M. M. Elias Badly Hurt While
Protecting Old Man

M. M. Elias, 119 Point Lobos avenue,
who is employed as a probation officer
by the juvenile court, was attacked by
four hoodlums ranging from 15 to 17
years old in Point Lobos square, Lon-
gwood street, yesterday morning, and
before he could escape received a broken
jawbone and severe cuts about the
head. Elias detected the young thugs
in the act of beating an old man and
intervened to protect him. One of the
boys struck Elias with a stone, inflict-
ing a bad scalp wound, while another
struck the officer on the jaw, breaking
the bone. Elias was taken to the cen-
tral emergency hospital for treatment.
The police are looking for the young
assailants.

OCEAN SHORE RAILWAY
RUNS THEATER TRAIN
Residents in nearly a dozen towns
along the Ocean Shore railway were
given their first theater train Saturday
night. The train was operated as a
special excursion, for which arrange-
ments had been made by committees
and businessmen in the towns along the
route. It arrived in San Francisco at
7:30 p. m. and pulled out at midnight,
arriving at the farthest station at 1:30
in the morning. The towns included
were Halfmoon Bay, Miramar, Granada,
Princeton, Moss Beach, Fallone, San
Pedro Terrace, Salada and others. Ar-
rangements will be made for other ex-
cursions during the winter.

EDNA LOFTUS IS A
HOSPITAL PATIENT
Steward Says She Imbibed Too
Much Liquor

All the taxicab drivers in San Fran-
cisco are not enemies of pretty Edna
Loftus, the actress wife of Harry
Rheinstrom, the millionaire brewer's
son of Cincinnati. Although she was
recently jailed for defrauding one of
the clan, another went to her rescue
yesterday morning at 4 o'clock when
she was unable to care for herself and
carried her to the Park emergency
hospital.
Edna is of athletic build, and al-
though she disturbed the serenity of
the hospital she was placed on the
operating table by Steward William
Maloney and her stomach was pumped
out. It was found that she had almost
incapacitated herself by imbibing too
much liquor.
She was placed on a hospital cot and
held until 10 o'clock, when she was
removed in an ambulance to the Ger-
man hospital, where she received treat-
ment last night.
"We all talk about saving money,"
but most of us let it go that way."

DEMOCRAT EXTOLS
JOHNSON'S WORK

Sullivan Tells How Republican
Candidate Entered the
Graft Prosecution

Services Were Paid For, but
Will Be Appreciated by vot-
ers of All Parties at Polls

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to devote our time, talents and ener-
gies to the prosecution of the case
against Ruff, without fee or compen-
sation of any kind. That evening we
called upon District Attorney Lang-
don and tendered him our services.
Mr. Langdon at once accepted the
proffered services and likewise those
of J. J. Dwyer. For a whole month,
in court and out of court, in the day
time and at night time, Mr. Johnson
worked indefatigably to bring about
the desired result in the case. His ad-
vice and counsel in a great measure
shaped the policy of the prosecution
of that case to the end. His closing
address to the jury was a masterpiece
of forensic eloquence and unexpect-
ably brought about the conviction of
Ruff. For these services I know that
neither Mr. Johnson, Mr. Dwyer nor
I received any compensation.
The people of this state owe to Mr.
Johnson a debt of gratitude for the
work in that case. If ever a man de-
served a reward from the people for a
public service well rendered, Mr.
Johnson is the man.
All democrats who regard party
principles more than party name
should do as I intend to do and vote
for Mr. Johnson for governor at the
coming election.
Yours very truly,
MATT. I. SULLIVAN.

DEWITT DECLARES BELL
WILL CARRY THE STATE
Chairman of Democratic Com-
mittee Predicts Majority

R. H. DeWitt, chairman of the demo-
cratic state committee, in a statement
issued yesterday, declared that Theo-
dore Bell would be elected governor by
a majority of at least 25,000 votes. De-
Witt said that he had refrained from
making any previous announcement
because of the lack of trustworthy in-
formation.
"From facts gathered all over the
state," said DeWitt, "all the leaders
of the party deem Bell's election a cer-
tainty. We have been gathering re-
ports from every part of the state
based upon actual conditions and from
these we feel sure that Bell will carry
the state by at least 25,000. That he
will get more than this we firmly be-
lieve. I would not be at all surprised
if the majority should reach 60,000, al-
though we are not claiming that now."
"The fact that the democrats are stand-
ing firmly by the ticket, while the in-
dependents and republicans are swerv-
ing toward Bell because of the intangi-
ble status of the republican wing of
Ralph McLaren of the Bell-Spellacy
club campaign committee yesterday
stated that Bell would carry San Fran-
cisco by 10,000 votes.
The estimates of the democrats were
made as a consequence of the hopeful
statements issued from the republican
headquarters.

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH
TO GIVE A BENEFIT
Annual Entertainment Will Be
Held October 28

The annual vaudeville entertainment
which will be given by the St. Francis
church building association will be
held Friday, October 28, in the church
building, Vallejo street and Columbia
avenue.
A program has been arranged which
will include many talented artists.
Besides being the annual entertain-
ment of the association, the affair will
be noteworthy, as the funds realized
will be given over to the church, of
which Rev. Father Terence Caraher is
pastor.

COATED COPPER SHEETS
TRANSMIT HEAT WELL
Experiments which were recently
made at the Worcester polytechnic
show that copper sheets which have
been electro deposited with copper pos-
sess much greater heat transmission
properties than the ordinary copper
sheets which have not been coated.
It is suggested that this property may
affect the design of condensers, radi-
ators, etc.
There is said to be a professor of
language in an eastern college who has
mastered all the modern tongues—ex-
cept his wife's.

THREATS ARE MADE
OVER THE PHONE

Thomas Desmond,
Former Sheriff, Who
Died Yesterday



IRISH PRISONERS'
LIBERATOR DIES

Thomas Desmond, Member of
Freemantle Expedition and
Former Sheriff, Expires

Thomas Desmond, former sheriff of
this city and a member of the famous
Irish nationalists' expedition that lib-
erated six Irish prisoners in the Free-
mante prison in Australia in 1875, died
at his home, 329 Hayes street yester-
day.
Desmond was elected sheriff on the
workmen's ticket in 1879, and held
the office for one term. During his in-
cumbency in the office he made a large
number of friends, all of whose friend-
ship he enjoyed until his death.
In 1875, in company with John
Bresh, Desmond sailed for Australia
under the auspices of the Irish na-
tionalists. The purpose of the expedi-
tion was to rescue six prisoners from
the Freemantle prison who were serv-
ing life sentences. The whaler Calypso
was chartered by the party and picked
up Desmond and Bresh in one of the
ports near the prison. The expedition
succeeded after many hardships, and
brought the six men to this country,
landing them in New York.
The funeral of Desmond will take
place Wednesday morning from the
Knights of the Red Branch hall, 1133
Mission street, and will be with full
military honors. Until the funeral the
body will lie in state at the hall. In-
terment will be at Holy Cross cemetery.
Thomas Desmond was born in Cor-
k, Ireland, December 22, 1838, and came
to this country in 1854. Recently he
had been living with his cousin, Miss
Minnie McCarthy, at 329 Hayes street.

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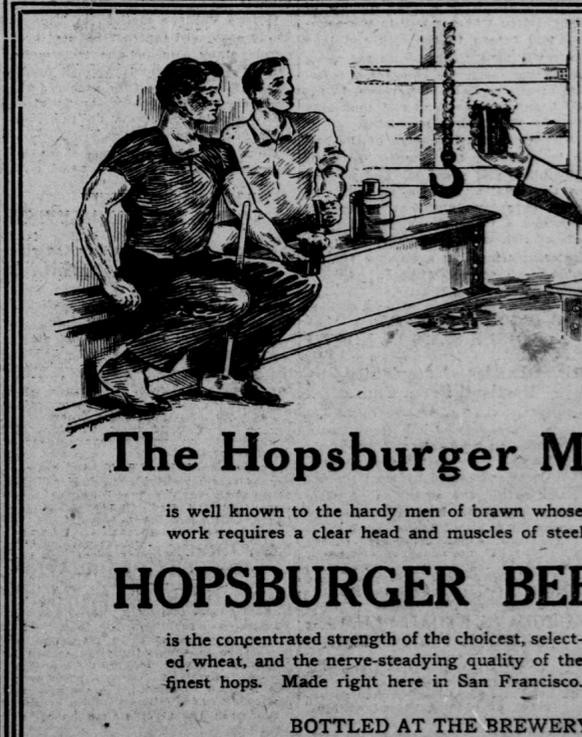
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man. I have been a sufferer from dys-
pepsia and sour stomach for the last two
years. I have been taking medicine and
other drugs, but could find no relief only
for a short time. I will recommend
Cascarets to my friends as the only thing
for indigestion and sour stomach and to
keep the bowels in good condition.
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